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**Eastertide**

**FIRST CHURCH  
IN CAMBRIDGE**

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United Church of Christ  
Garden and Mason Streets  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

FIRST CHURCH IN CAMBRIDGE, CONGREGATIONAL, UCC

April 29, 2012

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

VOLUNTARY

*All Glory be to God on High*

J. S. Bach

\*HYMN 17

*Sing Praises to God!*

\*GREETING

Maggie Lowe

L: Welcome to this household of God!

**C: Where God refreshes our souls!**

L: Come to God's house where there is newness of life!

**C: Come to where our souls dance with Easter joy!**

L: We come as pilgrims following the path of Christ.

**C: We come as travelers with Jesus on the Way.**

L: Then come, let us greet the One in whom God chose to dwell.

**C: And see each other, where Jesus makes himself known.**

WORDS OF WELCOME

Dan Smith

ANTHEM

*Sunshine in the Soul*

Eliza Hewitt

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

SILENCE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: Let us ask for healing, pardon and peace.

**C: God of mercy –**

**You have poured upon us extravagant love,  
and extravagant forgiveness.**

**You have given us newness of life  
and the commandment to love one another.**

**Yet we confess that we ourselves  
have not always shown extravagant love,  
or extravagant forgiveness.**

**We have not shared with others  
the gospel of your gift of newness of life,  
or always loved one another**

*\*You are invited to stand. Hymns preceded by a "C" may be found in the beginning section of the hymnal. The C (Cambridge) - section contains hymns written and composed by current and past members of First Church.*

**as you've commanded.  
Grant us the grace to forgive one another,  
and allow ourselves to be forgiven.  
And grant that as we do these things,  
we may savor our Easter joy.  
Amen.**

DECLARATION OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

\*GREETING OF PEACE

\*HYMN 257 *This is the Day*

*Children from PreK to 8th grade are invited to leave now for their Church School Classes. Teachers will meet children at the side door to accompany them to their classrooms. Parents can meet their children in Lindsay Chapel (through Margaret Jewett Hall and to the left) after worship.*

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Karen McArthur

RESPONSIVE PSALM 23

L: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.  
C: **God makes me lie down in green pastures;  
and leads me beside still waters;**  
L: You restore my soul,  
and lead me in right paths for your name's sake.  
C: **Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil;  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff-- they comfort me.**  
L: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.  
C: **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.**

READING

John 10:11-18

SERMON

Terry McKinney

\*HYMN C-3

*Psalm 23*

PRAYERS FOR CHURCH AND WORLD

L: God be with you.

**C: And with your spirit.**

L: Let us pray...(silence, intercessions and the Lord's Prayer)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*(Please pray this prayer and address God in words most meaningful to your heart.)*

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*Alleluia*

Andrea Gabrieli

\*EASTER DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**O Jesus, risen now to bless,  
Do thou thyself our hearts possess;  
that we may give thee all our days  
the willing tribute of our praise! Amen.**

\*HYMN 430

*The Lord's My Shepherd*

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

*Sending Forth*

Paul Sawyer

*We have been gathered from the world to be judged and received.  
Now we are sent forth into that world,  
to be the scattered church of Jesus Christ,  
declaring through our word and deed,  
"The Lord is risen! The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!"*

VOLUNTARY

*Alleluia*

James Woodman

## **WELCOME TO FIRST CHURCH IN CAMBRIDGE...**

Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, we are thankful that you are with us today, and hope that you will stay for a bit after worship for refreshments and conversation. (Follow the crowd.) First Church is an open and affirming, just peace congregation of the United Church of Christ. If you'd like to know more about us, please speak to one of the ministers after church, or visit us on the web at [www.firstchurchcambridge.org](http://www.firstchurchcambridge.org)

**Large print bulletins and assistive listening devices are available.**

**Please ask a greeter for assistance.**

Activity packets for children's use during worship are also available near the sanctuary doors. Nursery care for infants and toddlers (through age 4) is located down the hallway and up four stairs to the door on the right. The worship service is also broadcast in the Hastings Room, across from the sanctuary entrance.

**PREACHING TODAY IS** Terry McKinney, Affiliate Minister of Mental Health Outreach. Assisting with worship are Dan Smith, Senior Minister, and Karen McArthur, Affiliate Minister of Stewardship & Finance. Our liturgist is First Church member Maggie Lowe. Peter Sykes, Director of Music, is playing the organ and directing the choir.

The **YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED** section of the bulletin is omitted from this online version to preserve the privacy of those mentioned. If you'd like more information on the people we're praying for this week, please contact the church office at [parishadmin@firstchurchcambridge.org](mailto:parishadmin@firstchurchcambridge.org) or 617-547-2724 and we'll get the information to you.

**INTRODUCTORY SHOWING OF "CENTERING PRAYER: A TRAINING COURSE FOR OPENING TO THE PRESENCE OF GOD"**

Today at 10 a.m., Hastings Room This course was developed by Father Thomas Keating, a leading proponent of Christian contemplative prayer, and the founder of the international organization, Contemplative Outreach. Several congregation members have viewed the course, donated to First Church, at home (6 DVD's, a workbook, and other material). Based on their enthusiasm, and general interest in Christian contemplative prayer within First Church, highlights of this course will be presented. This is the second of two interactive sessions. For more information, contact Stan Goldin (stan\_goldin@hms.harvard.edu)

**SOCIAL JUSTICE FORUM**

Today at 12:30 p.m. Consider joining a delegation to Israel/Palestine. Come to hear about the active peace making sponsored by Interfaith Peace Builders when Mike Daly, Program Coordinator, and members of former delegations come to speak to us. IFPB delegations bear witness to the every day violence of war and occupation in Israel-Palestine and learn from those committed to nonviolent struggle, human rights and peace with justice. IFPB then empowers delegates to become forces for change in their own communities. To learn more visit their website at [www.interfaithpeacebuilders.org](http://www.interfaithpeacebuilders.org). If you might be interested in going contact Gay Harter at [asharter@verizon.net](mailto:asharter@verizon.net).

**METROPOLITAN BOSTON ASSOCIATION ANNUAL SPRING MEETING**

April 29 at 2:30 pm at Brighton-Allston Congregational Church (404 Washington St., Brighton, MA) The theme of this year's MBA Spring meeting is *Membership versus Discipleship – Models of Church*. Hear inspiring stories from some MBA churches that are responding to the changing times! Come! Be provoked, share encouragement, envision the future of your church! To register visit <http://www.macucc.org/registrations/register/123> or call 781-890-1444 or email [macucc.waltham@verizon.net](mailto:macucc.waltham@verizon.net) or find us on Facebook.

**FEEDING SUNDAY**

Join us Sunday, May 6, at 11:00 a.m. for a special celebration of First Church's relationship with the Outdoor Church, a ministry to homeless men and women in the Harvard, Porter, and Central Square areas. The entire congregation will be invited to participate in the monthly practice of making lunches for the Outdoor Church community. First Church's support of the Outdoor Church includes both direct financial contribution and the monthly sandwich ministry of our Creative Worship & Arts program.

**SOUP AND STORIES (S AND S)!**

Building the Beloved Community invites you to the third in a series of dinners and conversations about race and culture in our lives, our faith and our church. We'll meet at First Church for this session, from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 6, in Margaret Jewett Hall. Everyone is welcome, whether or not you were at either of the two earlier S and S. Lunch will be provided. We'll open by framing the question: "How does my experience of race and culture in life and at First Church inform how we can live into our vision of hospitality?" A small panel of First Church folks will relate their experiences and stories. We'll gather in small groups, to share reactions to the panel, as well as our own stories and experiences of race and

culture at First Church. Then we'll regather to discuss how we move forward toward a renewed vision of hospitality. Questions? Please contact Jean Bellow (617-492-2685), [jean\\_bellow@comcast.net](mailto:jean_bellow@comcast.net).

**GOT A SILENT AUCTION ITEM TO BENEFIT RIM?** Refugee Immigration Ministry is soliciting unused items for our Silent Auction table at the Annual International Concert in Malden on May 2. Perhaps there is a perfectly good gift you have received in your closet that could be put to good use. Contact Ruth Hsiao at 617-491-8683.

**PARENTS' NIGHT OUT** First Church is offering its first ever Parent's Night Out. On Friday, May 4, from 5:30-8:00 p.m. drop your child off and enjoy a night out in Harvard Square. Parent volunteers will supervise arts and crafts for older children and free play for younger children in the basement play space. Pizza will be provided. If you are interested, please contact Amy Matias at [Amy.matias@verizon.net](mailto:Amy.matias@verizon.net).

**MEN'S BREAKFAST** Saturday, May 5 at 8:00 a.m. in the Hastings Room. Gentle men of First Church! Join us for a hearty breakfast and even heartier conversations about topics that connect our faith to our lives and our world. One-time visitors, friends, and newcomers are always welcome. Questions? Contact Peter Byerly, [p.byerly@comcast.net](mailto:p.byerly@comcast.net), or Paul Efthim, [pweftim@verizon.net](mailto:pweftim@verizon.net). If you'd like to sign up for the Men's Breakfast e-mail list to receive monthly reminders, contact Kirsten Manville, [parishadmin@firstchurchcambridge.org](mailto:parishadmin@firstchurchcambridge.org).

**SUPPORT PROJECT BREAD AND THE WALK FOR HUNGER** This year Nicole Haas-Loomis is participating in the Walk for Hunger. She looking for pledges and hopes the First Church community will makes some contributions. The Walk for Hunger takes place May 6th and people can contribute on her webpage: <http://tinyurl.com/bupqp5w>. This is a great way to give back to the community and the rest of Massachusetts. Thank you for your time and support!

**FIRST CHURCH HAS A NEW WEBSITE** Our brand new website is now "live". Please click on [www.firstchurchcambridge.org](http://www.firstchurchcambridge.org) to check it out! Don't miss photos of the congregation, audio recordings of music and sermons, video on the Havruta, History, Shelter and Special Music pages, a monthly calendar, a latest news and a 'take action' button on every page to keep you up-to-date on social justice efforts. Special thanks to Alicia Pritt and Theory One Design and to many First Church members who have made this site possible! Be sure to share our web address with all your friends. Also, please be sure to "like" our new Facebook and/or link to our new Google + pages. And please stay tuned—we are still adding features, pages and events.

**STAFF EVALUATIONS STARTING UP** The process of staff evaluations has begun. Members of committees assigned to carry out each evaluation will send questionnaires to representative groups from the congregation with a request that you return the evaluation to a particular person on that team. If you receive an evaluation form know that we very much depend on your experience and opinion and hope you will fill out the form and return it to the designated person by the deadline. This is a vital part of the support we offer our staff and your input will be invaluable. Thanks in advance to all of you who do participate!

**HOSTS/HOSTESSES NEEDED FOR COVENANT DINNERS!** Is hospitality one of your gifts? Do you enjoy opening your home to guests? If so, hosting a Potluck Covenant Dinner is a great way to meet people and develop new friendships. A covenant dinner host/hostess chooses the date and time, and then guests sign up either at the church or via email. All that's required for a successful dinner are good food and conversation – both provided by the guests! To find out more or sign up, contact Marian Smith at [msmith829@gmail.com](mailto:msmith829@gmail.com), or 781-648-1498.

**COVENANT DINNERS – SIGN UP TODAY!** You are invited to a potluck “Covenant Dinner” to meet and get to know people from First Church. We hope you will join us for an enjoyable meal, spiced with good company and new friends. Sign up today during coffee hour, or contact Marian Smith at [msmith829@gmail.com](mailto:msmith829@gmail.com) or 781-648-1498. Choose the day and time that work best for you. Let us know if you have special needs (e.g.: accessibility, vegetarian, allergies), and if you need a ride. Children are welcome, and you are encouraged to come as a family. Your host will contact you a few days before your meal with details and to coordinate the menu.

**BOSTON CHILDREN'S CHORUS -- GET VOCAL!** The Boston Children's Chorus (BCC) brings kids together from all over the Boston area -- inner city kids, suburban kids, kid who might never have had the opportunity to meet -- and offers them the opportunity to harmonize socially, through a shared love of music. BCC singers perform around Boston, as well as nationally and internationally, sharing the kids of experiences that will shape their lives forever. Auditions for the 2012-2013 season will take place on May 11 and May 12 at the BCC South End office, and at area schools and community organizations. For more information, visit [www.bostonchildrenschorus.org](http://www.bostonchildrenschorus.org) or talk to Julian or Nellie Baxandall!

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE SOON-TO-BE REV. TERRY MCKINNEY** At a congregational meeting on Sunday, April 22nd, First Church voted unanimously to call Terry to be our new 1/2 time Minister of Mental Health and Healing. A Service of Ordination and Installation will be held in our sanctuary on Sunday, June 3rd at 4 p.m. with a reception to follow in Margaret Jewett Hall. Please save the date and plan to join us for this long-awaited celebration of Terry's gifts and calling!

**YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE PURITAN TO GO ON A "PURITAN ROOTS" TOUR!** The Congregational Library is offering a 12-day tour (June 18-20) that traces the path traveled by the Puritans who settled New England -- only in reverse. It begins in Salem, Mass., and winds up in East Anglia, the area northwest of London where many of the Puritans came from. In Old England, the tour includes London, Cambridge, Ipswich and other Puritan sites as well as some fun side trips to places such as the Viking ruins in Sutton Hoo. For more information, go to [http://www.ipswichtours.com/east\\_anglia.html](http://www.ipswichtours.com/east_anglia.html) or contact Janet at Olde Ipswich Tours, 978-356-5163.

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## SMALL GROUP AND WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**THIRD-SUNDAY JAZZ WORSHIP** There are now regular monthly Jazz services! After experimenting with a variety of worship formats last year, it became clear that our Jazz service has the greatest draw and staying power. We are thrilled that Carolyn Wilkins and friends will continue to bring us vibrant and eclectic Jazz, Gospel, and African-American spirituals. Nancy Weil will continue to work with our staff to resource this service. The next service is **Sunday, May 20 at 5:00 p.m.** in **Margaret Jewett Hall** and will be followed by a time of fellowship.

**NIGHT SONG: SOLEMN MYSTICAL COMPLINE** Tonight, **April 29 at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary, and continuing through May and June at 8:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.** Bask in the beauty of Renaissance polyphony, Gregorian chant, introspective modal improvisations by jazz musicians, incense and icons. Participation in Night Song, about an hour in length, is through listening and silent prayer. It is not meant to be a performance, but rather a transformance – a medium for achieving inner peace, centering and spiritual renewal. In May and June the starting time will be 8:30 p.m., as sunset is occurring later now. The setting will be simpler, with no icons, very few candles and no incense. And there will be no jazz instrumental component, making it 30 minutes in length and more traditional in nature. The music will be Gregorian chant and Renaissance polyphony.

**MONTHLY NEWCOMER SESSIONS ON THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH, 12:15 P.M.** We are blessed to be graced by many visitors and newcomers to our church community. While we have always held newcomer sessions around a joining Sunday, we will now be offering monthly gatherings with a topical focus. Hopefully this will allow newcomers to get to know one another and to enter into engaging dialogue around topics ranging from our faith journeys to basic tenets of the Christian journey. We will also continue to share information about First Church and the UCC. Current members are also encouraged to attend to get to know people and share in the dialogue. Please fill a plate with lunch in Margaret Jewett Hall, and bring it with you to the Hastings Room. **The next Newcomer Session will be May 20 at 12:30 p.m.**

**MENTAL HEALTH & SPIRITUALITY GROUP** How do emotional struggles and mental health difficulties affect your relationship with God? Does your faith change your experience of mental health issues? Join us in the Tower Room each Sunday from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. as we hold these questions and our experiences in the healing light of Christ. The group is open: you may attend as often or as little as you like, and newcomers are always welcome. Talk to or e-mail Terry McKinney (temckinney@msn.com) or Carter West (stbosal@arczip.com).

**TUESDAY FAMILY NIGHT** Family Night continues **every other Tuesday evening, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m., in Sage Hall.** Parents and children gather for a simple potluck supper, some active play in the indoor play space, and a chance to share the joys and challenges of family life together. If you have young kids and are looking for an easy weeknight dinner plan with friends, join us! Family Night is a wonderful way for families with children to spend time together outside of the Sunday morning routine. While most families who attend have preschool-aged children, families with older children are welcome as well! The main dish (usually pasta and sauce) is provided; bring a side dish, dessert, or drink to share. The last three Family Nights of the year are scheduled for May 1, 15 and 29.

## The Week Ahead

### Today, Sunday, April 29

- 9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 9:45 a.m. Community Gathering Time, MJH
- 10:00 a.m. Christian Formation
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship, Terry McKinney, preaching
- 11:20 a.m. Church School Classes (PreK-Grade 8)
- 12:30 p.m. Social Justice Forum, Hastings Room
- 12:30 p.m. Christian Formation Children and Youth Committee, Room 204
- 2:00 p.m. Mental Health and Spirituality Group, Tower Room
- 2:30 p.m. Metro Boston Association, UCC, Spring Meeting, Brighton-Allston Congregational Church
- 7:00 p.m. Night Song, Sanctuary

### Tuesday, May 1

- 5:30 p.m. Family Night, Sage Hall
- 7:30 p.m. Stewardship Committee, Dan Smith's office

### Wednesday, May 2

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Dan Smith's office

### Thursday, May 3

- 10:30 a.m. Building the Beloved Community, Dan Smith's office
- 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Hastings Room

### Friday, May 4

- 5:30 p.m. Parents' Night Out, Sage Hall

### Saturday, May 5

- 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Hastings Room

### Sunday, May 6

- 9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 9:45 a.m. Community Gathering Time, MJH
- 10:00 a.m. Christian Formation
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship, Feeding Sunday, Multigenerational Holy Communion, Dan Smith, preaching (a time for healing prayer offered immediately following the service)
- 12:30 p.m. Building the Beloved Community Gathering, Hastings Room
- 1:00 p.m. Outdoor Church, Cambridge Common
- 2:00 p.m. Mental Health and Spirituality Group, Tower Room
- 8:30 p.m. Night Song, Sanctuary

## First Church Covenant Testimony

Adopted 1990

We believe that our covenant with God and each other calls us:

To love God with all that we are, and our close and distant neighbors as ourselves;  
To seek peace with justice and equity for all people;  
To engage in non-violent resistance to evil;  
To respect and preserve God's earth;  
To foster community across every barrier and division;  
To attend to God's unfolding and reconciling word;  
To support each other in our frailties and strengths, that we may embody that love which overcomes fear and death.

This we testify, confessing always our reliance on God's grace in Christ, and in the power of the Holy Spirit.



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