



Eastertide

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FIRST CHURCH IN CAMBRIDGE, CONGREGATIONAL, UCC

April 3, 2016

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

GATHERING

VOLUNTARY
Franck

Prière

César

*HYMN 215

Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day

*GREETING

Chris Blanc

L: Grace and peace to you, dear friends.

C: **And grace, mercy, and peace to the whole world!**

L: Christ has risen, a new dawn revealed.

C: **Christ is risen, risen indeed!**

L: Rejoice and be glad!

C: **Hallelujah! All praise and honor to God.**

WORDS OF WELCOME

ANTHEM

Joy Fills The Morning

Antonio Lotti

CONFESSING

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

SILENCE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

C: **Holy one, you come to find us where we are,
on roads leading towards and away from you,
wherever we are doubtful, confused and scared.**

Come to us now, we pray.

**Tear down the walls of sorrow and loss that separate us from ourselves,
from one another and from you.**

Come to us now, risen Christ.

In this silence,

**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 in Cambridge.*

fill us with the peace of your presence. Amen.
DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*GREETING OF PEACE

*HYMN 306 *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*

SHARING IN BAPTISM

INVITATION

Dan Smith

THE BAPTISMAL VOWS

THE CONGREGATION'S PROMISES

- L: Jesus Christ welcomes everyone
who desires new life
into the faith and family of Christ.
Do you who witness this sacrament
promise these children your love, support and care?
- C: We do!**
- L: Will you help them to grow in faith
and witness with them to the love and mercy of Christ?
- C: We will, with the help of God!**
- L: Do you renew your own promises
to live in the freedom of Christ, and resist the power of evil?
- C: We do, with the help of God!**

BLESSING OF THE WATER

THE BAPTISMS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- L: Beloved in Christ, let us give thanks!
- All: We thank you, God,
for these precious lives entrusted to our care,
and for the waters of baptism
that mark us as your people.
Thank you for the gifts
your Spirit gives us in this sacrament,
and for life in the church
where we help each other grow.
Give to these children strength for life's journey,**

**courage in the time of trial,
the joy of faith, the freedom of love,
and the comfort of everlasting life.
These things we ask, in Jesus' name. Amen.**

All children from Preschool to 7th grade are invited to leave at this time to make sandwiches for today's Outdoor Church offering. The children will make the sandwiches in Margaret Jewett Hall, and return to the service in time for the sandwiches to be blessed with the weekly offering.

PRESENTATION

OPENING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

READING

Luke 24:13-35

REFLECTION

Katie Omberg

*HYMN 213

On the Day of Resurrection

SHARING OUR LIFE TOGETHER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Panis Angelicus

César Franck

*Panis Angelicus fit panis hominum
Dat panis coelicus figuris terminum
O res mirabilis! Manducat Dominum
Pauper, pauper, servus et humilis.*

*The angel's bread becomes the bread of humanity.
The heavenly bread ends all symbols.
Oh, miraculous thing! The body of the Lord will nourish
The poor, poor, and humble servant.*

*EASTER DOXOLOGY

**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.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SHARING THE FEAST

INVITATION

Taj Smith

REMEMBERING AND GIVING THANKS

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Karin Case

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT AND 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 by 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.**

SHARING BREAD AND CUP

All who seek to follow Jesus' way of compassion, justice and peace are welcome at this table. Today, we will serve communion by intinction, which means that the community will be invited to come to the servers at one of several stations at the front of the sanctuary to receive the bread and dip it into the cup. The cup is filled with grape juice and the bread is gluten free. Persons who for any reason are not able to come forward will be served in the pews. Young and old alike are welcome to share in the gift of holy communion!

*THANKSGIVING

L: Let us give thanks!

**All: Thank you, God, for life in the Spirit of Jesus –
for gladness in this bread and cup,
for love that cannot die,
for peace the world cannot give,
for joy in the company of friends,
for the splendors of creation,
and for the mission of justice you have made our own.
Give us the gifts of this holy communion –
oneness of heart, love for neighbors,
forgiveness of enemies,
the will to serve you every day,
and risen life that never ends.
In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

GOING FORTH

*HYMN 320

Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face

*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

*The bulletin cover image is from a series of tile mosaics designed by
Perry Neubauer and created by the children of the church in 2007.
You can view the artwork in Margaret Jewett Hall.*

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 we hope that you will stay for a bit after worship for refreshments and conversation. 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 introduce yourself to one of the ministers after church and explore our website at www.firstchurchcambridge.org.

Large print bulletins and assistive listening devices are available.

Please ask a greeter for assistance.

Children of all ages are welcome in our worship. Picture books, children's Bibles, and activity packets can be found in the Children's Book Corner located by the door to the parish building (to the right of the chancel). Children may visit the Book Corner at any point during worship. Nursery care for infants and toddlers is located through that door and down the hallway (up four stairs to the door on the right). Fussy babies and their caregivers are invited to the Hastings Room, just across the hall from that same door, where the service is broadcast through speakers.

PREACHING TODAY is Katie Omberg, Ministerial Intern. Assisting with worship are Dan Smith, Senior Minister, Karin Case, Minister, Taj Smith, Ministerial Intern, and Sarah Higginbotham, Director of Creative Worship & Arts. Peter Sykes, Director of Music, is playing the organ and directing the choir. Our liturgist today is First Church Deacon Chris Blanc.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED Please pray for all those impacted by the recent terrorist attacks in Pakistan, Turkey, Belgium, and the Ivory Coast. We pray for all members of the LGBTQ community who face discrimination, especially those affected by the recent law passed in North Carolina dismantling protections for LGBTQ people. Please pray for a spirit of wisdom, compassion, and justice as we move through a divisive presidential election season. Please also pray for all refugees, all immigrants, and all those living in Syria and other war-torn nations. Please hold our nation in your prayers as we confront an epidemic of fear and violence against Muslims and persons of color. Please keep in your prayers people struggling with grief, illness, addiction or mental health concerns, job related transitions, marital or relationship troubles, or loneliness.

Portions of the **YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED** section of the bulletin are omitted in the online version to protect the privacy of those mentioned. To find out who we are praying for this week, please contact the church offices at parishadmin@firstchurchcambridge.org or by calling 617-547-2724.

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE It was a joy to be together with so many of you two Sundays ago as we began our Holy Week observance with a Palm Sunday procession and celebration. At that time, we received and dedicated financial pledges to support our 2016 *for such a time as this* capital campaign. We have received an extraordinary response thus far of over \$1.7 million! This expression of faith and generosity is a clear affirmation of our shared ministry and vision. In the coming weeks, we will be meeting with our Finance Team and our Executive Council to consider how these preliminary campaign results will shape our proposal for building enhancements and preservation. We will also be requesting support from our building users as well as those in our community who have not had a chance to pledge yet. Please know that you are still welcome to pledge online at www.firstchurchcambridge.org. Stay tuned about our next steps with this campaign. For now, we can and should celebrate the collective faith and effort that has brought us thus far on the way. God is good! All the time, God is good!

OUR MINDS AND THE STATES THEY'RE IN Today and Sunday, April 10, 10:00 a.m., Hastings Room This two-session workshop explores the ways we talk about our mental states, bringing awareness to the health of our minds. We will examine the ways we restrict personal introspection and how those restrictions turn into stigma. Each session will be part personal reflection and part discussion. Please join us! For more information contact ministerial intern Taj Smith, taj@firstchurchcambridge.org.

LITURGICAL DANCE Rehearsals start today at 10:00 a.m., Choir Room Have you been curious about Liturgical Dance at First Church? Now is your chance to join us! No dance experience needed - all ages and abilities are welcome. Just bring yourself and a curious, moving spirit. Rehearsals will begin today during the 10:00 hour and continue until our offering on May 8th. Come dance with us!

NIGHT SONG: SOLEMN MYSTICAL COMPLINE Tonight at 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary Join us for these contemplative and spiritually transporting candle-lit experiences of choral literature, ancient and contemporary chant, and instrumental music. There is no spoken word, no sermon— just the opportunity to experience the Divine through music, being still, and silent meditation. Tonight, hear more Easter music: Gregorian chant from the *Liber Usualis*, Psalm 134 set by Patricia Van Ness, Motets by Anerio, A. Gabrieli, Morales and Palestrina Contemplative instrumental improvisations. Katie Yosua, soprano. Michael Terranova, alto. Jason Connell, tenor and cantor. Bill Leonard, bass. With Ben Schwendener, piano.

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR HEALING PRAYER Every Communion Sunday, the deacons and ministers offer prayers for healing, peace, and reconciliation for anyone who desires them. The healing prayer teams will be positioned in the chancel (near the baptismal font). If you would like to receive a healing prayer, an anointing, or laying on of hands, please approach one of the teams at the end of the service and make your need known. In addition to healing prayers offered after

the service today, members of the First Church community are welcome to contact a minister at any time for prayer or conversation about what is on your mind and heart.

OUTDOOR CHURCH OFFERING On Communion Sundays, it is our practice to prepare 3 dozen lunches for the Outdoor Church to distribute to those in need on the streets of Cambridge. The children of the church lead us in this discipline, leaving worship at 11:20 a.m. on the first Sunday of the month and return with the lunches in time for multigenerational Communion. As always, people of all ages are encouraged to participate by volunteering to deliver the lunches to the Cambridge Common at 1:00 p.m. Speak with the Deacon serving as Head Greeter today if you'd like to get involved in this ongoing mission project.

FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION IS TODAY Thank you, everybody, for your faithful contributions every month. Adding a few items for donation to your market basket each week will make a big difference to folks living with food insecurity every week.

THE FIRST CHURCH DEACONS FUND is one of the many ways in which our community cares for one another. Church members in need of financial assistance for a one time or short-term emergency may make a confidential request to one of the deacons or clergy. This fund belongs to us and relies on our contributions. We hope people will take advantage of this aid. You are also invited to make a gift (beyond your pledge) to the Deacons Fund, if able. Please mark on your check or online contribution "Deacons Fund."

FUTURE HAPPENINGS

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP - FAITH ON TAP Monday, April 4 at 7:30 p.m., Nubar The Young Adults will gather for a Faith on Tap night on April 4th at Nubar restaurant at the Sheraton Commander hotel on Garden Street. We will be discussing guiding questions around how we celebrate our faith. Those over and under 21 are welcome. Please email Julie Pridham (julie.pridham@gmail.com) with any questions and to RSVP by 4 p.m. on April 3rd so that she can get a headcount for the reservation.

MINDFULNESS, RACISM, EMBODIMENT Sunday, April 10 at 12:30 p.m., Hastings Room Join Lama Rod Owens for an introduction to mindfulness as a way of thinking about anti-racism. Our bodies hold so much of what we can't express through words. This will be a short introduction to tapping into what all our bodies hold. He will guide us through a short meditation with time for questions and reflections afterward. For more information, contact Taj at taj@firstchurchcambridge.org.

“BACK TO THE GARDEN CLUB” April 16, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. outside or in the Well Is your idea of Paradise a garden? Do you have a green thumb or wish you did? Or would you just like to get your Martha on with some church friends? Come join us for muffins, coffee and gardening on Saturday, April 16 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. For our first meeting we will focus on introductions and a walk around the current FCC grounds to make a list of to dos, and some preparation for the kids to plant annuals on Sunday, May 29. Weather permitting, we will meet outside, or begin in The Well. All ages and abilities are welcome! Sponsored by the Building and Grounds Committee. For more information, contact Laurie Friedman or Jim Rissling.

MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY BLOG NOW LIVE! The Healing Well is First Church’s new mental health ministry blog dedicated to the intersections of faith, spirituality, and mental health. You’ll find personal stories from people figuring out how to live at these intersections, those who struggle to maintain mental health, practitioners, friends, partners or family. Check it out at www.fccmentalhealth.org. To learn more about how to contribute or how you can be involved, contact the Mental Health Ministry at mhawareness@firstchurchcambridge.org or, if you would like to speak to someone directly, you can contact Taj at taj@firstchurchcambridge.org.

COVENANT FRIENDSHIP MEAL HOST NEEDED FOR LATE APRIL Would you like to meet and get to know more folks at First Church? Do you have room to host a few people for a potluck meal? Contact Hilary Hopkins at 617-491-8369 or hopkinsjh@verizon.net if you can be a host in late April.

SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITIES

JOIN WEEKEND OF FAITH FOR TRANSGENDER NON-DISCRIMINATION! From April 9 to 10 congregations and people of faith across the Commonwealth will be participating in a weekend of prayer and action to support the passage of SB 735/HB 1577, legislation that would extend non-discrimination protections to transgender Bay Staters in public places like movie theaters, sports stadiums and shopping malls. Please take a moment to show your own support, perhaps through prayer or writing a letter to your congressperson.

IMMIGRATION JUSTICE FILM SCREENING Sunday, April 3 at 3:00 p.m. First Parish, (3 Church St, Cambridge) The First Church Missions Committee is joining Boston New Sanctuary Movement to bring Denver-based Rev. Miguel De La Torre, a national faith-based leader in immigration work, to Cambridge. Rev. De La Torre will be screening his documentary **Trails of Hope and Terror** (55 minutes) and leading a panel discussion along with representatives of local immigrant-led groups such as the Chelsea Collaborative and Centro Presente. See: <https://www.facebook.com/events/445433272334093>

FRIENDS OF ROOTS CONVERSATION Thursday, April 7, 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Hastings Room Ali Abu Awwad and Rabbi Hanan Schlesinger are an unlikely pair of allies from an organization called Friends of Roots, a project with an audacious and visionary goal: to lay the groundwork for a reality in which future agreements between the Israeli and Palestinian governments can be built. In just two years of rapid growth, their work has reached nearly 10,000 people. The two will be visiting the Boston area this spring, to spread the word and garner support for their initiative. We're pleased to have an opportunity for local faith leaders to meet with them. You can read their bios and can learn more about their work by visiting their website <http://www.friendsofroots.net/index.html>. To RSVP to this event, please email jcnolly@jcrcboston.org

GREATER BOSTON INTERFAITH ORGANIZATION (GBIO) COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT INFORMATIONAL MEETING, Monday, April 24, 2016, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., location TBA. GBIO congregations are considering what level of support they can bring to a campaign to persuade Boston residents to approve the CPA (Community Preservation Act), if it is on the ballot in November. This meeting is an opportunity for attendees to learn about the benefits and issues regarding the CPA and discuss with representatives of other GBIO congregations what GBIO's role should be. For more information, contact Will Erikson (will.erickson@theshareunion.org), Ann McCann (ann.mccann44@gmail.com) or Dan Smith (dsmith6@firstchurchcambridge.org).

CONTINUING THE CONVERSATION ABOUT ISRAEL AND PALESTINE Sunday, April 17, 12:30 p.m., Hastings Room The 2015 UCC General Synod adopted a resolution "Toward a Just Peace in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict." This resolution calls for numerous actions by the larger church to promote an end to the Israeli Occupation of Palestinian territory, including boycotts and divestments from certain companies. Join us as we continue the conversation, inviting a Jewish voice into the dialogue. On April 17, join the PI Task Team, Rev. Dan Smith, and our guest Rachie Lewis, a young Jewish woman who lives in Somerville. Rachie works closely with the Greater Boston Interfaith Organization, cares deeply about peace and justice in Israel and Palestine, and has many family members who live in Israel. Come hear her perspective on the conflict and on the UCC Resolution.

GBIO SPRING ACTION Meeting, May 24, 2016, 7:00 p.m., location to be announced Save the date (May 24) to join congregations of GBIO (Greater Boston Interfaith Organization) in a major meeting with Boston Mayor Marty Walsh and other VIPs, who will be asked to respond to GBIO's suggestions and demands concerning four priority areas: affordable housing; criminal justice reform; *Do Not Stand Idly By*, a campaign for gun violence prevention; and health care cost containment. Be a part of another great First Church turnout, in line with our outstanding showing in 2015 at Trinity Church. For more information, contact Will Erikson (will.erickson@theshareunion.org), Ann McCann (ann.mccann44@gmail.com) or Dan Smith (dsmith6@firstchurchcambridge.org).

MOTHER'S DAY WALK FOR PEACE, May 8, 2016. Join First Church Cambridge's team, along with thousands of others from all over Massachusetts and from many walks of life, in demonstrating for peace and in support of families who have lost loved ones to violence. This inspiring Walk for Peace is sponsored by the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute, an organization that develops and sustains programs promoting peace and healing, including aiding families of victims of violence, educating young people in nonviolence and assisting prisoners getting ready to return to their families and society. The Walk is a fundraiser for the LDB Peace Institute, so every walker is asked to register and make a gift to support the Institute's work. SEE NOTE BELOW about the website.

Because the 2016 Walk is the 20th anniversary of the Mother's Day Walk for Peace, which has grown from several hundred participants in 1996 to 15,000 walkers in 2015, organizers have designed a new walk with two starting points - walkers are to chose between the two - and a super celebratory closing rally at Boston City Hall Plaza.

LEG 1: Begins at Town Park Field, Fields Corner, 1520 Dorchester Ave., Dorchester. Opening Remarks, 8 a.m.; Walk begins, 8:30 a.m. *Fields Corner Stop on the Red Line.* This leg starts where previous Walks have started and will join the Leg 2 starters at Madison Park High School. All walkers will proceed together to City Hall. Total distance to City Hall is 6.8 miles, about 2.5-3 hours.

NOTE: FCC leader needed for this segment. Talk to Jean Bellow or Ann McCann if you are interested and could do this.

LEG 2: Begins at Madison Park High School, 75 Malcolm X Blvd., Roxbury Crossing. Opening Remarks, 9:15 a.m.; Walk begins, 9:45 a.m. *Roxbury Crossing Stop on the Orange Line, connects to the Red Line at Downtown Crossing.* Walkers from Fields Corner will join this group. Distance to City Hall is 3 miles, about an hour to an hour and a quarter.

PEACE RALLY & CLOSING CEREMONY, Boston City Hall Plaza. Opening Remarks, 10 a.m.; Walkers arrive, about 11 a.m.; Closing, about noon.

REGISTRATION: We have established a First Church Cambridge team with the Peace Institute (thank you, Gaylen Margan), but the Walk website may have been hacked. **Until further notice, we are advised NOT TO GO TO THE WEBSITE.** Please contact either Jean Bellow (jean_bellow@comcast.net) or Ann McCann (ann.mccann44@gmail.com) to register and for more information, and plan to send a check to the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute as your gift.

We'll be organizing walkers to meet at First Church on the morning of May 8 to travel together on the T to different starting points. Please let Jean or Ann know the following: 1) your interest in participating, 2) where you plan to start and 3) whether you would like to travel to the site with others from First Church. Questions? Contact Jean or Ann (emails above).

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVOCACY REQUEST Would you advocate in the next two weeks for critical pro-environmental legislation? At stake are removing the state-imposed caps on solar panels, and other vital social justice environmental issues. Members of the FCC Earth Stewardship team are setting up meetings with state legislators. For example, those in Senator Brownberger's district are meeting in Watertown at 10:00 a.m., Monday, April 11, at 80 Mt. Auburn Street. The meeting with Senator DiDomenico is on Tuesday, April 12, at 1:30 p.m. in his State House office. Other meetings with other senators are being scheduled. Please let us know if you want to have a briefing on the proposed legislation, and come to a meeting with your State Senator. FCC is a member of the Massachusetts Interfaith Coalition for Climate Action, which is organizing this advocacy effort. Contact Alice Kidder, at flintkidr@aol.com to participate.

DO YOU HAVE A SINGLE BED TO DONATE? We are looking for a single bed for a refugee in need of one. Please contact Ann Curby at 617-876-6255, if you have one you can give away.

INTERFAITH DIALOGUE OPPORTUNITIES In these challenging times, it is good to build community across faith traditions. Here are some wonderful opportunities to do this, sponsored by our partner Cooperative Metropolitan Ministries.

Human Dignity and Religious Diversity: A Workshop for Religious Leaders

Monday, April 11

8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Hebrew College, 160 Herrick Road, Newton

Laity and clergy welcome. You will be equipped to counter defamation of religious minorities and gain strategies to promote interfaith understanding.

Dialogue Dinner: Interfaith Perspectives on Spirituality as a Resource for Chronic Illness

Monday, April 11

6:30 p.m. at Temple Beth Israel, 25 Harvard Street, Waltham

Cooperative Metropolitan Ministries 50th Anniversary Celebration

Thursday, May 5

6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Temple Ohabei Shalom, 1187 Beacon Street, Brookline

The Cooperative Metropolitan Ministries' 50th Anniversary Celebration will include a dinner and an address by Sister Simone Campbell, leader of "Nuns on the Bus," entitled *Change from the Inside Out: Civil Rights and Obligations*. A limited number of scholarship tickets are available. For ticket information, please call Alice Kidder at 617 276-6227. First Church is a member of CMM.



April 3, 2016
Second Sunday of Easter
Acts 5:27-32

Resurrection Witness

Faithful witnesses all of them, Peter and the Apostles, risking death and public humiliation because they must preach what they preach. New church starts are kind of like that, though usually without the death part, because they have no building or traditions born of “we’ve always done it this way.” They have only the way in which they proclaim their faith and their hope. Just like Peter in the Book of Acts, pastors planting new churches have only themselves and the genuine message of their personal testimony to convince and invite. Such is the ministry of newly-ordained Reverend Donna Spencer Collins, the pastor of Phoenix Rising, a re-emerging Christian Community in Haverhill, Massachusetts.

This community grew from a remnant of congregants who once belonged to the First Congregational Church of Haverhill, UCC. That church closed and sold its building, and many of the members joined other churches in the area. But a few saw a need in the community for a church like Phoenix Rising: a church of seekers willing to practice the kind of radical welcome that they experienced in the Jesus of the Gospels, who preached and ministered to the marginalized. And so they “rose” from the few to be a sign for the many – a Phoenix Rising.

The first Sunday of every month you can find this band of 21st century disciples at 5 p.m. praying, and praising and worshipping at the Paint & Wine Lounge. And it’s okay to arrive hungry because they begin with a light supper. Pastor Donna keeps office hours at the Artist Café in Haverhill on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30-12:30. A little food and a little God talk go well with a cup of coffee. The vision statement on the church’s website says, “*Phoenix Rising seeks to be a progressive Christian community of the United Church of Christ. Inclusive and intentional in making God’s love and justice real in the spirit of belonging.*”

It has been 2000 years since Peter preached in Jerusalem, and we’re still at it. The United Church of Christ has a vision for 1,600 new churches by 2050--new churches planted by pastors especially trained and equipped to “preach like Peter and Paul.”

The Week Ahead

Sunday, April 3

- 9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 9:45 a.m. Community Gathering Time, Margaret Jewett Hall (MJH)
- 10:00 a.m. "Our Minds and the States They're In," Hastings Room
- 10:00 a.m. Liturgical Dance Rehearsal, Choir Room
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship, Multigenerational Holy Communion and Sacrament of Baptism, Katie Omberg, preaching (A time for healing prayer offered immediately following service)
- 12:30 p.m. Capital Campaign Appeal Team Meeting, Dan Smith's office
- 1:45 p.m. Youth Group, meet in front lobby
- 4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class, The Well
- 7:00 p.m. Night Song, Sanctuary

Monday, April 4

- 7:30 p.m. Young Adults Groups - Faith on Tap, Nubar

Wednesday, April 6

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

Thursday, April 7

- 10:30 a.m. Friends of Roots Conversation, Hastings Room
- 7:45 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Hastings Room

Friday, April 8

- 1:00 p.m. Friday Café, MJH

Sunday, April 10

- 9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 9:45 a.m. Community Gathering Time, MJH
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship, Karin Case, preaching
- 11:20 a.m. Church School: Classes (presch.-Grade 7)
- 12:30 p.m. Mindfulness, Racism, Embodiment, Hastings Room
- 7:00 p.m. Night Song, Sanctuary

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