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**Pentecost Sunday**

**FIRST CHURCH  
IN CAMBRIDGE**

Congregational 1633-1636  
United Church of Christ  
Garden and Mason Streets  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

**FIRST CHURCH IN CAMBRIDGE, CONGREGATIONAL, UCC**  
**May 19, 2013**  
**PENTECOST SUNDAY**

VOLUNTARY *Come, Holy Spirit* Franz Tunder

\*HYMN C-25 *Let There Be Life in This House*

\*GREETING Anne Holtzworth

L: Grace and peace to you from God!  
**C: And to the whole world, peace!**  
L: People of God from far and near, come and know our God!  
**C: God's Spirit is here and welcomes everyone!**  
L: Assemble now and thank our God!  
**C: God's Spirit is here, a home for all creatures!**  
L: Open your hearts and declare God's praise!

\*PRAYER OF PRAISE

**All: Holy Spirit, Deep Breath, Well of Love,  
Sure Guide, we praise you!  
Strong Help, Guardian of the Poor, we praise you!  
Consoler, Wisdom, Spring of Truth, we praise you!  
Maker of Hope, Healer of Hearts, Life of Life, we praise you!  
Mercy, Wind, Water and Flame, we praise you!  
The whole earth and all your creatures praise you,  
Spirit of the living God, now and forever! Amen.**

WORDS OF WELCOME Sarah Higginbotham

MOMENTS OF CONCERN Arts and Communications

ANTHEM *Psalm 67* Patricia Van Ness

*God of blessing, God of joy,  
you shine upon us,  
Grace and power pour down.  
Everywhere your peoples praise you!  
We praise with joyful hearts!  
You feed us with joy and justice  
Everywhere your peoples praise you!*

*\*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.*



\*PENTECOST DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Praise God, the source of life and birth,  
Praise God, the Word, who came to earth,  
Praise God, the Spirit, holy flame,  
All glory, honor, to God's name. Amen.**

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH AND WORLD

Terry McKinney

L: God be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

L: Let us pray (silence, intercessions, 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.**

\*HYMN 226

*Come, Teach Us, Spirit of Our God*

\*COMMISSIONING OF THE SEARCH COMMITTEE

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

*Ultimate Jude*

Paul Sawyer

VOLUNTARY

*Come, Holy Spirit*

J. S Bach

*The Pentecost bulletin cover is an image of a ceramic mosaic created by the children of the church and designed by Perry Neubauer. The flames recall the story in Acts when Jesus' followers, meeting together, were visited by tongues of fire over their heads. This symbolized the presence of the Holy Spirit and ignited their mission of spreading the Good News to all people.*

## **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](http://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, toddlers and preschoolers 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** Dan Smith, Senior Minister. Assisting with worship are Terry McKinney, Minister of Mental Health & Healing, and Sarah Higginbotham, Director of Creative Worship & Arts. Our liturgist is Anne Holtzworth. Peter Sykes, Director of Music, is playing the organ and directing the choir.

**YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED** for Gaylen Morgan and her husband Paul Guglietti. Paul is in a rehab facility recovering from two back surgeries. Please pray for John Schultz, who is having cardiac issues; for Hunter Dupree, who is recovering from falling after church last week; and for Pam Pacelli's family as her mother undergoes surgery for a benign tumor. Please also pray for Ami and Tim Brenner and their new baby, Benjamin, born prematurely, but in stable condition, as the baby continues an extended hospital stay; and for Ken Ziebell, who is home recovering after being hospitalized with orthopedic issues. Prayers of celebration for Sue Abbot and husband Dave who were married this weekend on Martha's Vineyard; and for Emma Blanc, whose poem, "I Am Nature" tied for First Place, Fourth Grade in the Cambridge Public Library/Cambridge Tree Project Poetry Contest. Please hold in your prayers all those affected by the Boston Marathon bombings and subsequent events. May we all find grace and peace in this time of grief and healing. Following the UCC Calendar of Prayer the Missions & Social Justice Committee requests your prayers for Palestinians in Gaza. "The ancient meaning of Gaza is 'treasure.' But in modern times some would describe it as the world's 'largest outdoor prison.' Of the 1.6 million people living in Gaza, 1.3 million are registered with the United Nations as refugees." **IN THIS SPACE** we share personal, congregational, national, and global prayer requests. If you would like us to include a prayer request, please contact Dan Smith, Reebee Girash, Terry McKinney, or Kirsten Manville by Wednesday morning or fill out one of the prayer request cards found in your pew.

## **TODAY'S HAPPENINGS**

**LIVING FAITH AND FAMILY LIFE Today and Sundays, May 26 at 10:00 a.m., Hastings Room** Our congregation has recently engaged in conversations about “Learning, Living, and Sharing” the way of Jesus. But “Learning, Living and Sharing” are not just for grownups! We invite parents and caregivers of young children to a discussion series on faith formation at home. Topics may include: How should we engage Bible stories? How do our own faith journeys impact our parenting? What are age-appropriate responses to hard theological questions? Is Sabbath something we can practice as a family? Are there table graces beyond "God is great, God is good...?" When can our kids engage in service projects? Don't currently have children at home? We invite uncles and aunts, grandparents and caring grownups to offer wisdom and support in these conversations. Questions? Speak to Sarah Higginbotham (shigginb@firstchurchcambridge.org) or Reebee Girash (rgirash@firstchurchcambridge.org).

**MONTHLY NEWCOMER TABLE Today at 12:15 p.m., Margaret Jewett Hall** 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. This month we will gather at a table during coffee hour to talk about First Church and get to know each other a little better. Current members are also encouraged to attend to get to know people and share in the dialogue.

**FLOWER PLANTING Today at 12:30 p.m., Front Lawn** The additional flowers in the our sanctuary last Sunday were in honor of the mothers in our lives, and reflect a vision of peace on our world. They will be planted in the front yard this afternoon. If you would like to participate please find Laurie Friedman after worship.

**SPIRITUALITY AND MENTAL HEALTH GROUP Today at 2:00 p.m., Tower Room** 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 (tmckinney@firstchurchcambridge.org) or Carter West (stbosal@arczip.com).

**THIRD-SUNDAY JAZZ WORSHIP Today at 5:00 p.m., Margaret Jewett Hall** Come one and all for lively worship in a jazz and gospel style. Whether you are a Jazz regular or a curious newcomer to our afternoon worship, join us for communal prayer and Holy Communion, led by Nancy Weil and Dan Smith, as well as soulful singing and stirring music led by Carolyn Wilkins and her band. This will be the final jazz service of the program year.

**NIGHT SONG: SOLEMN MYSTICAL COMPLINE Today at 8:30 p.m., Sanctuary** Night Song continues through the spring and summer - but with several changes. 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. Night Song is based on Compline, the last daily service of Christian worship, dating back to monastic life in the Middle Ages. Offered in the quietness of the evening, Night Song invokes a sense of protection and peace for the night that is to come.

### **FUTURE HAPPENINGS**

**FINAL FAMILY NIGHT Tuesday, May 21, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.** First Church families gather every other week in **Sage Hall** for a simple potluck supper and a chance to share the joys and challenges of family life together. The main dish (usually pasta and sauce) is provided; bring a side dish, dessert, or drink to share. This will be the final Family Night of the program year; we will resume in September.

**DROP-IN HAVRUTA BIBLE STUDY - SEARCHING FOR WHOLENESS, ALONE AND TOGETHER** These past weeks our congregation has been asking ourselves a deep set of questions. How do we sustain ourselves with renewed balance? How do we sustain ourselves toward greater wholeness? How do we do so alone and together? This conversation will continue to unfold in many ways. One place it will continue is in a *havruta* group meeting Thursday mornings at 7:00-8:45 a.m. If there's a text that captures our focus, it comes from John's Gospel: *Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. We invite you to come and sit by the well. Come once. Come twice. Come every week. Come if you've done havruta before. (Havruta is Hebrew for "befriend.") Come if you've never tried it. Simply come and sit with us. We begin with breakfast. Several members of the group will take turns sharing a text, not necessarily Biblical, perhaps a poem or short reading. We explore the text through dialogue and conversation. And we listen for insights, images, common language to recognize more fully the grace of balance and wholeness, alone and together. For more information, contact Brent Coffin at [brentbcoffin@gmail.com](mailto:brentbcoffin@gmail.com) or Gaylen Morgan at [photongm@comcast.net](mailto:photongm@comcast.net).*

**MONICA MAHER ECCLESIASTICAL COUNCIL AT FIRST CHURCH Wednesday, May 22 at 7:30 p.m., Hastings Room** First Church member Monica Maher will have her Ecclesiastical Council. This is one of the final steps in her ordination process in the UCC. If you know members of other UCC churches in the area, encourage them to attend! And, if you can help 'host' the event by providing food or making phone calls, contact Linda Ziebell or Reebee Girash.

**COFFEE AND CONVERSATION** Reebee will hold office hours in the community on Friday, May 31, from 9:00–10:30 a.m. at the 1369 Coffee House in Central Square. No agenda—just come and chat!

**LIFE AND LEGACY RETREAT Saturday, June 1, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.** “*What has been important in my life?*” “*Did I do everything I wanted to do?*” “*What do I hope for in the future?*” Come to the Life and Legacy Retreat sponsored by the Stewardship Committee on Saturday, June 1, 10 a.m - 3 p.m. We will be discussing a lot more than money! Participants will have a chance to explore what it means to have a good life and a good death. A good life means finding comfort with our dreams, hopes and fears. A good death can occur with a little practical foresight. Specific workshops will be offered addressing all the paperwork involved at end of life, how to organize a memorial service or funeral, where to find good health care, and planned giving. Lunch will be provided. Register on line at the First Church website (<http://www.firstchurchcambridge.org/about-us/stewardship-giving>) or email Tim Seery at [tseery@college.harvard.edu](mailto:tseery@college.harvard.edu) by May 27. If you have any questions feel free to contact a Stewardship member: Deric Corwin, James Greaney (Chair), Beth Loomis, Elizabeth Lovance, Karen McArthur, Anne McClintock, or Tim Seery.

**EARTH STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY RESCHEDULED FOR JUNE 2** As part of our observation of Mission 4/1 Earth, First Church observe a creation-themed Sunday on June 2. You are invited to consider the earth – and your carbon footprint – as you make your way to church on June 2. This is a great day to BIKE, BUS, CARPOOL OR WALK to church. At 10:45 on the walkway to the playground entrance, join us for a Blessing of the Bicycles! During worship, we will celebrate Creation and commit to being Earth Stewards. After church, we’ll have an Earth Stewardship Fair in Margaret Jewett Hall and outside.

**ISRAEL PALESTINE PILGRIMAGE REPORT Sundays, June 2 and 9 at 10 a.m., Hastings Room** Please join Rev. Dan Smith and our *Havruta* Scholar-in-Residence, Rev. Brent Coffin, in the Hastings Room for two Sundays as they share observations and reflections from their recent trip to Israel and Palestine. This past January, and as part of Dan's sabbatical, these two long-time colleagues and friends spent time in Jerusalem, the Galilee and the West Bank, including Bethelhem and Ramallah. The trip was part spiritual pilgrimage, part socio-political education and part *havruta* text study. Come hear their stories and their questions, and feel free to bring your own! Brent and Dan will also share some ideas for how we might continue to reflect theologically on our ties to this region and the ongoing conflict there.

**FIRST CHURCH MUSICALE Sunday, June 2 in Margaret Jewett Hall** The Musicale is coming up! Mark your calendars: Early crowd at 5:00, potluck at 6:00, then late crowd after that. If you are interested in performing, you can email Mike Plum at [mikeplum@gmail.com](mailto:mikeplum@gmail.com) or call him at 857-523-0441.

**CONFIRMATION SUNDAY WITH ALL-CHURCH PICNIC - JUNE 9** On June 9, as the church program year comes to a close, we will celebrate with our Confirmation Class of eight young men and women as they complete one step on their ongoing faith journey and mark the end of the confirmation process. The Church School will assist in the liturgy that morning, and we will recognize and thank the teachers and leaders who have walked alongside our children

throughout the year. Following worship, we'll gather across Garden Street on the Cambridge Common for our annual All-Church Picnic, complete with an all-ages kickball game. Stay tuned for details on how you can contribute to the picnic fare. For now, plan to bring your lawn chairs, picnic blankets, and your kickball skills to church on June 9!

**MASSACHUSETTS CONFERENCE, UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 214TH ANNUAL MEETING: RISKING VISION June 14 - 15, 2013 at Sturbridge Host Hotel and Conference Center** What if every Jesus follower in each of our congregations could describe a vivid, specific, shared vision for her or his church? If each of us had a compelling sense of the particular call of God on our own faith community, how might God's love and justice be made real? We will ponder these questions at our upcoming Annual Meeting. **Pre-registration is required for the Meeting.** Please register no later than May 24th. The registration fee is \$135 for Friday evening and Saturday, or \$85 for Saturday only. Registration fee does **not** include overnight accommodations. Hotel reservations may be made directly with the Sturbridge Host Hotel and Conference Center at 508-347-7393 or [www.sturbridgehosthotel.com](http://www.sturbridgehosthotel.com). Our group reservation number is 1306MACONF. Hotel special rate cutoff date is May 24. For all those registered by the May 24th deadline, Old Sturbridge Village is again offering a reduced admission rate of \$15 per adult on Friday June 14th. Refer to the UCC Mass. Conference Annual meeting when you check in at the Visitor's Center.

### **GET INVOLVED**

**BOSTON PRIDE Saturday, June 8 in Boston** Join First Church and march with other "Open and Affirming" UCC churches in celebrating the 43rd anniversary of Boston Pride! Whatever your sexual orientation or gender identity, PRIDE is a joyous opportunity to express the extravagant, inclusive love of God for all people. The day begins at 9:30 a.m. with gathering music at Old South Church (645 Boylston St) and an interfaith service of worship at 10:00, also at Old South. We will then gather on Tremont Street between 11:00 and 11:30 (rain or shine). The parade begins at noon with a minute of silence, and kicks off at 12:01 p.m. Contact Jim Rissling, [james.rissling@gmail.com](mailto:james.rissling@gmail.com), for more information or to let us know you're coming. When we learn more details from the parade organizers, we'll let you know the exact location on Tremont Street where our group will meet. Look for updates and more opportunities to participate in the bulletins and on our website. The theme of the 2013 Boston Pride celebration is: ***Moving Forward... Proud, Strong, United.*** Please visit Boston Pride's website (<http://www.bostonpride.org/>) for more information.

**T-SHIRTS FOR PRIDE** Thinking of coming along on the Pride March on June 8? If you'd like to wear a "First Church - PRIDE" logo T-shirt, speak to Sue Delaney at coffee hour today, or email [sdelaney1@gmail.com](mailto:sdelaney1@gmail.com) to order one. They'll be \$9 and sweatshop free! We're also planning a t-shirt painting activity to personalize our shirts - stay tuned for more info!

**CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHER RECRUITMENT, 2013–14** The Church School is actively recruiting teachers for the 2013–14 program year. Consider sharing your time and talents with the children of the church by walking with them as they hear the stories and engage with the teachings of our shared tradition. Learn a bit more about your own faith as you articulate the messages we seek to share with the youngest among us. Joining a teaching team requires just two Sunday mornings or less per month, plus a handful of teacher training meetings and a bit of preparation with your co-leaders. Please contact Sarah Higginbotham to learn more and to volunteer.

**EXPLORING GENDER, SEXUALITY, AND IDENTITY** Although our culture now recognizes many more types of sexual and gender expression than it did not very long ago, many people, including some at First Church, still have a hard time fitting their experiences into even these expanded categories. The social pressure to do so, and the expectations other people bring to interactions, can raise some tough questions of identity. Who am I when I don't feel like I fit into the basic categories of male or female, of gay or straight? First Church will soon be hosting a small group gathering (date to be arranged based on interest and availability of participants) that will provide a safe, non-judgmental, and confidential setting in which to share the experience of living in a world wherein feelings about one's gender and/or sexuality don't always seem to "fit". If interested, please call or email Rev. Dan Smith ([dsmith@firstchurchcambridge.org](mailto:dsmith@firstchurchcambridge.org)) who has been working with church members on how to open a safe space for this conversation.

## The Week Ahead

### Sunday, May 19

#### Pentecost

- 9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 9:45 a.m. Coffee/Gathering Time, Margaret Jewett Hall (MJH)
- 10:00 a.m. Christian Formation for Adults: Living Faith and Family Life
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship, Dan Smith Preaching
- 11:15 a.m. Church School Classes
- 12:15 p.m. Light Lunch with Newcomers Table, MJH
- 12:30 p.m. Teacher Training, Hastings Room
- 2:00 p.m. Spirituality and Mental Health Group, Tower Room
- 5:00 p.m. Jazz Worship, MJH
- 8:30 p.m. Night Song, Sanctuary

### Monday, May 20

- 7:30 p.m. Executive Council, Hastings Room

### Tuesday, May 21

- 3:00 p.m. Missions & Social Justice Committee, Dan Smith's office
- 5:30 p.m. Family Night, Sage Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Search Committee, Dan Smith's office

### Wednesday, May 22

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Dan Smith's office
- 7:30 p.m. Monica Maher Ecclesiastical Council, Hastings Room

### Thursday, May 23

- 7:00 a.m. *Havruta* Bible Study (drop-in - all welcome), Hastings Room
- 1:00 p.m. Sextons Meeting, Dan Smith's office
- 7:45 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Hastings Room

### Sunday, May 26

#### Trinity Sunday

- 9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 9:45 a.m. Coffee/Gathering Time, MJH
- 10:00 a.m. Christian Formation for Adults: Living Faith and Family Life
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship, Dan Smith Preaching, Healing Service
- 11:15 a.m. Children's Creative Arts Project
- 12:15 p.m. Coffee Hour, MJH
- 2:00 p.m. Spirituality and Mental Health 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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