



Feeding Sunday

**FIRST CHURCH
IN CAMBRIDGE**

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

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

SILENCE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

**All: On sloping ground, O Living Christ, you fed a multitude
with five small loaves and two dried fish.
Satisfy us also with pardon and good hope,
then send us to our neighbor's side
to feed and to be fed by your sweet grace.
In your dear name we pray. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

*GREETING OF PEACE

*HYMN 316 *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

READING John 6: 1- 15

SERMON

Dan Smith

RESPONSE OF FAITH

All are invited to come forward make sandwiches in the chancel area.

HYMN 311 *Let Us Break Bread Together*

HYMN 294 *Break Thou Bread of Life?*

HYMN 326 *Beneath the Forms of Outward Rite*

HYMN (*insert*) *Jesus Says, "Come!"*

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Panis Angelicus

Camille Saint-Saens

*Panis angelicus
fit panis hominum;
Dat panis coelicus
figuris terminum:
O res mirabilis!
Manducat Dominum
Pauper, servus et humilis.
Te trina Deitas
unaque poscimus:
Sic nos tu visita,
sicut te colimus;
Per tuas semitas
duc nos quo tendimus,
Ad lucem quam inhabitas.
Amen.*

*The angelic bread
becomes the bread of humanity;
The heavenly bread
ends all prefigurations:
What wonder!
The Lord nourishes
a poor and humble servant.
Triune God,
We beg of you:
visit us,
just as we worship you.
By your ways,
lead us where we are heading,
to the light in which you dwell.
Amen.*

*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.**

HOLY COMMUNION

*INVITATION

Terry McKinney

L: Dear friends, come now to this joyful feast!
C: **Come from the east and the west**
L: Come from the north and south!
C: **And let the children come too.**
L: Eat together the Bread of Life!
C: **And taste and see that God is good!**
L: Drink together the Cup of Joy!
C: **Filled to the brim with hope!**

*PREFACE

*SANCTUS

Ho - ly. Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord
God of pow'r and might, Heav'n and earth are full of thy
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est, Bles - sed is
he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est.

REMEMBERING JESUS

- L: Friends, now we remember Jesus and his generosity to us.
Silence
- L: We remember how he fed the five thousand people with only a loaf of bread and a few fish.
- C: **We remember how he never left anyone hungry.**
- L: We remember how Jesus welcomed the children.
- C: **We remember how he didn't turn them or anyone away.**
- L: We remember that the women came, early in the morning, on the third day.
- C: **They did not find him among the dead.**
- L: We remember that disciples met him on the road.
- C: **They knew him when he broke the bread.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

- L: He gave thanks, and shared it with them— his body, surrendered for all.
- C: **He gave thanks, and passed a cup to them— his life blood poured out for all.**
Do this, he said, and remember me.

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 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.**

AGNUS DEI



O Lamb of God who
takes a-way the sin of the world, look mer-ci-ful-ly on
us. O Lamb of God who takes a-way the sin of the
world, look mer-ci-ful-ly on us. O Lamb of God who
takes a-way the sin of the world, grant
us thy peace.

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. Red wine will be offered in a clear glass. White grape juice will be served in a ceramic chalice. Please approach the communion stations from the center aisles, and return to your pews via the side aisles. In the North Transept (opposite the choir), please approach via the aisle closest to the door and return via the other aisle. 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!

C: **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.**

*HYMN 102

Guide Me, O Thou, Great Jehovah

*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!"*

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Jesus says, "Come!"

Set a big ta - ble with your gifts and mine! Now throw the door o - pen, now
 Set a big ta - ble and draw up a chair! Tell stor - ies of Je - sus who
 Set a big ta - ble where all can be fed! Re - mem - ber, re - mem - ber the
 Set a big ta - ble, turn no one a - way! Who - ev - er is hun - gry is

put up a sign: Say, "God is here wai - ting with bread and with wine!"
 taught us to share our faith and our friend - ship, our joy and our care.
 night Je - sus said, "Friends, I am your life and your cup and your bread!"
 wel - come to stay! For this is God's ta - ble, and this is God's day!

Je - sus says, "Come!"
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*For the dedication of the Communion Quilt
 made by the Children's Worship and Arts
 program at First Church in Cambridge*

Easter Sunday 2005

For Sarah Higginbotham

Words: Mary Luti
 Music: Peter Sykes

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

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 Dan Smith, Senior Minister. Assisting with worship are Terry McKinney, Affiliate Minister of Mental Health Outreach, and Sarah Higginbotham, Director of Creative Worship & Arts. Our liturgist is First Church deacon Mark Destler. Peter Sykes, Director of Music, is playing the organ and directing the choir. Alice Dyer, Emma Weller, and Kate Weller are serving the bread.

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 or 617-547-2724 and we'll get the information to you.

TODAY'S COMMUNION AND OUTDOOR CHURCH

Today we celebrate on ongoing commitment to The Outdoor Church, a ministry to homeless men and women in Cambridge. Its mission is to take the church to those who cannot or will not reach it on their own. The Outdoor Church's ministries include Sunday services followed by a light meal and/or street outreach, Saturday meals, pastoral visiting and memorial services. Sunday services include a 9 a.m. Service of Prayer & Communion at Porter Square, a 1 p.m. Service of Prayer & Communion at Cambridge Common, and a 3:45 p.m. Service of Compline at the public plaza on River Street near Central Square.

The Outdoor Church is supported by member churches of the Harvard Square Clergy Association, including First Church in Cambridge. In early 2005, Rev. Jedediah Mannis, one of three ministers to the Outdoor Church, became an Affiliate Staff member at First Church. Our Creative Worship & Arts program began partnering with the Outdoor Church in October 2005 to provide three dozen lunches on the first Sunday of the month, and dozens of pairs of warm socks during the colder months of the year. Each Communion Sunday, the children of our Church School assemble PB&J, turkey, and ham sandwiches in Margaret Jewett Hall. They decorate paper lunch bags, which are filled with a sandwich, a banana, and a bit of chocolate. The children then return to worship with baskets of sandwiches to be blessed alongside our Communion Feast. The children share their sandwich-making ministry with us this morning as the Response of Faith in our worship. You are invited to work alongside them in the chancel to prepare the lunches. The children will continue to lead us as we celebrate Communion together. Three children will join the Deacons to serve the Communion bread - this month, it's sandwich bread! - to the congregation.

In January 2011, First Church member Dave Kidder began organizing the First Saturday sandwich-making project, which provides a bag supper to dozens of homeless men and women on an evening when there is no open soup kitchen in Cambridge. The Missions & Social Justice Committee has provided both financial support and volunteer time to this effort.

There is always an opportunity to support this ministry. Please consider now whether you can give an hour or more of your time. We need volunteers to bring our food offering to the Cambridge Common at 1:00 p.m. on the first Sunday of each month. We also need volunteers to make sandwiches and distribute them in the late afternoon on the First Saturday of each month. If you can help on a Sunday, contact Valerie Blanc at valerie.blanc@gmail.com. If you can help on a Saturday, contact Dave Kidder at flintkiddr@aol.com.

PRAYING WITH SCRIPTURE In addition to our recent 10:00 O'clock series on prayer in its various forms and traditions, some of you have participated in *Lectio Divina* or had recent experience with *Havruta*, two forms of praying with Scripture. Join Dan Smith and Terry McKinney for the 10:00 O'clock Hour today and next Sunday, May 13, in the Hastings Room, as we experience these prayer traditions further and explore their similarities and differences. Contact Dan, dsmith6@firstchurchcambridge.org, or Terry, temckinney@msn.com, with any questions.

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. today 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.

CAMBRIDGE CONCENTUS CONCERT TODAY First Church's Early-Music Ensemble in Residence Cambridge Concentus performs the last installment of its season of Firsts, titled "In his Father's Footsteps," at 3pm on Sunday, May 6, 2012 in the Sanctuary. The all-Bach program includes cantata *Jauchzet Gott in allen Landen* (in the rarely performed Wilhelm Friedemann Bach version with two trumpets and timpani) with Clara Rottsohlk as soprano soloist and Johann Sebastian's first Leipzig cantata *Du wahrer Gott und Davids Sohn*. Organist Balint Karosi opens the program on First Church's exuberant organ with Johann Sebastian's "St. Anne" Prelude and Fugue in Eb Major. For more information about Cambridge Concentus and their upcoming performances, please visit cambridgeconcentus.org or call (617) 952-4050.

FIRST CHURCH HAS A NEW WEBSITE Our brand new website is now "live". Please go to 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.

COVENANT DINNERS – SIGN UP TODAY AND HOSTS NEEDED 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. 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. Is hospitality one of your gifts? 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 about hosting or to sign up to attend a dinner, contact Marian Smith at msmith829@gmail.com, or (781) 648-1498.

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 kinds 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 or talk to Julian or Nellie Baxandall!

MAY 19 CHORAL WORKSHOP On Saturday, May 19th Night Song and First Church are jointly offering a choral workshop on Renaissance masterpieces from the Iberian Peninsula. The featured clinician will be Philip Lawson of The King's Singers. The morning session is for individual registrants. In the afternoon masterclass established choral ensembles will be coached by Lawson. For further information and on-line registration see www.nightsong.org or call Daryl Bichel at (617) 312-8328.

COMBINED CHOIR On May 20, the First Church Choir will be joined by the Chancel Choir of United Parish in Brookline to sing together Ralph Vaughan Williams' stirring and beautiful Mass in G Minor for Double Choir. This noble work was conceived for a worship service, but is now most often performed in concert since most church choirs are not large enough to meet its musical demands; combining two choirs together makes this possible, with a mix of Cambridge and Brookline singers in both choirs. This means that next Sunday, May 13, the First Church Choir will be in Brookline to sing the piece for the service there.

3rd SESSION INTRODUCTION TO "CANTERING PRAYER: A TRAINING RAIN COURSE FOR OPENING TO THE PRESENCE OF GOD" Since about 20 attendees at prior sessions expressed interest in more viewing and discussion of some highlights of the course, a 3rd session will be held at Christian Formation hour, Sunday, May 20. About half of this group directly expressed interest in viewing the full course in segments, with time for comments & discussion. Accordingly, time will be provided to discuss various ways we could make this happen. This course was developed by Thomas Keating, a leading proponent of Christian contemplative prayer (<http://www.contemplativeoutreach.org>). It has proven constructive for those trying to improve their attunement to spiritual experience and how such

experience can be harnessed, so to speak, for discernment of God's will and plans as it works in each of us.

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!

THANK YOU FROM THE SHELTER Many thanks from the shelter for the highly efficient, and esthetically appealing, lights installed in the bunk room. They replace very inefficient and frequently malfunctioning halogen lights installed as part of the shelter renovation 11 years ago.

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 or contact Janet at Olde Ipswich Tours, (978 356-5163).

VEOLIA CAMPAIGN Veolia is a multinational company with headquarters in Paris, France. Its main business involvement is in transportation and is currently running the Massachusetts Bay Commuter Railroad. Its contract with the MBCR expires in the fall. There is a campaign to not have the new contract renewed and the reasons are both based on the local and the international front. In November 2011, the MBCR was charged with 22 serious health and safety offenses at the Somerville Maintenance Facility which is run by Veolia. Money and service issues related to the running of the MBTA and the MBCR are in the paper almost daily -- one of the revelations that has come out recently is that in the last contract the MBCR/Veolia would be awarded \$42 million dollars for something they would be expected to do **RUN ON TIME**. The Palestine/Israel Task Team has joined others within metro Boston area in this campaign because Veolia also runs the buses in the Occupied Territory Settlements and is planning to build a tramway between Tel Aviv and Jerusalem - taking more land, which is not legally theirs, from the Palestinians. Members of the Task Team will be asking you to sign a petition over the next several weeks and can provide you with more information as needed. Please attend a formal presentation given by one of the organizers, Kade Crockford, after church on May 20.

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 Sundays in May and June at 8:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Night Song will continue in May and June - but with several changes. The starting time will be 8:30 PM, 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.

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, May 6

- 9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 9:45 a.m. Community Gathering Time, Margaret Jewett Hall
- 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 Compline, Sanctuary

Tuesday, May 8

- 12:00 a.m. Adult Formation, Dan Smith's office

Wednesday, May 9

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Dan Smith's office
- 7:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting, Hastings Room

Thursday, May 10

- 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Hastings Room

Sunday, May 13

Mothers Day

- 9:45 a.m. Community Gathering Time, MJH
- 10:00 a.m. Christian Formation
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship, Dan Smith, preaching
- 11:20 a.m. Church School for PreK-8th Grade
- 2:00 p.m. Mental Health and Spirituality Group, Tower Room
- 8:30 p.m. Night Song Compline, 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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