



FIRST CHURCH IN CAMBRIDGE

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FIRST CHURCH IN CAMBRIDGE, CONGREGATIONAL, UCC

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THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

GATHERING

VOLUNTARY

Partita

Johann Pachelbel

*HYMN 242

God of Life

*GREETING

Giselle Korn

L: Come, Holy Spirit!

C: Pour out your power on us, this day.

L: Grant us your wisdom and vision.

C: Give us insight, courage, and strength for the journey,

L: Guide us in your marvelous ways,

C: That our lips may sing your praise

and our lives may be a testament to you.

WORDS OF WELCOME

ANTHEM

How Wide is God's Welcome Trad./words by Amy Sens

*A woman's lost her coin; she cannot let it go.
She sweeps out all the corners, lets everybody know.
And when she finds the thing she's been looking for so long,
She cannot really help, it her heart breaks out in song.*

refrain:

*How wide is God's welcome to the wayfaring child?
As wide as the ocean or the bright and starry sky.
How wide is God's welcome to the lost and the least?
As wide as the west stretching out from the east.*

*A sheep out in the meadow has wandered off the track.
The shepherd leaves the others to bring the lost one back.
And when he finds the one he's been looking for so long,
He calls out to his neighbors to join him in his song.*

refrain

**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.*

*The younger son's gone rambling in a dry and dusty land.
He wants to see his family and wonders if he can.
He spent all that he had; he's regretful and alone.
He summons up his courage and sets his feet toward home.*

refrain

CONFESSING

INVITATION

Emma Blanc

SILENCE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

C: **Gracious God,
we have not loved you
or each other with our whole hearts.
Forgive us, we pray,
and lead us toward wholeness,
that we may be filled with your joy.
In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF GOD'S OF FORGIVENESS

*GREETING OF PEACE

*HYMN C-20

The Household of God

OPENING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

READING

Luke 15:3-12

Ivy Seek, Anna Wendelin,
and Dan Smith

REFLECTION

Dan Smith

CELEBRATING CHURCH SCHOOL STUDENTS AND TEACHERS Sarah Higginbotham

*HYMN 103

Jesus Loves Me

SHARING OUR LIFE TOGETHER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kate Layzer

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH AND WORLD

Karin Case

L: God be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

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

Jake Matias

OFFERTORY

Be Thou My Vision

Richard Shephard

*PENTECOST DOXOLOGY

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.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GOING FORTH

CELEBRATING OUR CAPITAL CAMPIAGN LEADERSHIP TEAM

*HYMN (*insert*)

For Such A Time As This

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE
Sawyer

Ultimate Jude

Paul

*Praise ye the Lord, above, praise ye the Lord!
Now unto the One who is able to keep you from falling,
and present you faultless before the presence of Glory with exceeding joy!
to the only wise God, our Savior, be glory and majesty,
both now and forever, amen!*

VOLUNTARY

Toccata

Johann Pachelbel

*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 Dan Smith, Senior Minister. Assisting with worship are Karin Case, Minister, Kate Layzer, Minister of Street Outreach, and Sarah Higginbotham, Director of Creative Worship & Arts. Peter Sykes, Director of Music, is playing the organ and directing the choir. The Family Choir is directed by Sarah Higginbotham. Our liturgists today are members of the Middler church school class.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED We pray for all members of the LGBTQ community who face discrimination, especially those affected by the state laws passed or under deliberation that are debating and dismantling protections for LGBTQ people. Please pray for all refugees and immigrants, for Syrians, and all who live with the threat of escalating violence. Please pray for a spirit of wisdom and understanding in this season of divisive election politics. Prayers of thanksgiving for Bretagne the last known rescue dog to respond to the World Trade Center on 9/11, Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, laid to rest this week, and all service animals who save and improve human lives. 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

OUR CHANGING FIRST CHURCH COMMUNITY Today at 10 a.m., in the Hastings

Room During this second of two 10 o'clock hours we will take some time to reflect on the very full program year that is coming to a close and also to take a longer view of our ever-changing First Church community. Today we will take some special time to share appreciations of long-time First Church leaders Gay and Dick Harter, who are preparing to move this summer after over 50 years in Cambridge and at First Church.

FAMILY CHOIR Today at 10:20 a.m., in the Sanctuary The Family Choir is rehearsing a bluegrass hymn with refreshing new lyrics by Amy Sens, a former First Church member and now minister of a UCC church in Baltimore. We will offer the song during today's worship.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY AND ALL-CHURCH PICNIC Today We'll celebrate the end of the Church School year with a multigenerational worship service full of gratitude and celebration for our experiences of Christian Formation throughout the year. Please join your First Church Community after worship as we break bread together for our annual church picnic. We'll gather immediately following the service on the Garden Street lawn (weather permitting - if it is raining we'll picnic in Margaret Jewett Hall), and you need only bring your appetite for good food and the company of friends.

NIGHT SONG: SOLEMN MYSTICAL COMPLINE Tonight at 8:30 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.

FUTURE HAPPENINGS

KARIN CASE WILL BE AWAY THIS SUMMER! Karin's Minister position is $\frac{3}{4}$ time. She works full time from September through mid-June (our program year) and is away during the summer months. She is celebrating worship with us today, and then takes her leave until she returns on Sunday, August 28. Dan Smith will be on call for any pastoral concerns over the summer months. Karin will be away from e-mail much of the summer and will access her church-related email when she returns that last week of August. She wishes you a wonderful summer!

NEWTOWNE FOUNDERS BREAKFAST Thursday, June 16 at 9 a.m., Hastings Room

Celebrating 45 years, the Newtowne School Community will meet with some of the First Church members, including Gay Harter and Susie Neubauer who co-founded Newtowne School, to share stories of Newtowne's beginning, its journey, and its current place in the community as a caring and nurturing place for a child's first school experience. Please RSVP to Hilary at director@newtowneschool if you plan to attend.

SUMMER MEDITATION TIME Mondays, beginning June 27, 6 - 7 p.m., the Well Everyone is invited to this quiet time apart, and any and all levels of experience and non-experience are most welcome. For more information: hopkinsjh@verizon.net

TEACH CHURCH SCHOOL NEXT YEAR Looking for a way to deepen your faith and your connection to First Church? Consider joining the Church School as a teacher or Youth Group leader. We have a thriving Christian Formation program for children and youth that is very successful because of the time and talent of our volunteer teachers. We are seeking adults to join teaching teams at all levels, from preschool to high school. If you would like to learn more about this important opportunity, please speak with Sarah Higginbotham.

FRIDAY CAFÉ T-SHIRTS ARE HERE! They were printed for us in Haiti by Seed Apparel, a socially responsible clothing company committed to promoting development in Haiti via a living wage, profit sharing, and safe working conditions. 25% of their profits are reinvested locally. We are excited to partner with them in spreading the word about our growing community ministry. Shirts will be available in Margaret Jewett Hall on Sundays and Fridays. Your donation of \$20 per shirt makes it possible to give shirts away for free to Friday Café guests. Make your check out to *First Church in Cambridge*, memo line *Friday Café t-shirt*. Kids shirts will be coming in the next shipment!

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PAYMENT UPDATE Thank you to all who have pledged financial support to our Capital Campaign. Many people have set up online giving payments, either quarterly, monthly, or weekly. Others have given by check. To date, we have received just over \$90,000 of the \$1,723,691.10 that has been pledged. According to the pledge cards, we are expecting to receive \$700,000 during 2016, which will be used to pay the bills for the architectural and engineering fees for the design phase of our project. If you are planning to give annually, and are able to do so during the summer months, that will help our cash flow! If you would like to give via a stock gift, please email karenmc@firstchurchcambridge.org to get the account number and DTC code that you will need to relay to your investment advisor, as well as to let her know what type of stock and the approximate date you plan to give, so that she can confirm the gift and record it properly on our books. Many thanks for your generous support of this exciting time in the life of our church!

ALL-CHURCH FALL RETREAT 2016: REGISTER NOW! Mark your calendars and register now for our annual First Church Retreat at Craigville Retreat Center on Cape Cod, September 30 - October 2, 2016. Join us for a community gathering that will include time for beach-walking, game-playing, small group sessions, large group worship, music and art-making, and more. Registration is online - click on "Spiritual Formation" under the Worship, Music & Spiritual Life tab on our website.

"THE MASSACHUSETTS CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING will be held on June 17-18 at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. You can view the livestream Friday at 7:15 p.m. to hear the keynote presentation by the Rev. Otis Moss III (Senior Pastor of Trinity UCC in Chicago) or closing worship Saturday at 1:00 p.m., or any of the four plenary sessions. The full schedule is here: <http://www.macucc.org/2016am#agenda> and the livestream may be found here: <http://livestream.com/UMassAmherst/MACUCC2016>. Join us online this year, and consider being one of our delegates next June!

OLIVE OIL SALE Thank you for the generous response to this past Sunday's Palestinian Olive Oil sale. Canaan Fair Trade is a collective of 1600 Palestinian families whose livelihood depends on the sale of the olive oil and other products they produce. Over the past several years, they have been successful to the point that they can provide educational scholarships to their youth. A women's collective has been formed and the women now earn money by making za'tar, maftoul [palestinian couscous], and dried tomato and olive tapenades. All the products that are sold by Canaan Fair Trade are organic and the farmers continually strive to develop more sustainable ways of farming because of settlement encroachment on their land which also impacts their water resources.

SUMMER AT FIRST CHURCH IN CAMBRIDGE

Throughout the summer church-school aged children are invited to remain in the sanctuary for the entire worship service. (The Nursery will continue to be staffed by our regular caregivers during the worship hour for toddlers and infants.) We hope that kids will join in our congregation's singing, praising, praying, and peace-passing. For quieter moments, such as the readings and sermon, books and activity packets are available in the corner by the side entrance.

We encourage children to pick a quiet activity to help them settle in during this time. If younger children are especially fidgety, families are welcome to move to the Hastings Room (with books and activity packets in hand), where speakers connected to the sanctuary sound system allow you to hear the service. Parents may also supervise their children on the outdoor playground or downstairs in the Sage Hall playspace.

*Through the months of July and August, **worship will be held at 10:00 a.m.**, with pick-up choir meeting at 9 a.m.*

The First Church office will be closed on Fridays throughout the summer. The building will remain open as usual, and a sexton will be in the building when it is open.

Looking Ahead

Sunday, June 12

- 9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 9:45 a.m. Community Gathering Time, Margaret Jewett Hall (MJH)
- 10:00 a.m. Christian Formation, Hastings Room
- 10:00 a.m. Family Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship and Children's Sunday
- 12:30 p.m. All-Church Picnic and Games, Church Lawn
- 8:30 p.m. Night Song Compline, Sanctuary

Wednesday, June 15

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Dan Smith's office
- 6:00 p.m. Stewardship Committee, the Well

Thursday, June 16

- 9:00 a.m. Newtowne Founders Breakfast, Hastings Room

Friday, June 17

- 1:00 p.m. Friday Café, MJH

Sunday, June 19

(No Christian Formation)

- 10:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship, Dan Smith, preaching
- 12:15 p.m. Refreshments on the Lawn (weather permitting)
- 8:30 p.m. Night Song Compline, Sanctuary

Sunday, June 26

(No Christian Formation)

- 10:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship, Sacrament of Baptism, Dan Smith, preaching
- 12:15 p.m. Refreshments on the Lawn (weather permitting)
- 3:00 p.m. Ordination of Krysia Bereday Burnham, Sanctuary
- 8:30 p.m. Night Song Compline

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