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## **FIRST CHURCH IN CAMBRIDGE**

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

FIRST CHURCH IN CAMBRIDGE, CONGREGATIONAL, UCC

June 17, 2012

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

VOLUNTARY

*Oh, Be Joyful, My Soul*

Georg Böhm

\*HYMN 12

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

\*GREETING

Peggy Bendroth

L: Come, enter into the household of God!

**C: Where all are welcomed home!**

L: Welcome to God's feast!

**C: Where all are fed, and no one ever goes hungry.**

L: Welcome to God's fountain of life!

**C: Where all may drink, and no one ever thirsts.**

L: Let us give praise in this place to God,

**C: who feeds the hungry, gives water to those who thirst,  
and welcomes us all home!**

WORDS OF WELCOME

Terry McKinney

ANTHEM

*Almighty and Everlasting God*

Gibbons

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

SILENCE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

**C: God of Mercy -  
Even as we try,  
step by step,  
to follow Jesus' path,  
we stray, we stumble,  
and we lose our aim.  
Even as we try,  
moment by moment,  
to love another  
as Jesus commands,**

*\*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.*

**we fall short and hurt each other.  
God, in your never-ending mercy  
forgive our waywardness,  
and the pain we cause others.  
And grant that, by your grace,  
we may follow Christ's path anew.  
In his name we pray. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

\*GREETING OF PEACE

\*HYMN 414 *This is a Day of New Beginnings*

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

READING Mark 8:27-30

READING Deuteronomy 30:15-20

SERMON

Ken Ziebell

\*HYMN 530 *Once to Every Heart and Nation*

PRAYERS FOR CHURCH AND WORLD

L: God be with you.

**C: And with your spirit.**

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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

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

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

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

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

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*Prevent Us*

Parry

\*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

\*HYMN 485

*Bless Now, O God, the Journey*

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

*Ultimate Jude*

Paul Sawyer

*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

*Fugue in C Major*

Dietrich Buextehude

## **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** Rev. Ken Ziebell, First Church member and EVENT Editor. Assisting with worship is Rev. Terry McKinney, Minister of Mental Health & Healing. Our liturgist is First Church member Peggy Bendroth. Peter Sykes, Director of Music, is playing the organ and directing the choir.

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

**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).

**WEBSITE UPDATE** Hopefully, by now you have all checked out our new website at [www.firstchurchcambridge.org](http://www.firstchurchcambridge.org). Feedback has been very positive, and thanks to those of you who have made comments and suggestions. We are far from finished, however! New content is being added, including events, audio, and Take Action! items. We are working on designing a 'members only' section so members (and regulars who aren't members) can access a parish directory and manage their own contact info and photos. And, in the meantime, please contact our webmaster, Sarah Higginbotham (shigginb@firstchurchcambridge.org), with any questions or concerns. If you have an event to add to the calendar, please contact Amy Click (aclick@firstchurchcambridge.org).

**GBIO HEALTH CARE WEBINAR - SAVE THE DATE!** On Thursday, June 21, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Parsonage, we'll be hosting the second Greater Boston Interfaith Organization (GBIO) webinar on health care cost containment. This version, "Why Provider Incentives Matter," will use role playing (a "typical" physician visit) to show how different approaches to paying doctors lead doctors to change the ways they practice. This should give us all a better idea of how some of the high-level policy proposals to contain costs actually work at the doctor/patient level. There will be opportunity to ask the presenters questions and have a discussion afterward. Hope you can come! Questions? Contact Dave Kidder (617-924-7236; flintkiddr@aol.com).

**4<sup>TH</sup> SESSION OF INTRODUCTION TO "CENTERING PRAYER: A TRAINING COURSE FOR OPENING TO THE PRESENCE OF GOD" & SUMMER PLANS FOR VIEWING FULL COURSE** Sunday June 24, 12:30 p.m., Hastings Room Given continued interest in more viewing and discussion of some highlights of the course, a 4<sup>th</sup> session will be held after services, Sunday, June 24. *For those interested in viewing the full course:* For 4-6 Sundays beginning Sunday July 1<sup>st</sup>, we will begin showing the full course in segments, with time for comments & discussion. The showings will begin around 11:15-11:30, after 10 a.m. services, in the Hastings Room. It must be emphasized that anyone who participates need not feel obligated to attend all or even most of the scheduled viewings. Each segment stands alone & is readily accessible to anyone who has attended one of the 4 introductory sessions we're providing. Appreciation to Dan, Terry and all participants for your assistance and encouragement!

**LANDSCAPING PROJECTS AT FIRST CHURCH** This summer, the church is undergoing several improvements to our grounds. We are replacing the fence and gate, putting in a new walkway with a more accessible grade, improving drainage, and bringing in fresh loam to level off the front yard closest to Garden Street. In addition, we had to remove several diseased trees near the sanctuary entryway. Many have remarked on how open and inviting the entrance now looks, and we plan on refinishing the doors as well to further emphasize our Open Door. We have an opportunity to select what is planted by the front doors. If you would like to designate a particular planting in memory of someone special, please contact Rich Goode (rgoode99@comcast.net) to discuss this. Otherwise, Buildings & Grounds will select the most appropriate plantings to complement our refreshed exterior look. Thanks for your patience as we complete these projects over the summer.

**COOKIES FOR COFFEE HOUR ALERT** Janet Lyman will shortly be resuming her former role soliciting cookies for Coffee Hour, phoning from her nursing home setting in Brookline. Please continue to respond to calls for cookies as you are able. Your caller ID will indicate a call from Brookline. When you receive a message from Janet, be sure to use the number she left in her message.

**SOUTH AFRICAN FIRST CHURCH FRIEND DON SHAY** needs a place to stay during his upcoming visit, June 23-30– for nights of 23-24 and the 29<sup>th</sup>. Don and his wife Suellen were an active part of this community last year when in town for a year-long program. Please contact Don directly via email at [donthay@mweb.co.za](mailto:donthay@mweb.co.za) if you can offer a space, or even if you could use a house sitter for that week.

**ORGANIC VEGETABLES FROM ROCKVILLE MARKET FARM!** Now's the time to sign-up for a farm share from Rockville Market Farm. Sign-up at <http://rockvillemarketfarm.com/> and select First Church Cambridge as your location. A bag of organic produce will be delivered to our Parsonage at 44 Garden Street each Thursday with your name on it. Easy pick-up from our garage fridge, whenever you can come by. Deliveries begin in mid to late June, can be paused for vacations, and are truly delicious!! Questions? Email Nancy at [nkkilburn@comcast.net](mailto:nkkilburn@comcast.net). Thank you for supporting organic farming!

**FAMILY SUMMER PROGRAM AT CRAIGVILLE RETREAT CENTER, AUGUST 5-11**  
For many years, a handful of First Church families have enjoyed a week on the Cape at Craigville Retreat Center. This year, PACE (Parent and Child Experience) includes a morning children's program, adult bible study, discussion groups, and art classes, and afternoon free time with beach privileges. Accommodations are in an historic inn with private bedrooms and three meals a day. \$545.00/adult; \$265.00/child; \$75.00/children before 1st grade; children under 2 are free. All are welcome - come to be refreshed and renewed to rejoice. Call Joanne Hartunian for more information, 617-484-0776, and speak with the Wendelin, Rohan Ball, or Jeffers Lo families for great stories of Craigville summer memories.

**SAVE THE DATE FOR THE 3RD ANNUAL FALL FAMILY RETREAT** Families of all ages and sizes are invited to join us on the third annual Fall Family Retreat at Craigville Conference Center on October 13-14, 2012. Spend 24 hours on the Cape with your church friends - we'll play, sing, eat, worship, laugh, and pray together. If you know you're in, please email Sarah Higginbotham, so she can coordinate housing needs with Craigville. Check the summer issue of EVENT (coming soon) for more information about how to sign up and for payment information.

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# Mission Moment

## *The Church in Every Moment*

The rhythm of our lives often changes during the summer, which is a good thing. It's wonderful if we're able to slow down and enjoy the beautiful outdoors, to stop and smell the flowers, and perhaps even to take a little vacation. But the rhythm of life in the church rarely skips a beat, even though some congregations may experience a few empty pews on Sunday mornings as folks travel and "take a Sunday off."

Our churches know that the regular work of the gospel goes on, day in and day out, in every season. The worship and pastoral needs of the local church, the justice work in the broader community, and the wider mission of the United Church all go on, even in August, and they are supported by the faithful giving of the people in the pews, whose generosity never takes a vacation.

Thank you for remembering to give generously in support of your church's ministry, even on Sundays when you are away from your own local congregation. Thank you for sharing the abundance with which you have been blessed so that the church, in every moment, can continue to be sign of God's healing and tender mercies in a beautiful but broken world.

**June 2012**

**God is still speaking,**

**UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST**



## SUMMER AT FIRST CHURCH IN CAMBRIDGE

*Starting now and continuing throughout the summer children are invited to remain in the sanctuary for the entire worship service. 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.*

*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 at all times.*

## SMALL GROUP AND WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

First Church maintains a busy schedule of small group activities and worship opportunities throughout the year, but we slow down a bit in the summer months. Here's a quick guide to what's happening when:

### Worship Services

***Night Song** continues to offer a 30-minute Compline service at 8:30 p.m. on Sundays through June and will resume its schedule of full services on Sundays at 7:00 p.m. in November.*

***Third Sunday Jazz at 5:00 pm** will return in September with a Regathering celebration on September 16th.*

### Small Groups

***Third Sunday Newcomer Sessions** after morning worship will be offered again beginning in September.*

***Tuesday Family Night** will re-start its bi-weekly schedule in late September.*

## The Week Ahead

### Today, June 17

#### Fathers Day

- 10:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship, Ken Ziebell, preaching
- 2:00 p.m. Mental Health and Spirituality Group, Tower Room
- 8:30 p.m. Night Song Compline, Sanctuary

### Wednesday, June 20

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Dan Smith's office
- 3:00 p.m. Missions & Social Justice Committee, Dan Smith's office

### Thursday, June 21

- 10:30 a.m. Building the Beloved Community, Dan Smith's office
- 7:00 p.m. GBIO Healthcare Webinar, Parsonage (44 Garden Street)

### Saturday, June 23

- 12:00 p.m. Men's Retreat, Jaffey, NH

### Sunday, June 24

- 10:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship, Healing Service, Dan Smith, leading
- 12:30 p.m. Introduction to Centering Prayer, Hastings Room
- 2:00 p.m. Mental Health and Spirituality Group, Tower Room
- 8:30 p.m. Night Song Compline, Sanctuary

## Looking Ahead

### Sunday, July 1

- 9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship, Multigenerational Communion (A time for healing prayer offered immediately following the service), Karen McArthur, preaching
- 11:15 a.m. Introduction to Centering Prayer, Hastings Room
- 1:00 p.m. Outdoor Church, Cambridge Common
- 2:00 p.m. Mental Health and Spirituality Group, Tower Room

## 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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