



FIRST CHURCH IN CAMBRIDGE

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

FIRST CHURCH IN CAMBRIDGE, CONGREGATIONAL, UCC

June 19, 2016

THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

GATHERING

VOLUNTARY

Come Sunday

*HYMN 470

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

*GREETING

Gail Breeze

L: Come, Holy Spirit!

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

L: Grant us your solace and healing.

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

L: Guide us in your amazing grace,

C: That our lips may sing your praise

and our lives may be a proclamation of your love.

WORDS OF WELCOME

Gail Breeze and Sarah Higginbotham

ANTHEM

Amazing Grace

CONFESSING

INVITATION

SILENCE

SUNG PRAYER OF CONFESSION *Kyrie Eleison (sung three times, notation on page 5)*

Translation: Lord, Have Mercy

DECLARATION OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

*GREETING OF PEACE

*HYMN 400

There Is a Balm in Gilead

**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.*

OPENING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

RESPONSIVE PSALM 46

- L: God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
- C: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;
though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.**
- L: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.
- C: God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns.**
- L: The nations are in an uproar, the empires totter;
God utters and the earth melts.
- C: The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.**
- L: Come, behold the works of God;
see what desolations the Holy One has brought on the earth.
- C: God makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
God breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
God burns the shields with fire.**
- L: 'Be still, and know that I am God!
I am exalted among the nations,
I am exalted in the earth.'
- C: The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

READINGS, PRAYER AND PROCLAMATION

Dan Smith

For our fathers, for our city, for Orlando, for Charleston one year later, for Juneteenth...

READING

Romans 8

Kate Layzer

*HYMN 401

Amazing Grace

SHARING OUR LIFE TOGETHER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH AND WORLD

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

OFFERTORY

Latin Jazz Doxology

*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

*HYMN 476

We Shall Overcome

*BENEDICTION

VOLUNTARY

The Creator Has a Master Plan

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 Kate Layzer, Minister of Street Outreach, and Sarah Higginbotham, Director of Creative Worship & Arts. Our liturgist today is First Church member Gail Breeze. Leading our music today are Willie Sordillo, alto saxophonist and Music Coordinator for the Thursday evening Jazz Service at Old South Church, Josh Rosen, piano, and Dave Landoni, bass.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED for all those who are affected by the terrible and tragic shooting in Orlando last weekend, especially the LGBTQ community - may God provide them comfort, strength and grace in the hard days ahead. Please hold in prayer our Muslim neighbors, as they observe this holy time of Ramadan, while facing the unfortunate fact of Islamaphobia in its many forms. 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. 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

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. Tonight: Gregorian chant from the Liber Usualis, Psalm 25 set by Patricia Van Ness, Hymn "Te lucis ante terminum," plainchant, Five-part motets by William Byrd and Orlando di Lasso.

FUTURE HAPPENINGS

KARIN CASE WILL BE AWAY THIS SUMMER! Karin's Minister position is three-quarter time. She works full time from September through mid-June (our program year) and is away during the summer months. She celebrated worship with us last Sunday and then took 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!

BACK TO THE GARDEN GROUP LUNCH Sunday, June 26, 12:30 - 2 p.m., Hastings Room Join us for quiche, salad, and regrouping to plan for summer watering and fall perennial and bulb planting. Contact Laurie Friedman (laurieannfriedman@gmail.com) and Jim Risling (james.risling@gmail.com) for more information.

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, please contact Hilary Hopkins at hopkinsjh@verizon.net.

FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION ON SUNDAY JULY 3 Add a few items to your shopping list this weekend: breakfast foods, peanut butter, even instant coffee! Thank you for caring.

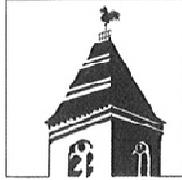
WEDDING INVITATION Peter Sykes and Henry Schoenfield request the pleasure of your company at their wedding ceremony to be held Saturday, July 23, 2016, at 1 p.m. Choir rehearsal is at noon for any who would like to sing Duruflé Ubi Caritas. Following the ceremony there will be cake and champagne for all in Margaret Jewett Hall. Please RSVP to peterandhenryswedding@gmail.com

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 Metropolitan Boston Association and
First Church in Cambridge , Congregational, UCC
cordially invite you to :

**the ordination to the Christian Ministry of
Krysia Bereday Burnham**

3:00 p.m.

June 26, 2016

First Church in Cambridge, Sanctuary

11 Garden St

Cambridge, MA 02138

**All are invited to a reception immediately
following the service in Margaret Jewett Hall**

Clergy are invited to robe
for the processional at 2:30 p.m.

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 play-space.

*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 19

(No Christian Formation)

- 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

Monday, June 20

- 7:30 p.m. Deacons Meeting, Hastings Room

Friday, June 24

- 1:00 p.m. Friday Café, MJH (Final Friday Café before the summer break. The Café will resume on September 9)

Saturday, June 25

- 5:00 p.m. Friday Café Volunteer Celebration, Parsonage (44 Garden St)

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

Sunday, July 3

- 9:00 a.m. Pick-up Choir, Sanctuary
- 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship, Karen McArthur, preaching, Multigenerational Communion-in-the-Round
- 1:00 p.m. Outdoor Church, Cambridge Common
- 8:30 p.m. Night Song Compline, Sanctuary

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.

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