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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 26, 2016**

**THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

GATHERING

VOLUNTARY

*A Fancie*

William Byrd

\*HYMN 252

*How Lovely, Lord, How Lovely*

\*GREETING

Moana Bentin

L: Grace and peace to you from God!

**C: God's grace and peace to all the world!**

L: Rejoice in the new day God has made!

**C: Rejoice in God's goodness in making all things!**

L: For God showers us with blessings.

**C: God's bounty flows from rivers of delight.**

**Come in, then and give praise to God!**

WORDS OF WELCOME

ANTHEM

*Gift of Charitie*

Carlton T. Russell

*O Lorde whiche doeste teache us  
that all our doynge without charitie  
are nothyng woorthie;  
sende thy holy ghost, and powre into our heartes that most excellent gyft of charitie,  
the very bond of peace and al vertues,  
without the whiche whosoever liueth  
is counted dead before thee:  
Graunte this for thy onlye sonne,  
Jesus Christes sake.  
- Thomas Cranmer (1489-1556)*

CONFESSING

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

SILENCE

*\*You are invited to stand. Hymns proceeded 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.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

**C: Gentle God, we bring before you our burdens,  
our misgivings about our ourselves,  
our need for reconciliation when we are isolated from others.  
Our thoughts, words and deeds have been barriers to your love.  
Help us, we pray, to look honestly at ourselves and to humbly repent.  
Help us to let go of our control,  
that we may breathe in the power of your love and grace. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

\*GREETING OF PEACE

\*HYMN 426

*I've Got Peace Like A River*

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

INVITATION

THE BAPTISMAL VOWS

THE CONGREGATION'S PROMISES

L: Jesus Christ welcomes everyone  
who desires new life  
into the faith and family of Christ.  
Do you who witness this sacrament  
promise this child of God your love, support and care?

**C: We do!**

L: Will you help her grow in faith  
and witness with her to the love and mercy of Christ?

**C: We will, with the help of God!**

L: Do you renew your own promises  
to live in the freedom of Christ, and resist the power of evil?

**C: We do, with the help of God!**

BLESSING OF THE WATER

THE BAPTISM

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

BLESSING

L: Let us ask God for a blessing!

**All: Holy God, Creator of us all,  
give to this child,  
strength for life's journey,  
courage in the time of trial,  
the joy of faith, the freedom of love,  
and the comfort of everlasting life.  
And may the grace of Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
be with us all forevermore. Amen.**

OPENING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

READING

Colossians 3:21-17

HYMN SING

Peter Sykes

SHARING OUR LIFE TOGETHER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dan Smith

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH AND WORLD

Kate Layzer

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

*O For a Closer Walk With God*

Stanford

\*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 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

*Galiarda*

William

Byrd

*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](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 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.

**LEADING WORSHIP TODAY** are Dan Smith, Senior Minister and Kate Layzer, Minister of Street Outreach. Assisting with the baptism is First Church Deacon Marian Smith. Our liturgist today is First Church member Moana Bentin, who serves on the Stewardship Committee. Playing the organ, directing the choir, and leading the hymn sing is Peter Sykes, Director of Music.

**YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED** as we all continue to grieve over the loss of life in the senseless and tragic shooting in Orlando on June 12. May God provide us comfort, strength, and grace as we stand up against hate and fear, and as we proclaim love and justice for all. Please hold in prayer our Muslim neighbors, as they observe this holy time of Ramadan, while facing the unfortunate fact of Islamophobia 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](mailto:parishadmin@firstchurchcambridge.org) or by calling 617-547-2724.

## **TODAY'S HAPPENINGS**

**BACK TO THE GARDEN GROUP LUNCH Today, 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 Rissling (james.rissling@gmail.com) for more information.

**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 IS 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 on June 12 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!

**SUMMER MEDITATION TIME Mondays, beginning tomorrow, June 27, 6 - 7 p.m., the Well** Experienced folks or those just curious are most welcome to this quiet time. For more information, please contact Hilary Hopkins at hopkinsjh@verizon.net.

**FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION THIS COMING SUNDAY July 3** Please remember to bring your donations, which are so important to those living with food insecurity. Thank you.

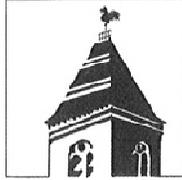
**WEDDING INVITATION** Peter Sykes and Henry Schoenfield request the pleasure of your company at their wedding ceremony to be held Saturday, July 23, 2016, at 1 p.m. Choir rehearsal is at noon for any who would like to sing Duruflé Ubi Caritas. Following the ceremony there will be cake and champagne 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. 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 teachers for our preK and kindergarten class. 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](mailto: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  
Kryisia 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 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)
- 12:30 p.m. Back to the Garden Group Lunch, Hastings Room
- 3:00 p.m. Ordination of Krysia Bereday Burnham, Sanctuary
- 8:30 p.m. Night Song Compline

### **Monday, June 27**

- 6:00 p.m. Summer Meditation, the Well

### **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
- 8:30 p.m. Night Song Compline, Sanctuary

### **Monday, July 4**

The First Church building and office will be closed in observance of Independence Day

### **Sunday, July 10**

- 9:00 a.m. Pick-up Choir
- 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship, Krysia Burnham, preaching
- 8:30 p.m. Night Song Compline, Sanctuary

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