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## **FIRST CHURCH IN CAMBRIDGE**

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United Church of Christ  
Garden and Mason Streets  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

**FIRST CHURCH IN CAMBRIDGE, CONGREGATIONAL, UCC**  
**September 23, 2012**  
**THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

VOLUNTARY *Prelude in E-Flat Major* J. S. Bach

\*HYMN 26 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

\*GREETING AND PRAISE George Dyer

L: Sisters and brothers, grace and peace to you from the living God!  
C: **And to every human heart, peace!**  
L: Come and draw near!  
C: **God welcomes the greatest and the least!**  
L: Come and draw near!  
C: **Here there is rest in God's embrace and solace in God's grace!**  
L: Come and draw near!  
C: **Here, where the last becomes first,**  
L: And the first becomes last!  
C: **And all sing praise to God the most High!**  
All: **All praises be to the Lord, the Almighty, the God of creation! Amen.**

WORDS OF WELCOME Terry McKinney

ANTHEM *Andover* William Billings

*Awake, my heart, arise my tongue, prepare a tuneful voice:  
For God the life of all my joys aloud will I rejoice.*

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

SILENCE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: Let us pray for healing, pardon and peace:  
C: **Our sins are too heavy to carry,  
too real to hide, and too deep to undo.  
Forgive what our lips tremble to name,  
what our hearts can no longer bear,  
and what has become for us a consuming fire.  
Set us free from a past that we cannot change;**

*\*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.*

**open us to a future in which we can be changed;  
and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image,  
through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

\*GREETING OF PEACE

*Children from PreK to 7th grade are now invited to leave for church school. Teachers will meet children at the side door to accompany them to their classrooms. Parents can meet their children in Lindsay Chapel (through Margaret Jewett Hall and to the left) after worship.*

\*HYMN 244

*Like a Tree Beside the Waters*

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

READING

Isaiah 11: 1-10

RESPONSIVE PSALM 1

- L: Happy are those  
who do not follow the advice of the wicked,  
C: **or take the path that sinners tread,  
or sit in the seat of scoffers;**  
L: but their delight is in the law of God,  
and on God's law they meditate day and night.  
C: **They are like trees  
planted by streams of water,  
which yield their fruit in its season,  
and their leaves do not wither.**  
L: In all that they do, they prosper.  
C: **The wicked are not so,  
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**  
L: Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,  
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;  
C: **for God watches over the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked will perish.**

READING

Mark 9: 30-37

SERMON

Dan Smith

\*HYMN C-20

*The Household of God*

TESTIMONY

Jennifer Stuart

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*My God, My Portion*

America Folk Hymn,  
arr. James Hopkins

*My God, my portion, and my love, my everlasting all,  
I've none but Thee in heav'n above, or on this earthly ball.  
What empty things are all the skies, and this inferior clod!  
There's nothing here deserves my joys, There's nothing like my God.  
In vain the bright, the burning sun scatters his feeble rays,  
'Tis Thy sweet beams create my noon: if Thou withdraw, 'tis night.  
My God, my portion, ad my love, My everlasting all,  
I've none but Thee in heav'n above, There's nothing like my God.*

\*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**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.**

PRAYERS FOR CHURCH AND WORLD

Reebee Girash

L: God be with you.

C: **And with your spirit.**

L: Let us pray...(silence, intercessions, 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.**

\*HYMN 444

*Lord of All Hopefulness*

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE      *Send me, Jesus (Thuma Mina)*      Hymn 344  
*The congregation is invited to join in the singing of this response.*

VOLUNTARY      *Fugue in E-Flat Major*      J. S. Bach

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## **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** Dan Smith, Senior Minister. Assisting with worship are Reebee Girash, Sabbatical Interim Minister and Terry McKinney, Minister of Mental Health & Healing. Our liturgist is George Dyer, member of the Christian Formation for Children & Youth Committee. Giving today's testimony is Jennifer Stuart, member of the Gifts Discernment/Nominating Committee. Peter Sykes, Director of Music, is playing the organ and directing the choir. Sarah Higginbotham, Director of Creative Worship & Arts, is away this week.

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.

## **TODAY'S HAPPENINGS**

**GIFTS DISCERNMENT COFFEE HOUR Today at 12:30 p.m., Margaret Jewett Hall** Got Gifts? Join us today after worship in Margaret Jewett Hall to learn more about standing committees, groups and different ways to become involved. We'd love to hear about your passions, interests and talents!

**MENTAL HEALTH & SPIRITUALITY GROUP Today at 2:00 p.m., Tower Room** 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 ([tmckinney@firstchurchcambridge.org](mailto:tmckinney@firstchurchcambridge.org)) or Carter West ([stbosal@arczip.com](mailto:stbosal@arczip.com)).

**CAMBRIDGE CONCENTUS CONCERT Today at 3 p.m., Sanctuary** Cambridge Concentus, First Church's Ensemble in Residence, with Joshua Rifkin as conductor presents *A Royal Welcome!* J. Haydn's "Theresienmesse" in Bb Major and String Quartet Op. 77, no. 1 in G Major on September 23 at 3 p.m. in the sanctuary. \$20 Suggested donation. ([www.cambridgeconcentus.org](http://www.cambridgeconcentus.org).)

**FIRST YOUTH GROUP GATHERING! Today at 4:00 p.m., McKenzie Library** All FCC youth and friends between 8th and 12th grade are invited to our first youth group meeting of the year! We'll gather today in the McKenzie Library from 4 p.m.- 5:30 p.m. to get to know one another (or to reunite with one another after the summer) and to start planning a great year together! The youth group will meet every other Sunday (typically 1st and 3rd Sundays) between 4 p.m.- 5:30 p.m. but this will vary based on the activities and location. Please contact Julie Rogers, Affiliate Minister for Youth and Young Adults at [JRogers@firstchurchcambridge.org](mailto:JRogers@firstchurchcambridge.org) to be added to the Youth Group e-mail list and to be kept up-to-date on events!

**NIGHT SONG: SOLEMN MYSTICAL COMPLINE Sundays in September and October at 8:30 p.m. Sanctuary.** Night Song will continue its 8:30 p.m. Compline service through the end of October. The setting is simple, with no icons, very few candles and no incense. And there is 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.

## **NO ORDINARY TIME: *Fall Adult Formation Opportunities***

With Dan on Sabbatical through January, Reebee Girash serving as Sabbatical Interim Minister, Terry now serving as half-time Minister of Mental Health & Healing, Julie Rogers among us as our Affiliate Minister of Youth & Young Adults, and Brent Coffin as Scholar-in-Residence, this fall and winter will be no ordinary time.

While there are seasons for proclamation, there are also seasons for deep listening. With so much new and changing, we have the chance to shift our awareness to listening deeply for how God is moving in our midst: sometimes stirring us, sometimes asking us to be still, meditating on where God is moving in our lives, the lives of others, and our congregation's future.

To reflect that, the theme of our adult formation activities during this season will be *No Ordinary Time: An Invitation to Listen and Learn*. Our 10 O'clock Hours will offer several opportunities to participate in this theme of listening and learning during a time of change. Starting on September 16th, our offerings will include:

- ◆ *Praying the Psalms*, in the Hastings Room, led by Terry McKinney and others: a six-week gathering to enter the Psalms more deeply, meditating on them, partnering in dialogue about their meaning to us, and praying about how they can and have shaped our lives. If you would like to follow along with the psalms, here they are in the order in which we will be reading them: #16, #42, #51, #116, #103, 46.
- ◆ *Living the Questions Café*, in Margaret Jewett Hall: an opportunity to get to know one another better and explore our faith more deeply, where each week a theme is introduced and shared for meaningful discussion in small groups. Our time each week will close with prayer.

Theme for Week Two (9/30): Beloved Community

What individual/congregational values help me/us commit to becoming a multi-racial/multi-cultural church? What are the scriptural bases for these values? Why are we working on Beloved Community?

*Scripture: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." 38 This is the greatest and first commandment. 39 And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' 40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." Matthew 22:37-40*

## **FUTURE HAPPENINGS**

**PARENTS' NIGHT OUT Friday, September 28** Families with young children (infants through elementary school) are invited to our first Fall Parents' Night Out on Friday, September 28, from **5:30 to 8:00 p.m.** Children play together in **Sage Hall**, our basement play space, under the supervision of a few volunteer parents and teenagers, while other parents enjoy an evening out. Pizza is provided for \$5/child, along with various craft activities geared to older children. Contact Amy Matias, amy.matias@verizon.net, if you'd like to participate. Teenagers who would like to organize games and activities for the younger children are most welcome — community service hours will be awarded. And save the date for our second PNO of the season, November 16.

**DAN'S SABBATICAL SEND-OFF, Sunday, September 30** Senior Minister Dan Smith will be on sabbatical October 1 - February 1. We plan to send him off with as many blessings and warm wishes as we can pack into Sunday, September 30. During Morning Worship we will have a liturgy of blessing for his time of rest and renewal. Dan and the congregation will also offer promises about his sabbatical time. After the worship service a luncheon is in the works. A number of folks will be working on this celebration. Contact Reebee Girash, rgirash@firstchurchcambridge.org, to get connected.

**BOOK GROUP: Hospitality, Food, and Communion** . We are finalizing the date for discussing the first half of *Take This Bread* by Sara Miles, for the week following World Communion Sunday in October. Contact Reebee for more info - and watch for the date in next week's bulletin (rgirash@firstchurchcambridge.org)

**PRAYERS AND PEDALS: A GROUP FOR CYCLISTS** For those who've done the Pan-Mass Challenge and those who bike to the closest T Stop, and those whose bikes keep whispering to you from the garage. For those who bike because it's green, because it's fun, because it's convenient, or because it's healthy. For those who ride recumbent and those who unicycle. **FIRST GATHERING:** Bike to church on 10/7, and then meet after the post-church Forum (around 1:45) to ride down to Memorial Drive for picnic and conversation. (Weather permitting, of course!) Contact Reebee for more info at rgirash@firstchurchcambridge.org.

**FALL FAMILY RETREAT, OCTOBER 13-14 - REGISTER NOW ONLINE** Families with children from infants to teenagers are invited to join us on the third annual Fall Family Retreat at Craigville Retreat 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. Registration is now taking place on our website - click on "Latest News" or visit the Children or Youth pages on the site.

## **GET INVOLVED**

**NO ORDINARY DINNER!** It's fall, and time to launch a new round of our wildly successful Covenant Dinners. Enjoy food, fellowship and conversation with other First Church folks in a home setting. Get to really know someone you may have just seen in church or at coffee hour. We need hosts to start the ball rolling for the next year. Please get in touch with Dave Kidder (flinkiddr@aol.com; 617-924-7236) or Beth Loomis (haas.d@comcast.net; 781-646-4780) if you'd like to host a dinner. Once we have a few dinners scheduled, we'll begin signing up diners at coffee hour. Thanks!

### **REGISTER YOUR CHILDREN & YOUTH FOR THE 2012-2013 PROGRAM YEAR**

All children from infants to teenagers can be registered for programs at First Church. We have moved to an online registration form, found on our website. We invite parents to please take a moment to register your children, so that we can be prepared to welcome them into the Nursery, Church School, Confirmation Class, or Youth Group. Speak with Sarah Higginbotham if you have questions or concerns.

**NEW "MEMBERS" AREA SECTION OF CHURCH WEBSITE** The new "members" area section of the website is up and running! Members and friends of First Church will be given a username and password to access this new section. Whether you have been a part of our congregation for a few weeks or for a lifetime, as an official member or a friend, you are welcome to sign on for access to our church directory, prayer requests, a First Church blog, small group announcements, board minutes, budgets, and more. Users will be able to update contact information, post photos and also email each other through our site (note: actual email addresses will remain hidden). In order to set up an initial version of our online member directory, we uploaded our current Parish List of contact information directly to the site. Your information will not be accessible to anyone but members and friends of our community. Please login and check it out!

**PASTORAL CARE TEAMS** Have you been interested in caring for fellow First Church folk who can't attend worship, could use extra support, or have something to celebrate? Our Pastoral Care Teams do just that by sending cards, making calls, bringing meals, and visiting. All these help remind people that they're a part of our First Church family, whatever their circumstances. If you have interest in participating or want to find out more, email Terry McKinney at [tmckinney@firstchurchcambridge.org](mailto:tmckinney@firstchurchcambridge.org), or call 781-643-7324.

**NIGHT SONG HELPERS NEEDED** Night Song is offering 1/2 hour Compline services at 8:30 on Sunday nights in our sanctuary from now through early November when they will return to their longer services starting at 7. Do you attend these services regularly or are you looking for an extra reason to do so? Night Song is looking for volunteers to help set out candles, hand out service bulletins and count attendees. If you are willing to help now or beginning in November, please contact Night Song Artistic Director Daryl Bichel at

darylrichel@aol.com. If you'd like to know more about Night Song, please visit our website and look under Worship, Music and Spiritual Life.

**EARTH STEWARDSHIP UPDATE** First Church Cambridge will receive \$100, thanks to the ten households that completed the free energy efficiency assessments with Next Step Living. Each completed efficiency assessment earns the church \$10, and each solar energy assessment earns \$50. If you are interested in signing up and learning about the rebates on work for which your home may be eligible, contact Susan Redlich (617-661-6462), member of the church's Earth Stewardship Team.

**HARVARD SQUARE HOMELESS COALITION** Representatives of St. James, University Lutheran, Christ Church, First Parish, First Church Shelter, Youth on Fire, Harvard Square Shelter, Bread and Jams, Eliot Community Human Services, and the Episcopal Chaplaincy met recently with the Cambridge Commissioner of Public Works and the Superintendent of the Cambridge Police Department. They sought city assistance in responding to the public health and safety concerns resulting due to the increased presence of poor and homeless people in Harvard Square. The City has agreed to take responsibility for providing access to sanitary facilities in Harvard Square. Please call the Departments of Public Works (617) 349-4800 and Human Service Programs (617) 349-6200 to encourage ongoing city action around these issues. For more information contact Jim Stewart (617) 661-1873 or [jstewart@firstchurchcambridge.org](mailto:jstewart@firstchurchcambridge.org).

### **SHELTER NEWS**

**PROJECT BREAD GRANT** The First Church Shelter received a grant of \$3400 from Project Bread-Walk for Hunger. The grant helps make sure shelter guests get balanced, nutritious meals. Participating in Project Bread's annual walk helps make grants like this possible. Thanks to Project Bread and to those First Church folks who support the effort to make sure no one goes hungry in our communities.

**SHELTER DIRECTOR** Jim Stewart is working with the Harvard Jewish student organization Hillel and the Harvard Divinity School Jewish Students Association who will be co-hosting a Sukkah Lecture Series on the theme of faith in action. He will also be presenting one of these lectures, which are a series of breakfast talks. The series will start on Monday, October 1 and will conclude on Friday, October 5. They will take place at 8:30 a.m. in the Sukkah, which is an outdoor structure located near the Andover parking lot, at the Divinity School. For more information, please contact Hilly Haber at [hih026@mail.harvard.edu](mailto:hih026@mail.harvard.edu).

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## 2ND ANNUAL SOCIAL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL 2012



Three Friday Evenings: Sept. 28, Oct 12, and 19

Three different, inspiring films showcase just such acts of courage and will leave you filled with hope! Come to one or all three. Brought to you by The Mission and Social Justice Committee, the Palestine/Israel Task Team, and the Beloved Community, whose members will lead post-film discussions. Each film will begin at 7 PM in Margaret Jewett Hall. Refreshments will be served.

"It is from numberless diverse acts of courage and belief that human history is shaped. Each time a man (sic) stands up for an ideal or acts to improve the lot of others, or strikes out against injustice, he/she sends forth a tiny ripple of hope." —Robert F. Kennedy.



**September 28**  
**Home Front:**  
Portraits from  
Sheikh Jarrah

Four video portraits chronicling the resolve of a neighborhood in East Jerusalem and the support it receives from the most unexpected of places. A Palestinian teenager, an American born Israeli mother, a Palestinian community organizer and a former Israeli soldier non-violently resist the takeover of a neighborhood by Israeli settlers.



**October 12**  
**Kinyarwanda:**

Forgiveness is Freedom  
Winner of many prizes in film festivals this is the moving story of acts of courage and community during the Rwandan genocide. Directed by Alrick Brown, Kinyarwanda is based on true accounts from survivors who took refuge in the mosques opened to them by local imams. The Missions and Social Justice Committee has invited the Islamic Society of Boston Cultural Center to participate in the showing of this film with a possibility it will also be shown there.



**October 19**  
**Can We Talk:**

Learning from  
Boston's Busing/  
Desegregation Crisis  
Commissioned by the Union of Minority Neighborhoods this film aspires to prompt a long over-due conversation about public education and racism, classism and social injustices that have plagued not only the Boston public schools, but the city of Boston as a community. Made by media producer Scott Mercer, the film contains many powerful stories of ordinary people. Donna Bivens, coordinator of the Boston Busing/Desegregation Project at UMN will be with us to lead the discussion.



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**FIRST CHURCH IN CAMBRIDGE, CONGREGATIONAL, UCC**  
**Fall Program Highlights: September - November, 2012**

***WORSHIP***

Morning Worship, every Sunday at 11 a.m., Sanctuary  
Third Sunday Jazz Service with Carolyn Wilkins, 5 p.m., Margaret Jewett Hall  
Night Song, every Sunday at 8:30 p.m. (7 p.m. after 11/1), Sanctuary

***SPIRITUAL FORMATION FOR ALL AGES***

*Adult Formation 10 O'Clock Hours (starting Sunday, September 16):*

Living the Questions, Sundays at 10 a.m., Margaret Jewett Hall  
Praying the Psalms, Sundays at 10 a.m., Hastings Room

*For Kids and Families*

Tuesday Family Nights, starts Tuesday, September 18  
Parents' Night Out, Fridays, September 28 and November 16  
Fall Family Retreat to Craigville, Saturday and Sunday, October 13 and 14  
Family Choir, starts Sunday, October 21

*For Youth*

Bi-Weekly Confirmation Class, Sundays at 4 p.m.  
Bi-Weekly Youth Group, Sundays at 4 p.m.

*Small Groups*

Weekly Mental Health and Spirituality Group  
Weekly *Havruta* Text Study Groups  
Take This Bread Book Group  
Prayers and Pedals (for Cyclists)  
Young Adults 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Brunch  
Honeycomb Collaborative

***SOCIAL JUSTICE AND OTHER CHURCH ACTIVITIES***

Disability Forum, 9/16 at 12:30 p.m.  
Gifts Discernment Coffee Hour, 9/23 at 12:30 p.m.  
Fall Film Festival 9/28, 10/12 and 10/19 all at 7 p.m.  
Dan's Sabbatical Sendoff Service and Lunch, Sunday, 9/30 at 12:15 p.m.  
Greater Boston Interfaith Org Candidates Forum with Elizabeth Warren and Scott Brown,  
10/15 at 7 p.m. at Temple Israel, Boston  
Annual Doris Beauvais First Church Shelter Lecture, 10/21 at 12:30 p.m.  
All Church Dance and Potluck, Nov 11/11 at 4 at 4 p.m.

## The Week Ahead

### **Sunday, September 23**

- 9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 9:45 a.m. Coffee/Gathering Time, Margaret Jewett Hall
- 10:00 a.m. Christian Formation
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship, Dan Smith, preaching
- 11:20 a.m. Church School classes for grades PreK-7
- 12:15 p.m. Gifts Discernment Coffee Hour
- 2:00 p.m. Mental Health and Spirituality Group, Tower Room
- 4:00 p.m. Youth Group, McKenzie Library
- 8:30 p.m. Night Song Compline, Sanctuary

### **Monday, September 24**

- 6:00 p.m. Building & Grounds Committee, Room 204
- 7:30 p.m. Executive Council Meeting, Hastings Room

### **Wednesday, September 26**

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Dan Smith's office

### **Thursday, September 27**

- 11:00 a.m. Staff Lunch
- 7:45 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Hastings Room

### **Friday, September 28**

- 5:30 p.m. Parents' Night Out, Sage Hall

### **Sunday, September 30**

- 9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 9:45 a.m. Coffee/Gathering Time, MJH
- 10:00 a.m. Christian Formation
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship, Dan Smith, preaching
- 11:20 a.m. Creative Arts for grades PreK-7
- 12:15 p.m. Sabbatical Farewell Lunch, MJH
- 2:00 p.m. Mental Health and Spirituality Group, Tower Room
- 4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class, Dan's Office
- 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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