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SEASON OF EPIPHANY

**FIRST CHURCH  
IN CAMBRIDGE**

Congregational 1633-1636

United Church of Christ

Garden and Mason Streets

Cambridge, Massachusetts

FIRST CHURCH  
IN CAMBRIDGE  
CONGREGATIONAL  
**384 YEARS**  
ON THE WAY  
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## WELCOME TO FIRST CHURCH IN CAMBRIDGE...

### Grounded in God • Growing in Community • Acting in Love

These past months have brought home to all of us the vital importance of working together to slow and limit the spread of Coronavirus. We know we are called to be a community of faith, not fear. We also know we are called to care for the most vulnerable in our midst, to be good stewards of our staff and resources, and to be good citizens of the wider community.

Under normal circumstances, people of faith would care for each other by drawing close together. It's what we do. It's who we are. In times of loss or threat, we respond by coming together to pray and to sing, to hug and hold each other tight.

Pandemics are different. During an outbreak such as the one we are facing now, we are called to care for each other by moving farther apart, creating a holy buffer of social distance. We do this not only for our own safety and the safety of the people around us, but in loving stewardship to our wider world.

Even when apart, we are not alone. God is with us, in every heartbeat, every breath: strengthening, comforting, and upholding us. Christ is with us, walking beside us, sharing our trials, speaking peace to our fears. The Spirit is with us, uniting us one to another across the barrier of physical distance.

These are temporary measures only. They won't last forever. We will rejoice and celebrate all the more when we are able to come back together, to share stories of what it was like, to laugh, to cry, and to share hugs and handshakes again. Until then, day by day, let's hold one another in prayer.

#### WORSHIP LEADERS

January 24, 2021

#### Preaching Today

Jaz Buchanan, Pastoral Associate

#### Leading Worship

Dan Smith, Senior Minister

Sarah Higginbotham, Director of Creative Worship & Arts

Peter Sykes, Music Director

Mary Robinson, Moderator

Lexi Boudreaux and Kris McQuage-Loukas, tech support

*The photograph on the bulletin cover is by Gaylen Morgan.*

## GATHERING

VOLUNTARY

Andante

Felix Mendelssohn

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CANDLELIGHTING

Mary Robinson and Dan Smith

\*HYMN 503

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

*(see page 4)*

\*GREETING

L: Sisters, brothers, siblings, come, let us gather in prayer and song.

C: **Come, one and all, across screens and devices, across time and space.**

L: Here, gathered together, may God's glory embolden us with strength and courage.

C: **Here, may God's glory light the path towards healing and justice.**

L: Here, may God's glory kindle sustaining hope and faith in each of our hearts,

C: **as we glorify God and all of her holy mysteries and revelations.**

ANTHEM

Amazing Grace  
*First Church Choir, 2018*

Trad., arr. P. Sykes

## CONFESSING

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

SILENCE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

All: **God of Glory, you have given light to the world through Jesus Christ,  
But, seeking comfort in privilege and power,  
distracting ourselves with wealth and possessions,  
exploiting the earth and all of Your sacred creation,  
we are led away from You.  
Forgive us, and lead us to repent and return.  
Help us to see with our hearts and our imaginations,  
as we journey through holy darkness with you,  
discovering Your Light in unexpected corners,  
illuminating justice, righteousness and peace.  
Amen.**

## DECLARATION OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

L: Friends, hear this good news: God's love lights our way to a new dawn, and God's mercy is working in our hearts even now.  
The light of Christ and the peace of God be with you always.

**C: And also with you!**

L: Let us share this good news and greet one another now with a sign of Christ's peace.

## \*GREETING OF PEACE

## OPENING THE WORD

## PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

### RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 62: 5-12

L: You've heard my vows, O God,  
and given me the inheritance  
reserved for those who revere your Name.

**C: To my life as a ruler, add one day, then another,  
then year upon year and generation upon generation.**

L: Let me rule in God's presence forever,  
and let love and faithfulness be my protectors.

**C: Then I will sing praises forever to your name  
as I fulfill my vows day after day.**

### READING

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

### SERMON

Jaz Buchanan

## SHARING OUR LIFE TOGETHER

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sarah Higginbotham

### PRAYERS FOR 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 Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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**

### **\*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**To God, all glorious heavenly Light,  
to Christ revealed in earthly night,  
to God the Spirit now we raise  
our joyful songs of thankful praise. Amen.**

## **GOING FORTH**

### **\*HYMN 160**

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

*(see page 5)*

### **\*BENEDICTION**

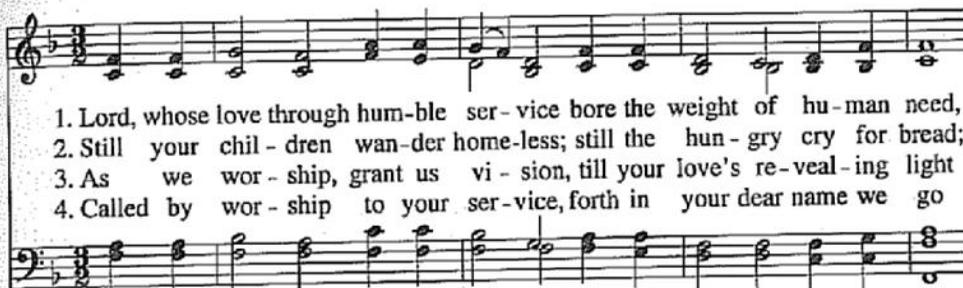
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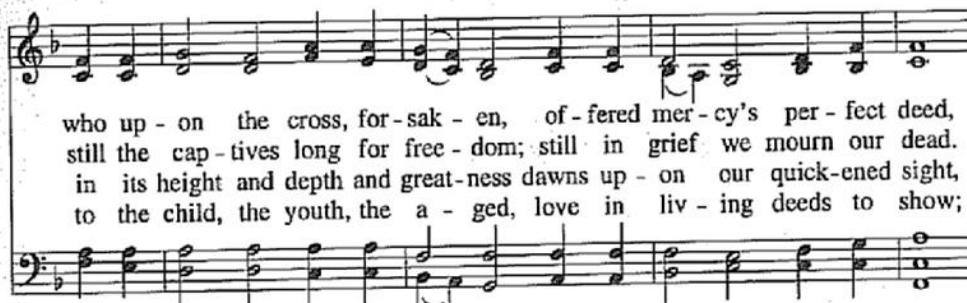
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## OPENING HYMN

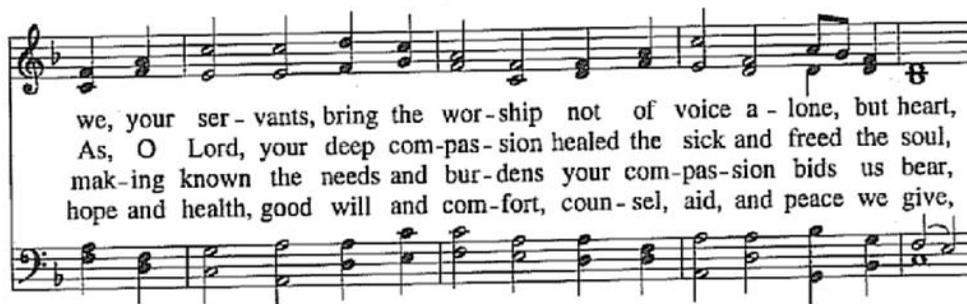
### Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service



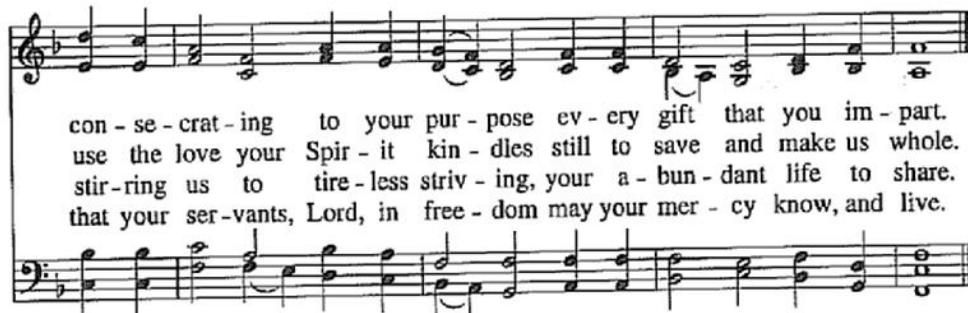
1. Lord, whose love through hum-ble ser-vice bore the weight of hu-man need,  
 2. Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry cry for bread;  
 3. As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, till your love's re-veal-ing light  
 4. Called by wor-ship to your ser-vice, forth in your dear name we go



who up-on the cross, for-sak-en, of-fered mer-cy's per-fect deed,  
 still the cap-tives long for free-dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.  
 in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up-on our quick-ened sight,  
 to the child, the youth, the a-ged, love in liv-ing deeds to show;



we, your ser-vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a-lone, but heart,  
 As, O Lord, your deep com-pas-sion healed the sick and freed the soul,  
 mak-ing known the needs and bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,  
 hope and health, good will and com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give,



con-se-crat-ing to your pur-pose ev-ery gift that you im-part.  
 use the love your Spir-it kin-dles still to save and make us whole.  
 stir-ring us to tire-less striv-ing, your a-bun-dant life to share.  
 that your ser-vants, Lord, in free-dom may your mer-cy know, and live.

WORDS: Albert F. Bayly, 1961, alt.  
 MUSIC: *The Sacred Harp*, 1844; harm. FCC, 1997

BEACH SPRING  
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# CLOSING HYMN

## Go, Tell It on the Mountain

*Refrain*

Go, tell it on the moun - tain, o - ver the hills and ev - ery - where;

*Fine*

go, tell it on the moun - tain, that Je - sus Christ is born!

1. While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si-lent flocks by night, be -  
2. The shep-herds feared and trem-bled when lo! a - bove the earth rang  
3. Down in a low - ly man - ger the hum-ble Christ was born, and

*to Refrain*

hold through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho - ly light.  
out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.  
God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ - mas morn.

WORDS: Stanzas, John W. Work II, 1907; refrain, African - American spiritual  
MUSIC: African-American spiritual, arr. John W. Work III, 1940

GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN  
76.76 w. refrain

## COMMUNITY PRAYERS

- We pray for the 5 staff and 11 guests of the First Church Shelter who tested positive recently for COVID-19. After more than 10 months of Covid-free operations, the Shelter has temporarily closed, and guests have been relocated to other shelters or state-run hotels. We pray for their comfort and healing and for a safe return to First Church soon.
- We pray for both Nathan and Peter Wilson-Braun, who have separately tested positive for COVID-19: Nathan, after his time working in the First Church Shelter and Peter, who has been living in Maine offering homecare services. We pray for the health and safety of the entire Wilson-Braun family, who are also grieving the loss of their family dog Baxter, who died on Tuesday.
- We pray for Jim Cairns’s mother Betsy, who was recently diagnosed with cancer and underwent surgery.
- We pray for all who are in treatment for cancer: Sarah Robinson, daughter of Mary Robinson and Mary Martha Thiel; Ron Paquette, Caroline Newton’s father; Penny Kilburn, Nancy Kilburn’s mother; Katie, Moana Bentin’s sister; Amy Golodet, Jonathan New’s sister-in-law; Karen Anne Zee’s daughter Becky Collet, and for her sons-in-law, Denis Collet and Stewart Bailey; and Beth and Polly, Ann McCann’s sisters.
- We continue to pray for all who are grieving the loss of loved ones to COVID-19. We pray for the “long-haulers”—those who continue to live with symptoms from the disease. We continue to lift up health care professionals and essential workers, that they may feel supported and cared for.
- We pray for Native communities who are grieving the loss of tribal elders and family members. The COVID-19 virus has killed American Indians at especially high rates, robbing tribes of precious bonds and repositories of language and tradition.
- We pray for our sharply divided nation in the midst of this historic time of unrest and for all in positions of leadership.
- We pray for all who are caregivers—caring for elderly parents, for those with dementia, for young children, for older children, for those struggling with addiction, depression, anxiety—and for all those they care for.
- We pray for all who continue to name, confront, and work toward the eradication of white supremacy and white privilege.

## COMMUNITY PRAYERS

- We pray for those who seek sanctuary in houses of worship around the country, including our partner University Lutheran Church in Harvard Square. We pray for solace and security for immigrants and all those who live in fear and anxiety over their status in this country. We also pray for all who work for a just and compassionate future for immigrants and asylum seekers.
- We pray that God may grant us the strength to confront and combat the many realities of the climate crisis, and that we and our leaders may be empowered to take bold steps to care for God's creation. We pray especially for the poor, who are disproportionately affected by our inaction.

## NEWS FROM THE FIRST CHURCH SHELTER

Dear First Church,

We have sad news to share. We recently learned of our first two cases of COVID-19 at the First Church Shelter, this after 10 months of being COVID-free. Cambridge Public Health and the Cambridge Health Alliance (CHA) were notified immediately; they began administering rigorous contact tracing, advising us on isolation measures for those exposed, and ensuring that all guests and staff were tested. Results of those tests finally came through on Saturday, January 16. Sadly, we learned that there are now 11 cases amongst the guests and 5 amongst the staff, including Jim Stewart. All are relatively asymptomatic so far, and we pray this continues to be the case.

Over the course of the day on Saturday, January 16, in consultation with CHA and MEMA (Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency), we were able to quickly relocate all guests and to temporarily close the Shelter to prevent further spread. The COVID-positive guests are now staying in private rooms in a state-run hotel with 24-hour nursing care for COVID-positive homeless people. Unfortunately, along with the temporary closing of the Shelter, we have had to put on hiatus the four weekly evening meal distributions from our Tower Room.

We are grateful to Jim Stewart, along with staff at CHA, MEMA, and the temporary shelter on Green Street, who have done extraordinary work to help make the above changes happen so swiftly. Please pray for all guests and staff who tested positive, that they may remain comfortable, get the rest they need, and return to health soon. We also pray for all who may have been exposed and who may be worrying or awaiting test results.

Finally, two uplifting notes: First, to have made it 10 months without a case is surely a testament to the steadfast care of our First Church Shelter and their diligence in following safety protocols. Kudos to Jim and the Shelter staff for their truly remarkable efforts to date! And secondly, though we wish it had come earlier, we are grateful to report that all Shelter staff received vaccinations during the week prior to the test results. As soon as it is safe for guests to return, the Shelter will reopen and continue to move from strength to strength.

Yours in faith,

Dan Smith, Senior Minister  
Mary Robinson, Moderator  
Don Johnson and Jan Lo, Shelter Oversight Committee Co-Chairs

*The original version of this letter was sent via email to our all-church email list and posted on our website on January 17, 2021. If you wish to add your address to our email list, you may do so [here](#).*

## TODAY AT FIRST CHURCH

**ADULT FORMATION: CONVERSATION ABOUT BECOMING AN ANTI-RACIST CHURCH Today, 9:30 a.m., via Zoom** With help from our Community Minister for Racial Justice Carlyle Stewart, church leaders have been drafting a new language for our vision of becoming an anti-racist church. Please join us today for a discussion of this vision. Dan Smith and Karlene Griffiths-Sekou will be leading. A final version of the vision will be presented at our Annual Meeting on January 31. You can find the [Zoom information for this event](#) on our website calendar.

**CHILDREN'S FORMATION: REMOTE CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES Today, 9:30 a.m., via Zoom** Our four church school classes meet today, which includes Godly Play Alpha, Godly Play Omega, Bible 101, and Faith & Social Justice. All children from preschool to 8th grade are invited to join the Church School Zoom to be placed in their class's breakout room. You can find the [Zoom information for this event](#) on our website calendar.

**ZOOM COFFEE HOUR Today, 12:15 p.m., via Zoom** Join us following worship to share joys and concerns. You can find the [Zoom information for this event](#) on our website calendar.

**NEW TO FIRST CHURCH?** Have you just begun joining us for online worship? Consider filling out this ["virtual visitor card"](#) so that we might reach out and connect with you about our community.

**PLEASE BE CAREFUL OF EMAIL SCAMS** We are observing an uptick in phishing scams impersonating church staff via email. If you receive an email claiming to be from Dan Smith (or another staff) that asks for an email reply because he is in a meeting, please double-check the sending address. Please note that if the sender is using an email address other than an @firstchurchcambridge.org address, it is most likely a scam. Please do not respond. Church staff would never ask for any kind of donations to be sent directly to them (or directly to others). The scammers have been able to pull enough information from church websites to make the email sound legitimate. Scams have become more and more sophisticated! If you are still wondering, please be sure to speak directly with Dan or to the staff person involved before responding.

## FIRST CHURCH NEWS AND EVENTS

**ECCLESIASTICAL COUNCIL FOR KARLENE GRIFFITHS-SEKOU** Tuesday, February 2, 7:00 p.m., via Zoom First Church member in discernment Karlene Griffiths-Sekou invites us all to her Ecclesiastical Council. This marks the final step in her preparation for ordination in the United Church of Christ. To attend, [please register here](#) to receive the Zoom invitation.

**ADULT FORMATION: RACE AND CLASSICAL MUSIC WITH PETER SYKES** Sundays, February 7 and 14, 9:30 p.m., via Zoom Discussions of racism in classical music have become as timely and important as they are in any other field. Music Director Peter Sykes will share the work he has done in his classes at the Juilliard School, examining colonialist history and ways of moving forward with diversity both of and in classical music in order to create a truly inclusive art.

**A CALL FOR WINTER AND LENTEN FAITH & LIFE GROUP LEADERS** Are you interested in leading a small group via Zoom? Faith & Life Groups are designed to encourage meaningful connections through shared interests, whether exploring a spiritual practice, opening our eyes to the beauty around us, delving into a challenging social issue, or attending to significant life stages (parenting, ageing, job transitions, etc.) Faith & Life Groups involve making a short-term commitment (a single session to several weeks, depending on the group). If you are looking for a great way to dip your toes into the life of our church and stay connected outside of Sunday Worship, this is for you! Questions? ***Looking to lead a group? Please contact Pastoral Associate Lexi Boudreaux by Wednesday, January 27.***

**PRAYING THE PSALMS GROUP** Tuesday mornings, 7:45 a.m. - 9:00 a.m., via Zoom Our Praying the Psalms group has resumed weekly meetings via Zoom. The group is set up to accompany individual reading of one Psalm per day, starting with Psalm 1 on January 1. Each Tuesday at 7:45 a.m., we gather online for a time of soulful check-in and shared reflection about the Psalms of the week. Feel free to drop in virtually when you can, or plan to make it a regular part of your week. See the calendar on our website for the Zoom information.

**YOUNG ADULTS' WINTER GATHERINGS** First Church 20- and 30-somethings are invited to gather via Zoom for a series of "Gentle Blasphemy" get-togethers at 7:00 p.m. on the following dates: Wednesday, January 27; Sunday, February 7; Monday, February 15; and Thursday, February 25. To join the Young Adults' email list, send a message to: [youngadults@firstchurchcambridge.org](mailto:youngadults@firstchurchcambridge.org)

**WEEKLY FCC PROFESSIONAL CAREGIVERS' CALL** First and Third Tuesdays, 4:00 p.m., via Zoom Hospital workers, homecare workers, therapists, chaplains, doctors, nurses, caregivers and essential workers of all kinds — would it help to talk and share your experience with others at First Church? If you've been flat out and barely able to come up for air, please drop-in when you can

## FIRST CHURCH NEWS AND EVENTS

for a time to listen, share, pray, and process. Our next session held via Zoom is **Tuesday, February 2**. You can find the Zoom information for this event on our website calendar.

**BOSTON UNIVERSITY GRANT EXTENDS TIME WITH CARLYLE STEWART, COMMUNITY MINISTER FOR RACIAL JUSTICE** Good news, church! Thanks to renewed funding from our BU School of Theology Creative Callings Project grant, Carlyle Stewart, our Community Minister for Racial Justice, will continue to be with us through most 2021. Carlyle will be preaching on February 21 and helping lead an FCC leadership retreat soon after. In addition, he will be continuing to lead weekly theological reflection sessions on biblical and spiritual themes related to our work of becoming an anti-racist church.

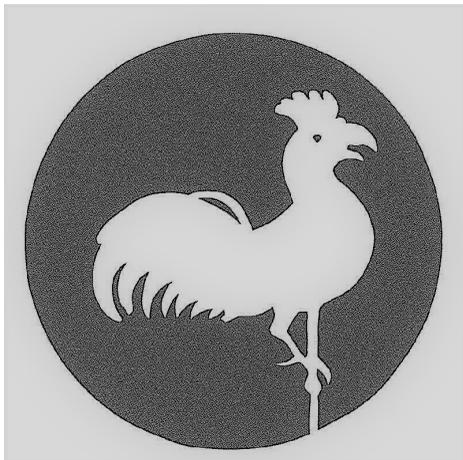
**PRAYER SHAWLS FOR OUR NEW CONFERENCE** Do you like to knit, crochet, or sew? Rev. Darrell Goodwin, the new General Minister of [SNEUCC](#) (the Southern New England Conference of the United Church of Christ—that's us) is asking for prayer shawls for conference staff, ministers, and partners—tangible signs that we are wrapping them in prayer. Watch Rev. Goodwin's recent [video](#) to learn more, and follow him on social media @RevDGoodwin to keep up with what's happening in the life of our conference!

**BIPOC SPACE, TIME, AND COMMUNITY** If you are a Black, Indigenous or Person of Color (BIPOC) member of First Church, please consider joining our periodic Zoom meetings designed as active listening sessions to reflect, heal, support one another, and build community. Please contact Moana Bentin ([moana.bentin@gmail.com](mailto:moana.bentin@gmail.com)) with questions or to receive a Zoom invitation to participate. This group is by BIPOC for BIPOC.

**ONLINE WORSHIP LITURGISTS** Assist in worship, either in-person or via video. [Sign up here](#), and you will receive an email with instructions on how to contribute! Questions? Contact Lexi Boudreaux: [lexi@firstchurchcambridge.org](mailto:lexi@firstchurchcambridge.org)

**HAVE YOU PLEDGED?** We have received pledges totaling just under \$525,000, which is 87% of the way to our 2021 pledge goal. Many thanks to all who have responded so far. Is your piece of our puzzle not yet in place? The Stewardship Committee would love to send you your thank you gift this week! [Make your pledge online](#) and then [check out how we've pieced together our progress](#).

## CALL TO ANNUAL MEETING



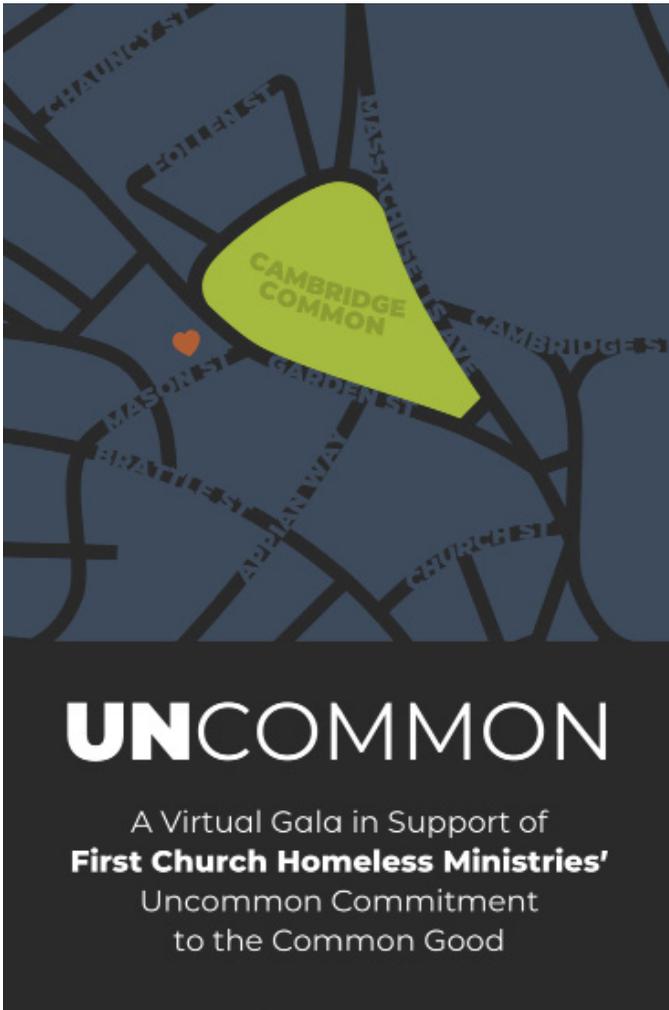
Notice is hereby given that  
[the Annual Meeting](#)  
of First Church in Cambridge,  
Congregational, United Church of Christ,  
will be held in its 385th year  
at 12:30 p.m.,  
Sunday the 31st of January, 2021,  
by Zoom conference:

1. to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2020, Annual Meeting and the minutes of the November 22, 2020, Special Meeting,
2. to receive and act upon the 2020 reports of the Staff, Officers, Executive Council, Boards, Committees, Teams, and Groups of the Church,
3. to consider a Vision for Being an Anti-Racist Church, and
4. to consider any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

By direction of the Executive Council,

David Kidder, Clerk *pro tempore*  
Cambridge, Massachusetts  
January 7, 2021

## HOMELESS MINISTRIES GALA



### FIRST CHURCH HOMELESS MINISTRIES UNCOMMON VIRTUAL GALA

**Saturday, February 20, 7:00 pm**

Please join Homeless Ministries at our virtual gala, as we celebrate the Cambridge community's uncommon commitment to the common good, even in the midst of pandemic.

Our guest speaker will be acclaimed philosopher Michael Sandel, author of *The Tyranny of Merit: What's Become of the Common Good?*

Tickets are \$20 each, and include a Zoom book group session as well as a cooking demonstration by celebrity chef Tony Maws.

Visit the [gala website](#) for tickets and info about how to purchase the book.

Do you know people who share your concern about homelessness, or who might be interested in what Michael Sandel has to say? Please help us spread the word by sending them this link, or by sharing our [Facebook event](#) with your followers!

## WIDER COMMUNITY ACTIONS AND EVENTS

**MASS SUPPORT**  
A BRANCH OF RIVERSIDE TRAUMA CENTER

*Coping Groups*

A SUPPORTIVE VIRTUAL SPACE TO CONNECT AND SHARE

Free & Confidential  
Facilitated by Trained Counselors/Clinicians

**FOR THOSE FEELING ISOLATED**  
Tuesday, January 26 at 7pm  
Thursday, January 28 at 11am

**FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS WITH CHILDREN BEING SCHOOLED REMOTELY**  
Tuesday, February 2 at 7pm  
Thursday, February 4 at 11am

**FOR COVID-19 SURVIVORS**  
Tuesday, February 9 at 7pm  
Thursday, February 11 at 11am

**FOR HEALTHCARE AND MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDERS**  
Tuesday, February 16 at 7pm  
Thursday, February 18 at 11am

**REGISTER FOR A FREE, CONFIDENTIAL COPING GROUP** [MassSupport Network](#), which provides free community outreach and support services across the state in response to the unprecedented public health crisis of COVID-19, is offering a series of free and confidential virtual coping groups for people who:

- are feeling isolated ([January 26](#) & [January 28](#))
- have children who are remote-schooling ([February 2](#) & [February 4](#))
- have survived COVID-19 or are fighting it ([February 9](#) & [February 11](#))
- are a health or mental health worker providing services during the pandemic ([February 16](#) & [February 18](#))

With so many feeling isolated and/or stressed, connecting with others who share similar experiences can be invaluable. Sharing and reflecting in a supportive space with others who understand can enhance coping skills and strategies, reduce anxiety and stress, create a sense of connection and community, help us to process, learn about our strengths, and gain new ideas. Resources are also provided. [MassSupport](#) is a Crisis Counseling Program (CCP), funded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and managed in partnership between the Massachusetts Department of Mental Health and Riverside Trauma Center, a program of Riverside Community Care.

**A CALL FROM ECO-AMERICA / BLESSED TOMORROW** The United Church of Christ (our denomination) is a partner in [blessedtomorrow.org](#), a coalition of diverse religious partners working to advance climate solutions in faithful service to God. First Church's Earth Stewardship Group invites you to sign on to MomentUs, a statement seeking ambitious climate policies from local, regional and national policymakers that eliminate carbon pollution, restore thriving natural systems, and prioritize justice and equity to protect and support all Americans. These solutions must halve carbon emissions each decade going forward, begin removing existing carbon pollution and correct racial, cultural, and economically based inequities and injustices. Learn more and sign at [bit.ly/3aNq65m](https://bit.ly/3aNq65m). Questions? Contact Jim Brown: [jobrown773@gmail.com](mailto:jobrown773@gmail.com)

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### **FREE COVID TESTING NOW AVAILABLE FOR ALL WHO LIVE, WORK, AND PRAY IN CAMBRIDGE**

The City of Cambridge and Cambridge Public Health Department (CPHD) are offering [free COVID-19 testing](#) for Cambridge residents and, we are told, for all who work and pray in Cambridge. The PCR tests are anterior nasal swab tests and not the nasopharyngeal swab test that go all the way back in the nasal passages. No identification or Social Security number is required. All sites are wheelchair accessible. Available testing appointments can book up quickly, but please keep checking back as new appointments will be added when they become available. When you sign up for an appointment, you will be asked for your address and to “Select all that apply: \*I am a Cambridge resident \*I am an employee in Cambridge \*I am a City of Cambridge employee \*None of the above.” If you don’t live or work in Cambridge, be sure to select \*None of the Above and then list in the address line that follows: “Member of First Church in Cambridge, 11 Garden Street, Cambridge, MA.” To schedule an appointment, [sign up online](#) or call 617-349-9788.

**FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS WELCOME** Patrons need cereal, canned veggies and fruit, proteins (canned chicken & peanut butter especially); feminine products and diapers very welcome. Please do not donate fresh food or anything already opened. Deliver to Hilary’s front porch, 30 Winslow St., Cambridge, ¾ mile up Garden St. from FCC, first street on right after Garden and Sherman diverge. There is a wreath on the front door and a storage box on the porch: pull up its lid, close firmly, ring bell for #30 on silver mailbox. Thank you!

**FINANCIAL DONATIONS TO PROVIDE FOOD SECURITY** The following organizations welcome financial donations. They work providing food to people who are living with food insecurity.

[Food For Free](#) supports low-income Cambridge residents. It offers fresh produce as well as other kinds of food. In some cases it will also deliver food to people who are unable to come to their food pantry.

[Greater Boston Food Bank](#) provides food to over 500 partner agencies in Eastern Massachusetts. It will also help people locate and apply for other food resources.

*Have an announcement for the bulletin?*

*Please send information about church or wider community events to Sarah Higginbotham ([shigginb@firstchurchcambridge.org](mailto:shigginb@firstchurchcambridge.org)) by 10:00 a.m. on Tuesdays to be considered for the following Sunday’s bulletin.*

**LINKS TO CHANT WORKS  
PROVIDED BY NIGHT SONG**

Looking for meditative chant music during  
your time at home?

Night Song Director Daryl Bichel offers  
the following suggestions:



**St. Mark's Cathedral in Seattle  
Compline Podcast, 17 January 2021**

<https://complinepodcast.org/?p=1907>

This archival liturgy was recorded on 14 January 2018. A hymn by Gerald Near is included. He's one of my favorite composers. An American, he studied under Leo Sowerby at the College of Church Musicians at the National Cathedral. Another hymn you will hear is one of my favorites - "Tender Thought" from Kentucky Harmony. The melody is so beautiful. The setting of Psalm 139 is by Peter Hallock, founder of the compline choir. And, for the first time that I recall, there's an anthem by Jason Alexander, conductor of the choir. It's reminiscent of Hallock's psalm settings and includes two beautiful solos. The text is the same as for "Tender Thought."

**Christ Church Cathedral Oxford  
Sung Compline, 18 November 2020**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ync5q5T02c8>

This is sung compline with a sermon and an organ prelude. There's no elaborate choral singing, but the chant is musically rendered and the voices are good. The cantor was well chosen.

**Grace-St. Luke's Episcopal Church In Memphis  
Sung Compline, 26 July 2020**

<https://www.facebook.com/gracestlukes/videos/sung-compline-july-26-2020/1467468883452845/>

If you like compline with some music with the organ and a long choral piece, this is the link for you this week. The anthem is "Nunc Dimittis" by Leo Sowerby, a composer mentioned above.

## LOOKING AHEAD

### **Sunday, January 24**

- 9:30 a.m. Adult Formation: Anti-Racist Vision Discussion, via Zoom
- 9:30 a.m. Children's Formation: Remote Church School Classes, via Zoom
- 11:00 a.m. Live-Stream Worship, Jaz Buchanan, preaching
- 12:15 p.m. Zoom Coffee Hour
- 2:00 p.m. Youth Group, meet on church playground (weather permitting)

### **Monday, January 25**

- 5:00 p.m. Reparations Faith & Life Group, via Zoom

### **Tuesday, January 26**

- 7:45 a.m. Praying the Psalms Group, via Zoom

### **Wednesday, January 27**

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, via Zoom

### **Thursday, January 28**

- 6:00 p.m. Weekly Bible Study, via Zoom
- 7:45 p.m. First Church Choir Call, via Zoom

### **Friday, January 29**

- 1:00 p.m. Friday Café lunch bag pickup, Tower Room

### **Sunday, January 31**

- 9:30 a.m. Multigenerational Formation: Multigenerational Godly Play, via Zoom
- 9:30 a.m. Bible 101 and Faith & Social Justice classes, via Zoom
- 11:00 a.m. Live-stream Worship with New Members Joining  
Dan Smith, preaching
- 12:15 p.m. Annual Meeting, via Zoom

*Zoom invitations to our week's programs can be found on each event listed in [the calendar on our website](#). They may also be found in the all-church email that was sent this morning. To join our all-church email list, please [sign up here](#).*

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