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Juneteenth  
Hybrid Morning Worship  
JUNE 19, 2022

**FIRST CHURCH  
IN CAMBRIDGE**  
Congregational 1633-1636  
United Church of Christ  
Garden and Mason Streets  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

## WELCOME TO FIRST CHURCH IN CAMBRIDGE...

Grounded in God • Growing in Community • Acting in Love

We're glad you are worshiping with us today! First Church is a vibrant, multi-generational, engaged, urban church. We care a lot about each other and what's happening in the world around us. Wherever you are on the journey of faith, you are welcome here.

FIRST CHURCH  
IN CAMBRIDGE  
CONGREGATIONAL

**386 YEARS**

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### June 19, 2022

#### Preaching Today Leading Worship

Carlyle Stewart, Community Minister for Racial Justice  
Dan Smith, Senior Minister  
Lexi Boudreaux, Transitional Minister  
Peter Sykes, Organist and Director of Music  
Laurie Williams, soloist  
Dave Kidder, liturgist  
Jean Dany Joachim, Poet in Residence  
Kevin Newell, tech support

**Bulletin Cover Image** Freddie Funck, youth group member

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#### Today's Programs and Events

- 10:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, Margaret Jewett Hall (MJH)
- 11:00 a.m. Hybrid Morning Worship, Juneteenth Commemoration and Celebration, Sanctuary and [via livestream](#)
- 12:00 p.m. Refreshments on Lawn and [Zoom](#) Coffee Hour
- 3:00 p.m. Black History Cambridge Juneteenth Celebration, Old Burying Ground

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## GATHERING

*For those participating at home, we invite you to have a candle at your home altar.  
For those gathering in the sanctuary, please remain masked while in Morning Worship.  
Masks are optional once you leave the Sanctuary.*

### VOLUNTARY

Adoration

Florence Price

### \*HYMN

Woke up This Morning

**Woke up this morning with my mind (and it was) stayed on Jesus... (3x)  
Hallelu, hallelu, hallelujah!**

**Singing and praying with my mind, stayed on Jesus... (3x)**

**Living and loving with my mind, stayed on Jesus... (3x)**

### \*GREETING

Laurie Williams

L: Come, beloved of God,  
Gather in this place where justice and freedom meet!

**C: Come, you who are broken-hearted and you who are bold:  
Gather in this place of courage, forgiveness and grace.**

L: Here love is poured out in abundance,  
here tears and hope are mingled together.

**C: Here God's people find healing in the work of liberation,  
and strength in stories of justice.**

L: Come, let us set our minds on freedom,  
as we turn our hearts to God in worship.

### WORDS OF WELCOME

Laurie Williams, Dave Kidder and Dan Smith

### ANTHEM

The Negro Speaks of Rivers

Howard Swanson

(Poetry by Langston Hughes, Laurie Williams soloist)

*I've known rivers:*

*I've known rivers ancient as the world and older than the flow of human blood in human veins.*

*My soul has grown deep like the rivers.*

*I bathed in the Euphrates when dawns were young.*

*I built my hut near the Congo and it lulled me to sleep.*

*I looked upon the Nile and raised the pyramids above it.*

*I heard the singing of the Mississippi when Abe Lincoln went down to New Orleans, and I've seen  
its muddy bosom turn all golden in the sunset.*

*I've known rivers:  
Ancient, dusky rivers.*

*My soul has grown deep like the rivers.*

*\*You are invited to stand. Hymns preceded by a "C" are found in the beginning section of the hymnal. This section contains hymns written and composed by current and past members of First Church in Cambridge.*

# CONFESSING

## INVITATION TO CONFESSION

## SILENCE

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

C: **Holy One, in the light of your risen glory  
we see the harm we have done,  
the suffering we have caused,  
the good we have refused,  
and the truth we have denied.  
Heal us, we pray.  
Wash us in your mercy,  
and feed us with your grace,  
so that we may follow in your way  
and tell the good news of the gospel. Amen.**

## DECLARATION OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

## \*GREETING OF PEACE

## \*HYMN 436

I've Got Peace Like A River

## OPENING THE WORD

## PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

## A MULTI-GENERATIONAL READING

Excerpts from All Different Now: Juneteenth, the First Day of Freedom  
by Angela Johnson

## READING

Isaiah 61:1-4

## REFLECTION

Carlyle Stewart

## COMMEMORATING AND RECOMMITTING

## INTRODUCTION

## GREETINGS FROM THE LLOYD FAMILY

## COMMEMORATION OF NAMES

Dave Kidder, Dennis Lloyd, Egypt Lloyd  
Paula Paris, Dan Smith, Laurie Williams

*(As names are read from the list on pages 5 and 6 please repeat each name you hear).*

## LITANY OF REPENTANCE AND COMMITMENT

L: God of justice and mercy, today we remember our siblings who were brought here by force, living out their lives as servants enslaved to white families of First Church.

**C: Forgive us that it has taken us so long to remember. Forgive us for failing to acknowledge these siblings as part of the communion of First Church saints.**

L: As a gathered community of Christians, over the centuries, we have been complicit in the sin of slavery and bystanders during the abolitionist movement. We have looked the other way during decades of Jim Crow violence and segregation, and we have been blind to the violence that continues in the form of mass incarceration.

**C: Forgive us for all the times we have been and are silent in the face of injustice and inhumanity. Forgive us for not finding the courage to speak and act in the name of your Love.**

L: Our hearts are heavy, God, and yet as we name the history of enslavement that is intertwined with the foundations of this church, help us lay down our anger, fear, hatred or guilt, or any burdens that are not ours to carry.

**C: And help us to take up the work of justice, repentance, and repair that is needed in this and future generations.**

L: Help us, Holy One, to live into the joy and collective liberation of your Beloved Community, a realm of justice, mercy, and freedom for all your children. Give us clear vision and make us courageous in the name of Love.

**C: May we bring good news to the oppressed; comfort those who mourn; build up the ancient ruins, and repair the devastations of many generations. We pray all this in the strong name of Jesus. Amen.**

## POETRY

Jean Dany Joachim

\*HYMN 470

Precious Lord

## SHARING OUR LIFE TOGETHER

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH AND WORLD

Lexi Boudreaux

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 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

Steal Away

Spiritual, arr. J. D. Riding



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I've Given Already

*Inspired by United Parish in [Brookline's Negro Spiritual Royalties Project](#), a donation will be made today to [Hamilton-Garrett Music and Arts](#).*

### \*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 401

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

### \*BENEDICTION

### VOLUNTARY

A Pleasant Thought

Florence Price

## REMEMBERING AND HONORING

From 1638-1830 more than one hundred persons of color are recorded in the records of First Church in Cambridge. They were baptized, married and buried here; some joined as full or partial members. Between 1698 and 1776, when slavery was legal in Massachusetts, at least 36 people — 33 Africans and 3 people identified as Indians — were enslaved by members of First Church and became members of First Church, according to our records. Each accepted the church's covenant and was baptized. Twelve were "admitted to full communion." The rest had limited or no access. Enslaved members and Harvard students sat in the balcony — in separate sections. We do not know if they joined willingly or unwillingly. We honor and remember their names, their humanity, and their God-given dignity today.

- 1698        **Philip**, African man enslaved in service to Mr. Danforth
- 1705        **Mingo**, African man enslaved in service to Mr. Town
- 1705        **Charles**, African man enslaved in service to Mr. Town
- 1705        **Jeffry**, an African man enslaved in service to Mr. Goff
- 1705        **Scipio**, an African man enslaved in service to William Brattle, fifth minister of First Church
  
- 1727        **Joseph English**, an Indigenous man, enslaved in service to William Russell
- 1728        **Pompey**, an African man enslaved in service to Nathaniel Appleton, sixth minister of First Church
  
- 1729        **Titus**, an indigenous man, enslaved in service to Benjamin Wadsworth, President of Harvard College
  
- 1729        **Rose**, an African woman enslaved in service to A. Bordman
- 1731        **Philicia**, an African woman enslaved in service to Major Brattle
- 1736        **Hannibal**, an African man enslaved in service to Dr. Wigglesworth
- 1736        **Margaret**, an African woman enslaved in service to the widow Oliver
- 1737        **Roger**, an African man enslaved in service to Henry Prentice
- 1737        **Zillah**, an African woman enslaved in service to Major Brattle
- 1740        **Lucy**, an indigenous woman enslaved in service to Mr. Bordman
- 1740        **Venus**, an African woman enslaved in service to Madam Wadsworth
- 1740        **Cuffy**, an African man enslaved in service to Lieutenant Governor Phipps
- 1740        **Toby**, an African man enslaved in service to Samuel Whitmore
- 1741        **Jack**, an African man enslaved in service to the widow Tufts
- 1741        **Cuffy**, an African man enslaved in service to Mr. Judah Monis

1741 **Flora**, an African woman enslaved in service to Mr. Foxcroft  
1742 **York**, an African man enslaved in service to Mr. Trowbridge  
1744 **Harry**, an African man enslaved in service to Mr. Brandon  
1745 **Rose**, an African woman enslaved in service to Lieutenant Governor Phipps  
1745 **Cato**, an African man enslaved in service to Madam Brown  
1749 **Leos**, an African man enslaved in service to Mr. Foxcroft  
1753 **Jane**, an African woman enslaved in service to Mr. Kent  
1755 **James**, an African man enslaved in service to Lieutenant Governor Phipps  
1760 **Peter**, an African man enslaved in service to Moses Bordman's widow  
1761 **Cato**, an African man enslaved in service to Jonathan Hastings  
1768 **Jane**, an African woman enslaved in service to Elizabeth Nutting  
1768 **Violet**, an African woman enslaved in service to Mr. Faneuil  
1769 **Philip**, an African man enslaved in service to Mr. Abraham Watson  
1771 **Jerusha**, an African woman enslaved in service to Lieutenant John Dickson  
1771 **Anne**, an African woman enslaved in service to Jonathan Hastings, Esq.  
1776 **Dilla**, an African woman enslaved in service to Samuel White of Watertown.

We also honor **Tony** and **Cuba**, and their children **James**, **Dorrenda**, **Flora**, **Darby**, **Cyrus**, and **Catherine**, enslaved by the Royall and Vassal family who had many connections to Cambridge and First Church. Our membership records indicate that Cuba was baptized, "by her own desire," on September 13, 1812, just three days before she died.

PEACE HYMN

426

I've Got Peace Like a River

1. I've got peace like a riv - er, I've got peace like a  
 2. I've got joy like a foun-tain, I've got joy like a  
 3. I've got love like an o - cean, I've got love like an  
 4. I've got faith like an an - chor, I've got faith like an

1.  
 riv - er, I've got peace like a riv - er, in - a my  
 foun-tain, I've got joy like a foun-tain, in - a my  
 o - cean, I've got love like an o - cean, in - a my  
 an - chor, I've got faith like an an - chor, in - a my

2.  
 soul. I've got riv - er in - a my soul.  
 soul. I've got foun-tain in - a my soul.  
 soul. I've got o - cean in - a my soul.  
 soul. I've got an - chor in - a my soul.

WORDS and MUSIC: African-American spiritual

PEACE LIKE A RIVER  
 77.10 D

Spirituals draw heavily from Old Testament imagery, including 'peace like a river' from Isaiah 48:18. The New Testament also provided imagery for this song in the fruits of the Spirit—love, joy and peace (Galatians 5:22).

COMMEMORATION HYMN

470 Precious Lord, Take My Hand

1. Pre-cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,  
 2. When my way grows drear, pre-cious Lord, lin-ger near,  
 3. When the dark-ness ap-pears and the night draws near,

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;  
 when my life is al-most gone,  
 and the day is past and gone,

through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light:  
 hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall:  
 at the riv-er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand:

Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.

WORDS and MUSIC: Thomas A. Dorsey, 1932

PRECIOUS LORD  
66.9D

Dorsey's most widely-known song was written in Chicago in 1932 as he mourned the death of his wife and new-born child.

## Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound 401

1. A - maz - ing grace! How sweet the sound that  
 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
 3. Through man - y dan - gers, toils and snares I  
 4. My God has prom - ised good to me, whose  
 5. When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved and set me free! I once was lost, but  
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me  
 word my hope se - cures; God will my shield and  
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found; was blind, but now I see.  
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

## COMMUNITY PRAYERS

- On this Fathers' Day, we celebrate all fathers—birth fathers, adoptive fathers, stepfathers, and father figures in our lives
- We pray for Rev. Jane Heckles, a UCC minister and dearest friend of Wendy Vander Hart, who is in hospice care after being recently diagnosed with fast-moving, pancreatic cancer.
- We pray for Susie Hayward's parents, Ed and Ellie, who are both struggling with medical issues.
- We pray for Perry Neubauer, who is recovering from recent heart valve replacement surgery and is awaiting kidney stone surgery.
- We pray in gratitude and celebration for First Church member and recent ordinand, Rev. Dom Ackermann, who was recently called to be the new Senior Minister at Eliot Congregational Church in Newton.
- We pray in gratitude and celebration for former member and longtime friend of First Church, Adwoa Lewis-Wilson, who was recently ordained to be Deacon by the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts.
- We pray for all who are facing severe, dangerous heat in the midwest and southwest and for all who are stranded by unprecedented flooding in Yellowstone park. God, give us the divine wisdom and the fortitude to address climate change and work for environmental justice this world so desperately needs
- We pray for the parents and loved ones of 19 children and 2 adults killed in the shooting at an elementary school in Uvalde, Texas. We pray for all those impacted by the recent mass shootings, killing over a dozen people in Tulsa, Buffalo, Houston, Milwaukee, and Orange County. We lift up those who are feeling lost and worried to live in their skin, to go to their grocery stores, their schools, their workplaces, and their houses of worship after witnessing these events. We pray for an end to this violence and the fear it instills.
- As the country awaits a ruling from the US Supreme Court that may overturn Roe v. Wade, we pray for those facing the possibility of losing vital reproductive rights, and all those who care about them. We also pray for compassion, wisdom, grace, and courage as the public discourse around abortion may cause each of us to wrestle with our own thoughts and feelings surrounding the complexities of this issue.

## COMMUNITY PRAYERS

- We pray for all who are in treatment for cancer: Pauline Fennel; Judith Semmler, Alice Napoleon Jones’s mother; Abby Shuman’s uncle Barry; Penny Kilburn, Nancy Kilburn’s mother; Karen Anne Zee’s daughter Becky Collet, and her sons-in-law, Denis Collet and Stewart Bailey; Beth and Polly, Ann McCann’s sisters; and Keith Peterson, brother of Friday Café volunteer Neil Peterson.
- We pray for the people of Ukraine as they face a full-scale Russian assault. We pray for people in war-torn areas around the world. We pray for all troops and civilians, and for bordering countries receiving refugees. We pray that diplomatic measures, sanctions, and peace prevail in Ukraine and all places experiencing war.
- We pray for all those impacted by the passage of laws in multiple states limiting access to abortion care and trans-affirming health care.
- We pray for all who are affected by COVID-19—those experiencing symptoms, those grieving the loss of loved ones, and those awaiting vaccines and boosters. We pray with and for anxious hearts, especially for educators, healthcare personnel, and other essential workers.
- We pray for all creatures, all green growing beings, the stars and the beyonds beyond them - for we are all made in God’s image. Images so complex, lovingly interwoven to be beyond our imagining. God, help us to treat your creation with the awe and reverence it is due, and to protect it as holy.
- We pray for the 14 men who are finding sustenance and protection in our First Church Shelter, and we pray for the guests of the Friday Café, who are finding food and listening ears. We pray for all who are experiencing deprivation and hardship in these uncertain times.

*Join the [First Church List](#) to see and offer up more community prayer requests.*



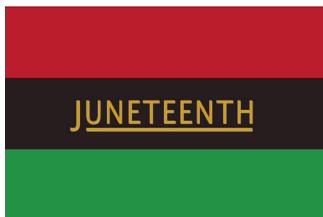
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## TODAY AT FIRST CHURCH



### Juneteenth Morning Worship - Today

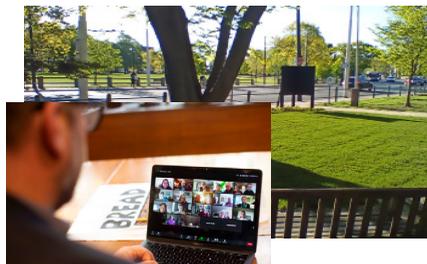
Our Morning Worship today will lift up the themes of freedom and liberation, with a special focus on Juneteenth, commemorating the abolition of slavery. The service will feature poetry from our own Jean Dany Joachim. Carlyle Stewart, our Community Minister of Racial Justice will offer a reflection. We will also offer a public reading of names and a commemoration of all the enslaved persons associated with First Church over the years. Worship with us, as we lift our hearts in this service of commemoration and commemoration. We will also offer an update on our Reparations Fund and related efforts. In addition, at 3 p.m., the Cambridge Black History Project, led by First Church member Paula Paris, invites us to join them for a ceremony at the Old Burial Ground honoring the enslaved persons who are buried there.

### About this Morning's Anthem Composer

Florence Beatrice Price was an African-American classical composer, pianist, organist and music teacher. Born in Little Rock, Arkansas in 1887, Price was educated at the New England Conservatory of Music, and was active in Chicago from 1927 until her death in 1953. Price is noted as the first African-American woman to be recognized as a symphonic composer, and the first to have a composition played by a major orchestra.

### Refreshments on the Lawn and [Zoom](#) Coffee Hour Today at 12:00 p.m.

Join us after church for coffee and refreshments on the Lawn! And we will also have cake in celebration of Juneteenth. It has been such a joy to see so many faces in person, and we welcome this chance to connect with friends, old and new! For those joining online, Zoom Coffee Hour will launch at the end of worship.



### Juneteenth Gathering and Film: #Pop-up Poetry and Jubilee Juneteenth and the Thirteenth In partnership with the Museum of African American History Today, 7:00-9:30 p.m., Longfellow House

Gather with your neighbors today for a special poetry performance and film screening connecting past and present. The evening begins at 7:30 PM with a Drum Call, processional, and poetry reading, part of the #Pop-Up Poetry Series, A Denise Plays Hard Event with Becoming Chibuzo, Multi-Disciplinary Artist/Producer Akili Jamal Haynes. At 8:30, we will screen the film Jubilee Juneteenth and the Thirteenth, a documentary produced by The Museum of African American History Boston and Nantucket, with funding from Liberty Mutual, MGH, and Harvard University Office for Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Belonging. Hosted by Hill Harper.

[Watch the trailer here.](#) [Read more...](#)

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES



### GBIO - Delegates Assembly on June 23 (formerly May 26)

Join GBIO to celebrate major wins in the Boston City Budget, and a successful campaign to provide state IDs for those returning from incarceration. First Church's core team will join with the other 63 member institutions to ratify our state wide plans: acting for affordable housing, mental health and re-entry, grounded in shared stories and racial justice. [Read more...](#)

### A Memorial Service for Cynthia Shoemaker

**Thursday, June 23 at 11:00 a.m.**

A memorial service will be held for beloved and longtime First Church member Rev. Cynthia Shoemaker at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 23 in the Sanctuary with an outdoor reception to follow, weather permitting. This service will also be livestreamed. Cynthia served as First Church's Minister of Christian Education in the 1980's and 90's. She died on April 21, 2021 following an extended struggle with Parkinson's Disease. *For anyone who would like to sing the choir, please meet in the sanctuary at 10 a.m.*

### Our Legacy of Settler Colonialism: "Bounty" Film Screening and Discussion

**Sunday, June 26 at 12:15 in the Harter Room and via Zoom**

Bounty reveals the hidden story of the Phips Proclamation, one of many scalp-bounty proclamations used to exterminate Native people in order to take their land in what is now New England. In the film, Penobscot parents and children resist erasure and commemorate survival by reading and reacting to the government-issued Phips Proclamation's call for colonial settlers to hunt, scalp, and murder Penobscot people. On June 26, we will offer another opportunity to view this powerful 9-minute film which we premiered last year with filmmakers Mishy Leshner and Wampanoag leader, gkisedtanamoogk. Join us as we continue to engage this difficult and meaningful conversation and reckon with our history. If you are unable to attend, but would like to view the film and do some learning on your own, please visit [www.upstanderproject.org](http://www.upstanderproject.org).

### United Church of Christ (UCC) Mental Health Sunday - June 26

In this season, organizations nationwide advocating for persons diagnosed with mental illnesses come together to present Mental Health Month. Our denomination (the UCC) participates as well, inviting local congregations nationwide to lift up issues that matter to this community: effective and equitable treatment, fostering peer support programs in the psychiatric system, cultivating wellness as well as treating illness, and pushing back against stigmatization. On June 26th, it will be First Church's turn! We've chosen to "Widen the Welcome" on our own UCC Mental Health Sunday. [Read more...](#)



## Summer Book Reading Groups

Looking to dive into a book this summer with members of First Church? We will have two book groups running this summer, one in July and one in August.

Title: *All That She Carried: The Journey of Ashley's Sack, a Black Family Keepsake*, by Tiya Miles

Dates: Thursdays at 7 pm, June 30 – July 21

Leader Information: Please email Hilary Hopkins at [hopkinsjh@verizon.net](mailto:hopkinsjh@verizon.net) to RSVP and get zooming #s

Title: *The Flag, the Cross and the Station Wagon: A Graying American Looks Back at His Suburban Boyhood and Wonders What the Hell Happened* by Bill McKibben

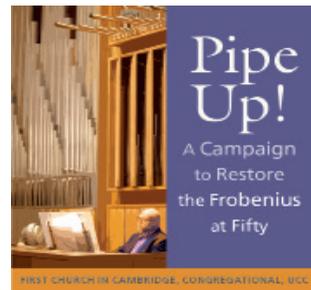
Dates: Tuesdays at 5 pm, August 2, 9 and 16

Leader Information: Please email Dan Smith at [dsmith@firstchurchcambridge.org](mailto:dsmith@firstchurchcambridge.org) to RSVP and get zooming #s

## NEWS FROM FIRST CHURCH AND THE UCC

### PIPE UP Concert Recording and Sponsor-A-Pipe Opportunity

On May 22 First Church hosted an extraordinary concert kicking off a fundraising campaign for a major refurbishment of our beloved Frobenius after fifty years of faithful service! The program included the Harvard Glee Club singing movements from Maurice Duruflé's gorgeous "Messe cum júbilo" conducted by Harvard's Director of Choral Activities, Andrew Clark, Peter Sykes (of course!) as well David von Behren, Nathan Peace, Jeongweon Lee, and Christopher Hodges, recent students of Peter's at Boston University. For a partial recording of the concert, please visit [here](#). To Pipe up and Sponsor-A-Pipe, please click [here](#).



### Greeters and Liturgists Needed!

Do you like helping people feel welcome and accepted? Are you looking to get out of your pew on Sunday mornings? Then the deacons would love to hear from you! We are seeking to expand our pool of people to be either greeters or liturgists on Sundays. Greeting involves providing a kind welcome to people as they enter, along with a bulletin, while liturgists help the staff lead the worship service. There is no long-term commitment and whether you have been at First Church for a day or many years, we would love to get you involved! You can express your interest in either or both roles by filling out this [brief form](#). Please contact Adam Weiss ([adamw@startmail.com](mailto:adamw@startmail.com)) or Amy Matias ([amy.matias@verizon.net](mailto:amy.matias@verizon.net)) with any questions.

### Now Two Ways to Donate to the Food Pantry

First Church continues to donate to the food pantry now housed at St. James Episcopal church in Porter Square. The need is as great as ever, if not greater, as food prices rise. There are now TWO ways you can donate. First, as we did pre-Covid, you can bring your bagged items to church on Communion Sundays (first Sunday of each month); place them in the large basket in the narthex as you enter. Second, you can bring your donations at any time to the front porch of Hilary Hopkins' house, 30 Winslow St. in Cambridge, about half a mile up Garden Street from FCC, to the right just off Sherman St. at the firehouse. Place your items in the cooler on the porch and ring the Hopkins bell on the silver mailbox behind you, just to let us know there is something in the cooler. No need to wait for us. What should you donate? Cereal, granola, canned fruit and veggies, rice, proteins, condiments, hearty soups; diapers and feminine items also very welcome. Please nothing opened and no perishables. Many many thanks, especially to those who have been faithful donors during Covid. Your generosity is a gift to many.

WE STAND  
FOR PEACE.

WE STAND WITH  
UKRAINE.

### New Opportunities to Support Ukraine

On May 22, First Church hosted a talk by Michelle Goldhaber, a rabbinical student at Hebrew College who is active in Ukrainian peacemaking efforts. She, and First Church member Rev. Susie Hayward, shared with us a helpful overview of what's happening now and the religious and historic roots of Russia's aggression. Michelle also brought a powerful, personal dimension to her reflections and analysis given her years of living in Ukraine and ongoing connections to those living there now. In addition to inviting ongoing support for [United Church of Christ efforts](#) in Ukraine, please also consider donating to and learning more about two organizations which Michelle has recommended: [Read more](#)

### First Church Land Acknowledgment

*We, gathered here, acknowledge that we are meeting on land which has been the traditional ancestral homeland of the Massachusetts people. We acknowledge that this land is unceded and remains sacred to the Massachusetts, and to their close neighbors and relatives, the Nipmuc and Wampanoag peoples.*

You can find a longer version of this acknowledgment [here](#) or by scanning the QR code to the right.



## FRIDAY CAFÉ SUMMER UPDATES



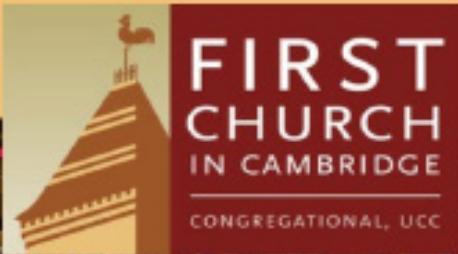
The Friday Café is nearing the end of a long and fulfilling program year. It was our 8th season of operation, and our 3rd pandemic season. Most of Season 8 took place in hybrid mode: home-made food served in to-go containers from tables in Margaret Jewett Hall, with table seating on the church lawn. We served almost 4,000 such meals—plus several hundred bag lunches during the height of the Omicron surge in January and February. Twice we made plans to return to indoor seating, and twice we had to pull back because of rising case/hospitalization numbers. We can only wait to see what Season 9 brings!

In addition to food, we distributed a mountain of clothing, shoes, sleeping bags, toiletries, and other essential gear, most of it donated by church members and neighbors. And we shared a lot of love. Heartfelt thanks to all our many participants for sharing your time, energy, creativity, and resources to meet neighbors where they are with understanding and support.

During the month of July, the Café will be back outside under our blue canopy, serving bag lunches and City-funded restaurant meals from 12:00 to 2:00 on Fridays. If you'd like to help out by making a few bag lunches, please visit our July lunch signup! In August we'll simplify still further, serving only restaurant meals, to give ourselves space to rest and rejuvenate before the start of the 2022–2023 season on September 9.

As always, the Friday Café website has information about how you can get involved. Or feel free to email me directly at [fridaycafe@firstchurchcambridge.org](mailto:fridaycafe@firstchurchcambridge.org).

Kate Layzer, Minister of Street Outreach



# THIS WEEK

Looking ahead to this week's programs and events



## Monday, June 20

**First Church Building and Office closed in observance of Juneteenth**

7:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting, via Zoom

## Tuesday, June 21

7:30 p.m. Shelter Oversight Committee, via Zoom

## Wednesday, June 22

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Harter Room

7:30 p.m. Missions and Social Justice, via Zoom

## Thursday, June 23

11:00 a.m. Memorial Service for Cynthia Shoemaker and Reception to Follow

6:00 p.m. Friday Café food dropoff, Tower Room

6:00 p.m. Drop-in Bible Study, via Zoom

7:00 p.m. GBIO Delegates Assembly, Hybrid: Hyde Park Seventh Day Adventist and via zoom

7:00 p.m. Finance Team, via Zoom

## Friday, June 24

9:30 a.m. Friday Café food dropoff, Tower Room

12:00 p.m. Friday Café, Margaret Jewett Hall (MJH)

*See our [Events Calendar](#) for Zoom links and details.*

*Sign up [here](#) to receive our weekly e-newsletter.*

## Sunday, June 26 - Mental Health Sunday

10:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, MJH

11:00 a.m. Hybrid Morning Worship - Mental Health Sunday

12:00 p.m. Refreshments on the Lawn and Zoom Coffee Hour

12:15 p.m. Our Legacy of Settler Colonialism: "Bounty" Film Screening and Discussion, Hybrid: Harter Room and via Zoom

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