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Hybrid Summer Worship  
July 31, 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.

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CONGREGATIONAL  
**386 YEARS**  
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## July 31, 2022

**Preaching Today** Jaz Buchanan, *Pastoral Associate*  
**Leading Worship** Kate Layzer, *Minister of Street Outreach*  
Sarah Higginbotham, *Director of Creative Worship & Arts*  
Jennifer Velazquez, *guest musician*  
Heather Stewart, *liturgist*  
Kevin Newell, *tech support*  
**Bulletin Cover Image** Gaylen Morgan, *First Church member*

### Today's Programs and Events

9:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, Margaret Jewett Hall (MJH)  
10:00 a.m. Hybrid Summer Worship, Sanctuary and [via livestream](#)  
11:00 a.m. Refreshments on Lawn and [Zoom](#) Coffee Hour

### New to First Church?

Have you just begun joining us for worship? Consider filling out this [“virtual visitor card”](#) so that we might reach out and connect with you about our community.

### Give to First Church

You can give online: [www.firstchurchcambridge.org/give](http://www.firstchurchcambridge.org/give) or by texting “\$” to: 1-844-996-0982.

### Contact a Pastor or Staff Member

Find [contact information](#) for our ministerial, program, and building staff on our website.  
For general information and inquiries: [info@firstchurchcambridge.org](mailto:info@firstchurchcambridge.org)

Have a church program or event to promote?  
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## GATHERING

### VOLUNTARY

Cornet Voluntary

Travers

### \*HYMN 250

Here in This Place

### \*GREETING

Heather Stewart

- L: Beloved, wherever you are on your journey of life and faith,  
**C: gather in this sacred time and space.**  
L: Come, just as you are, beautifully and wonderfully made.  
**C: Gather in our Creator's steadfast love that endures forever.**  
L: Come, all who seek rest and Sabbath,  
**C: gather in Christ who will give you renewal.**  
L: Come, all who yearn for justice, hope and peace.  
**C: Gather in the presence of the Spirit who guides us now.**  
L: Come, let us give thanks and worship God!

### WORDS OF WELCOME

#### ANTHEM

The Call

G. Herbert/A.B. Smith

*Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a way as gives us breath;  
such a truth as ends all strife; such a life as killeth death.*

*Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a light as shows a feast;  
such a feast as mends in length; such a strength as makes a guest.*

*Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a joy as none can move;  
such a love as none can part; such a heart as joys in love.*

## CONFESSING

### INVITATION TO CONFESSION

### SILENCE

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: Together, let us pray for healing, pardon, and peace:

**All: Before you, O God, and before one another,  
we confess the times when our words and actions  
separated us from your greatest commandment**

*(cont'd. on next page)*

*\*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.*

to love you, our neighbor, and ourselves.  
God, tend to all the places within us that need healing and peace,  
and fill us with your hope, strength, and wisdom.  
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

## DECLARATION OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

## GREETING OF PEACE

\*HYMN 231

There's a Spirit in the Air

## OPENING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Kate Layzer

READING

Ecclesiastes 2:18-23

READING

Luke 12:13-21

SERMON

Jaz Buchanan

## SHARING OUR LIFE TOGETHER

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS FOR CHURCH AND WORLD

Sarah Higginbotham

L: God be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

L: Let us pray.

## 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



Give by Text



Give Online



I've Given Already

## OFFERTORY

Heaven and Earth and Sea and Air Neander/Freylingshausen  
*Heaven and earth and sea and air, all their maker's praise declare,  
Wake, my soul, awake and sing, now thy grateful praises bring.*

*See the glorious orb of day breaking through the clouds its way,  
Moon and stars with silvery light praise God through the silent night.*

*See how God hath everywhere made this earth so rich and fair,  
Hill and vale and fruitful land, all things living, show God's hand.*

*God, great wonders workest thou! To thy sway all creatures bow;  
Write thou deeply in my heart what I am, and what thou art.*

## \*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.**

## GOING FORTH

### \*HYMN 464

Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated

### \*BENEDICTION

### VOLUNTARY

Allein zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ

Pachelbel

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## First Church Land Acknowledgment

*We, gathered here, acknowledge that we are meeting on land which has been the traditional ancestral homeland of the Massachusett people. We acknowledge that this land is unceded and remains sacred to the Massachusett, 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.



OPENING HYMN

250

Here in This Place  
(Gather Us In)

*Unison*



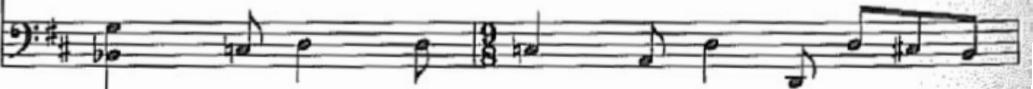
1. Here in this place, the new light is stream-ing, now the dark night has
2. We are the young- our lives are a mys-tery; we are the old, who
3. Here we re-ceive new life in your wa-ters; here we re-ceive the
4. Not just in build-ings, small and con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



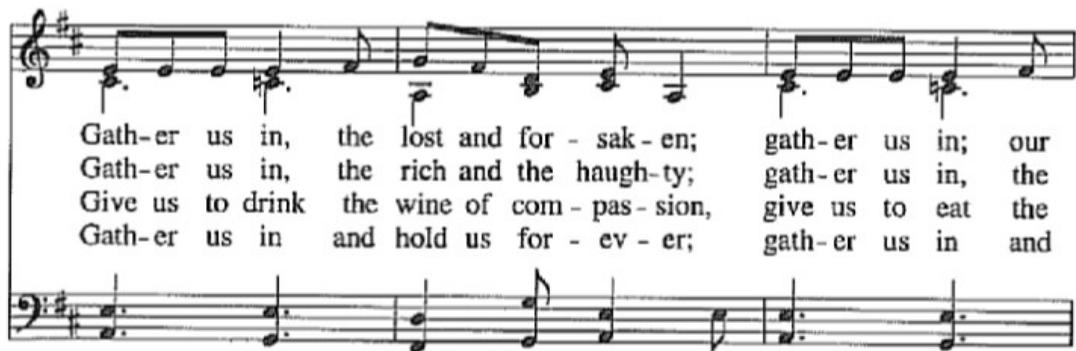
van-ished a - way. See in this space our fears and our dream-ings,  
yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his - tory,  
bread of new birth; here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,  
light years a - way, here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



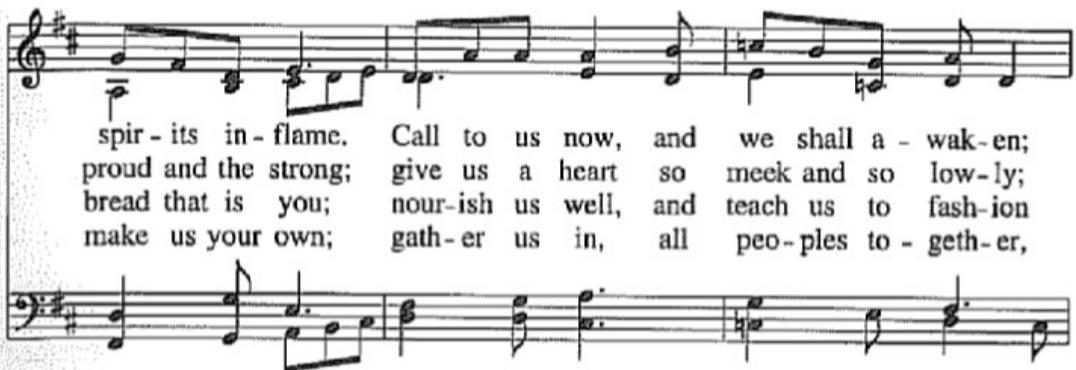
brought here to you in the light of this day.  
called to be light to the whole hu-man race.  
call us a - new to be salt for the earth.  
now is God pres-ent, and now is the day.



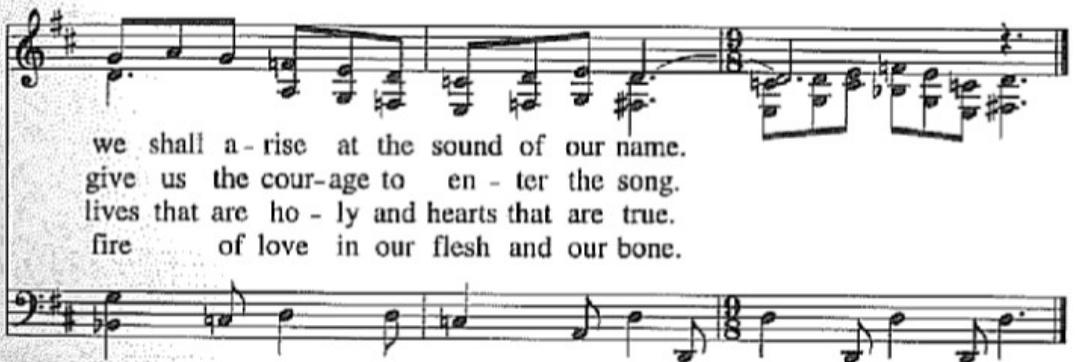
OPENING HYMN, cont'd.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en; gath-er us in; our  
Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the  
Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the  
Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er; gath-er us in and



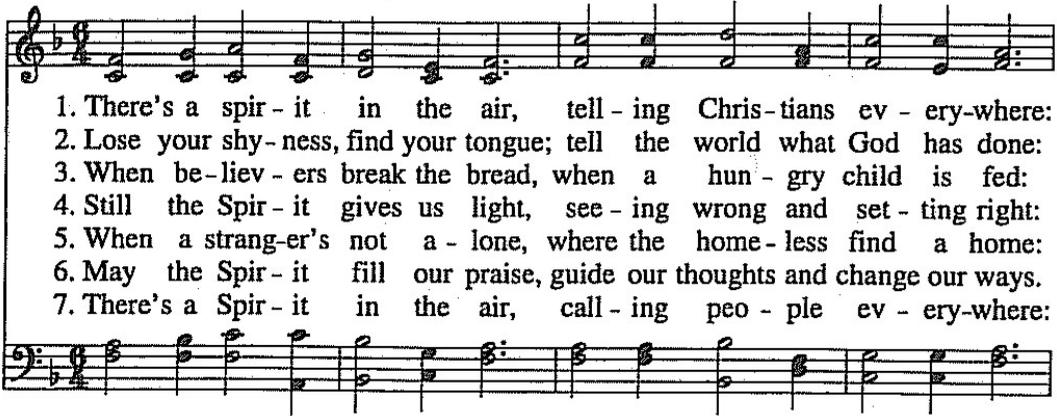
spir - its in - flame. Call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en;  
proud and the strong; give us a heart so meek and so low - ly;  
bread that is you; nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion  
make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



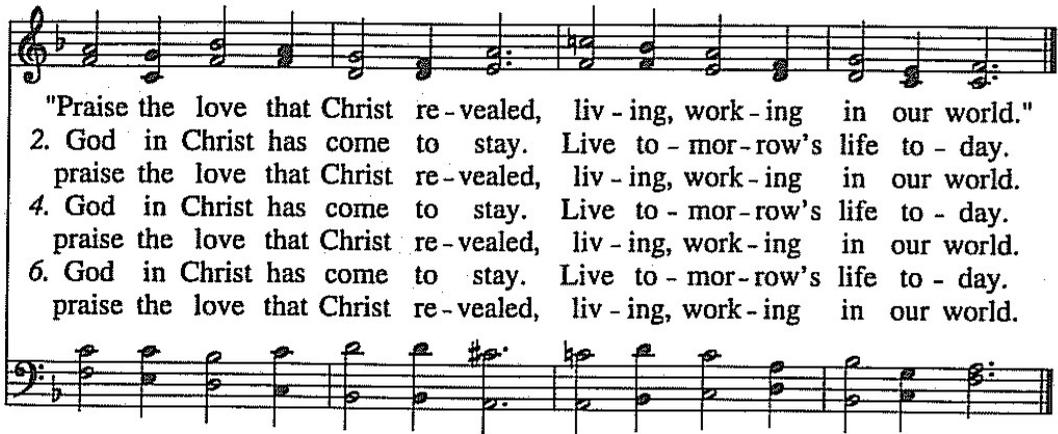
we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.  
give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.  
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.  
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

231

There's a Spirit in the Air



1. There's a spir - it in the air, tell - ing Chris - tians ev - ery - where:  
 2. Lose your shy - ness, find your tongue; tell the world what God has done:  
 3. When be - liev - ers break the bread, when a hun - gry child is fed:  
 4. Still the Spir - it gives us light, see - ing wrong and set - ting right:  
 5. When a strang - er's not a - lone, where the home - less find a home:  
 6. May the Spir - it fill our praise, guide our thoughts and change our ways.  
 7. There's a Spir - it in the air, call - ing peo - ple ev - ery - where:



"Praise the love that Christ re - vealed, liv - ing, work - ing in our world."  
 2. God in Christ has come to stay. Live to - mor - row's life to - day.  
 praise the love that Christ re - vealed, liv - ing, work - ing in our world.  
 4. God in Christ has come to stay. Live to - mor - row's life to - day.  
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 praise the love that Christ re - vealed, liv - ing, work - ing in our world.

WORDS: Brian Wren, 1969, rev. 1987

MUSIC: Medieval French melody, early 13th century; harm. Richard Redhead, 1853

ORIENTIS PARTIBUS

77.77

Brian Wren emphasizes the continuing work of the Holy Spirit in the world in this text written for Pentecost at Hockley, England. He borrows from Isaac Watts the device of alternating two choruses.

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CLOSING HYMN

464 Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated

1. Take my life, and let it be con-se-crat-ed, Lord, to thee;  
2. Take my hands, and let them move at the im-pulse of thy love;  
3. Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no long-er mine;  
4. Take my love: my Lord I pour at thy feet its treas-ure store;

The first system of music consists of a treble and bass staff in G major and 4/4 time. The treble staff contains the vocal melody, and the bass staff contains the piano accompaniment. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff, with the four verses listed vertically.

take my mo-ments and my days, let them flow in cease-less praise.  
take my feet, and let them be swift and beau-ti - ful for thee.  
take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy roy - al throne.  
take my-self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

The second system of music continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff, continuing the four verses.

## COMMUNITY PRAYERS

- We celebrate with joy the birth of Cameron Torrey Galatis, granddaughter of David and Elizabeth Torrey, on July 12. Cameron is happy, healthy, and safely home with her parents Eleanor and Mikey.
- We pray for John McCarty’s father Jim, who is in the hospital recovering from a stroke.
- We pray for friend of Homeless Ministries Brian O’Donovan and family as Brian undergoes intensive treatment for cancer.
- We pray for Perry Neubauer, who is recovering at home after long-awaited kidney stone surgery.
- We pray for all who are in treatment for cancer: Pauline Fennel; Judith Semmler, Alice Napoleon Jones’s mother; 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 a current First Church Shelter guest.
- We pray for all who are facing severe, dangerous heat, droughts, and fires in Massachusetts, across the U.S., in Europe, and around the world.
- We pray for all those impacted by mass shootings and other incidents of gun violence that are occurring much too frequently in our nation. We pray for an end to this violence and the fear it instills.
- We pray for justice and peace as white supremacist hate groups target marginalized groups in more frequent protests in the city of Boston and around New England.
- We pray for all who have been affected by the monkeypox outbreak around the world, and for our public health officials, that they might mitigate the harm done to our public and individual health. We pray that all may access medical care without shame.
- We pray for those experiencing the loss of vital reproductive rights across the nation, 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.
- We pray for the people of Ukraine and for people in war-torn areas around the world. We pray for all troops and civilians, and for bordering countries receiving refugees.
- 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.

## COMMUNITY PRAYERS

- We pray for all transgender and gender non-conforming people who are experiencing hostility, discrimination, and violence across the country, in connection with the increased number of legislative actions that negatively impact their civil rights.
- We pray with hope at the news of possible climate action included in recently negotiated legislation in the Senate. Endow our political leaders and all of us with the strength and courage needed for ongoing climate and environmental justice.
- 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.



SCAN ME

**Do you want to follow the hyperlinks, but you're holding a paper bulletin in your hand?** Use your phone's camera to hover over the QR code to the left marked "scan me;" this will take you to the **Members & Friends** page of our website, where you'll find the bulletin online, as well as links to news, events, and more.

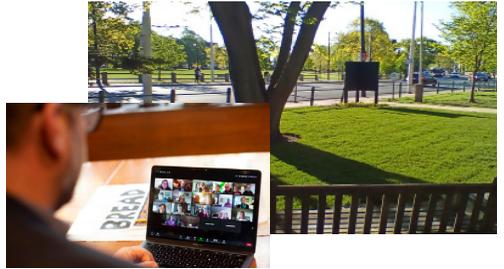
You can scan these codes to connect with First Church via social media:



## TODAY AT FIRST CHURCH

### Refreshments on the Lawn and [Zoom](#) Coffee Hour Today at 11:00 a.m.

Join us after church today for coffee, lemonade, and refreshments on the front lawn! For those joining online, Zoom Coffee Hour will launch at the end of worship.



### Pastoral Care Cards this Summer

During the summer months, we invite you to support our Pastoral Care ministry by writing a simple note to First Church members who are on our weekly prayer list. It may be to share congratulations, condolences, or “get well soon” wishes. Look for the “card table” at Coffee Hour each Sunday, where you’ll find the weekly list of pastoral care needs and/or the Sunday bulletin prayer section, blank cards, pens, and a Church Directory with addresses. We have also included stamps and return address labels.

Please affix to the completed cards and place them in one of the mailboxes on Garden St. as you leave (corner of Garden and Mason or corner of Garden and Berkeley). If you’d like to write cards from home, use the online bulletin and Church Directory found in the “Quick Links” on the [Members & Friends page](#) of our website. Many thanks in advance for sharing in this important ministry of outreach and care.

Would you like to join one of our Pastoral Care Teams to write cards, visit members, or deliver meals September through June? Contact Care Team Coordinator Susie Neubauer to learn more: [susieneubauer@gmail.com](mailto:susieneubauer@gmail.com).



### Summer Hours

Through the months of July and August, **Hybrid Morning Worship begins at 10:00 a.m.**, with pick-up choir meeting at 9:15 a.m.

Over the summer, church school-aged children are invited to remain in the sanctuary for the entire worship service. The Nursery continues to be staffed by our regular caregivers for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers.

During the summer, the church building closes at 2:00 p.m. from Thursday through Sunday. The building is open for regular hours Monday through Wednesday. A Sexton is in the building when it is open.

## SUMMER AT FIRST CHURCH

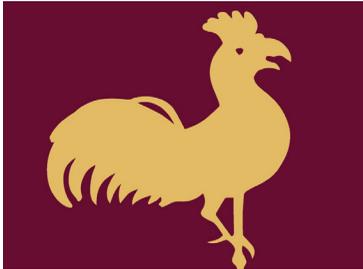
### First Church Survey: Feeling Connected and Sunday Schedule Preferences

As we approach a new program year, we are seeking your input into our plans for how we envision our various opportunities for ministry, formation, fellowship, and connection at First Church. [This survey](#) is designed to help us understand how you are connecting and what ideas you may have for the coming year. **Please take 5-10 minutes and complete the survey by THIS Tuesday, August 2.** [Read more](#)



### Leadership Retreat Summary & Opportunities to Offer Input

In early June, 35 members of our Executive Council, Board of Deacons, and Staff met for an after-church leadership retreat. We tried to take stock of where we've been since Covid and where we are now. We invited leaders to share both celebrations and questions around several key areas of our life together. Imagine Margaret Jewett Hall set up around 5 newsprint stations with lots of colorful scribbles under these topics:



- Hybrid Worship and Community
- Our Financial Life
- Our Staffing Model
- Becoming an Antiracist Church
- Everything Else!

*And now, we'd love to hear from you!*

For a **summary of our celebrations and questions**, please [click here](#).

For a chance to **add your own celebrations and questions**, please [click here](#).

If you are interested in joining a **summer gathering where we can share in conversation about all of the above**, please [sign up here](#).

After a time of being apart for so long, the retreat and these ongoing exercises are helping us to orient and share a common sense of where we are! Stay tuned for more opportunities this fall, as we continue to celebrate and deepen our discernment about where God is leading us next.

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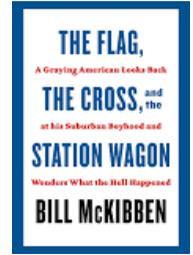
### Summer Book Reading Group

Our August Book Reading Group starts this Tuesday!

*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

**Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m., August 2 - 16, and Wednesday, August 31**

Please email Dan Smith ([dsmith@firstchurchcambridge.org](mailto:dsmith@firstchurchcambridge.org))  
to RSVP and receive Zoom info.



### Young Adults: Sunset Stroll and Ice Cream

**Thursday, August 4, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.**

#### Lizzie's in Harvard Square

Join other First Church 20- and 30-somethings for some casual fellowship throughout the summer. We get together a few times monthly for walks, drinks, and conversation. Given the nature of being in a university town, FCC attracts a mix of students who're checking out church for the first time in a while, folks who've just moved to town looking for friends: the conversation and company is always changing. All are welcome, especially those new to First Church or exploring a new faith path. Reach out to Phil at [youngadults@firstchurchcambridge.org](mailto:youngadults@firstchurchcambridge.org) to get on the mailing list. Our early August outing is for ice cream at Lizzie's in Harvard Square, followed by a stroll along the Charles. Meet at 7:00 p.m.; text Phil you're coming: 585-610-7919. See you soon!

### Neighborhood Prayer Walk

**Saturday, August 13, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

The Deacons invite you to a walk around our neighborhood of Cambridge, this time to the neighborhood of Lechmere! We have been gathering for a brief Deacon-led prayer before we take an easy stroll through different parts of Cambridge ending in lunch or coffee at a locally owned Cambridge business. This Saturday, we will be meeting at the independently owned [coffee shop Curio](#) and walking together to the **Lechmere Canal Park** to enjoy coffees and their signature waffle sandwiches, or any snack of your choosing! Contact [Beth Spaulding](#) or [Lexi Boudreaux](#) if you have any questions or want to let us know that you already are planning on coming!



## SUMMER AT FIRST CHURCH



### Summer Healing Service, August 21

This summer we offer a return of our healing services. In these services, we have an opportunity to reflect together on God's healing peace and to participate in a simple healing ritual involving a brief prayer, laying on of hands, and—for those who wish—anointing with oil, an ancient Christian practice now being revived across the ecumenical spectrum of churches. At the time of the sermon, we offer instead a brief introduction to the ritual and then invite forward all who would like to participate. For those who prefer to remain seated, there will be music and a time of silence for individual prayers.

### Frobenius Restoration Underway

The first phase of our Frobenius organ restoration is already well underway! A small motor has been sent to Germany for repair. Pipes are being removed and cleaned, one pipe and one section at a time. This allows us to use the organ, albeit at limited capacity, even as the work is underway. You can see here what a difference the polishing makes; the left side is "before," and the right, "after."

We have good news, too, about our fundraising efforts to date.

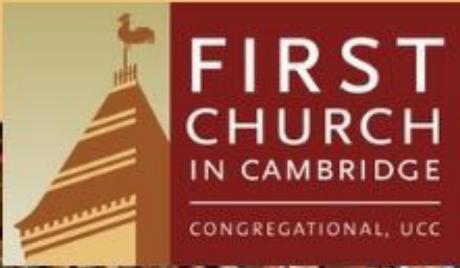
***We are over halfway to our total goal of \$160,000!*** Thank you to First Church and to the wider community for "piping up" to support our "wondrous machine" and the beauty it creates.

Come fall, stay tuned for an announcement of our next concert and more opportunities to celebrate, learn about and support our beloved Frobenius at 50! If you have not had a chance to participate or sponsor-a-pipe, please visit [here](#)!



### Support the Fair Share Amendment

Do you know about the Fair Share Amendment, which will appear on the Massachusetts ballot this November? Fair Share is a proposed amendment to tax 4% of the portion of a person's annual income over \$1 million to fund public education and transportation in our state. If you would like to support this economic and climate justice initiative, the Missions & Social Justice Committee invites you to help get it passed by canvassing, making calls, and joining other volunteer opportunities throughout the summer and early fall. More information is available at: [fairsharema.com/volunteer](http://fairsharema.com/volunteer)



# THIS WEEK

Looking ahead to this week's programs and events



## Monday, August 1

4:30 p.m. Contemplative Practices, via Zoom

## Tuesday, August 2 - "Feeling Connected" Survey Responses Due

4:00 p.m. First Church Professional Caregivers' Meeting, via Zoom

5:00 p.m. Summer Book Group: *The Flag, the Cross, and the Station Wagon*, via Zoom

## Thursday, August 4

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

7:00 p.m. Young Adults: Sunset Stroll & Ice Cream, meet at Lizzie's in Harvard Square

## Friday, August 5

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

12:00 p.m. Friday Café, Tower Room and Lawn

## Sunday, August 7

10:00 a.m. Hybrid Summer Worship

Matt Carriker, guest preacher; Issa Bibbins, guest musician

11:00 a.m. Refreshments on the Lawn and Zoom Coffee Hour

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

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