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World Communion Sunday

**FIRST CHURCH  
IN CAMBRIDGE**

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United Church of Christ  
Garden and Mason Streets  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

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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

October 4, 2020

#### Preaching Today

Lexi Boudreaux, Pastoral Associate

#### Assisting in Worship

Dan Smith, Senior Minister

Jaz Buchanan, Pastoral Associate

Peter Sykes, Director of Music

Gandhi Solanki, Liturgist

Jean Dany Joachim, Poet-in-Residence

Bertrand Laurence, guest musician

Beth Loomis, for Gifts Discernment

Joe Welker, technical support

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

*On this Communion Sunday, you are invited to prepare by bringing a piece of bread and cup of wine or juice to your home altar.*

**GATHERING**

**VOLUNTARY**

Tiento de mano derecha y al medio a dos triles

Pablo Bruna

\***HYMN 238**

The Church's One Foundation

*(see page 5)*

\***GREETING**

Gandhi Solanki

L: Siblings in the Spirit, wherever you are,  
hear God's call to come in and come back!

**C: Come into the warmth of this community of healing and justice.**

L: Come into this shared space of solace and hope!

**C: Come in and be in the presence of God, who loves you no matter what.**

L: Return to the gifts of wisdom and Sabbath rest.

**C: Return to the awareness of your God-given beauty  
and the beauty of all creation.**

L: Return to this table set by God, where there is room and hope and life for us all!

**C: Friends, gather in this place of grounding, growing and acting!**

**All: And proclaim the church's one foundation, Jesus Christ, Our Lord!**

**WORDS OF WELCOME**

**CANDLELIGHTING AND BLESSING**

Jean Dany Joachim

**ANTHEM**

Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen / A Closer Walk to Thee  
*Bertrand Laurence, guitar*

**CONFESSING**

**INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

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

**All: Loving God, forgive us when we lose our way,  
and lead us back to yours.**

Lead us from separation to connection, from guilt to responsibility,  
from judgment to wonder, from anger to compassion,  
from sorrow to joy, from fear to love,  
from the unreal to the real, from death to new life!  
Amen.

## DECLARATION OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

## GREETING OF PEACE

## OPENING THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Jaz Buchanan

### READING

Exodus 17:1-7

### READING

Philippians 3:4b-14

### SERMON

Lexi Boudreaux

### \*HYMN 315

We Are People on a Journey (Somos pueblo que camina)

*(see page 6)*

## SHARING OUR LIFE TOGETHER

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dan Smith

### MINISTRY MOMENT FOR GIFTS DISCERNMENT

Beth Loomis

### \*INVITATION TO OFFERING

*You may give online from your bank account [at our website](#) or by text from your debit/credit card by texting the amount to 844-996-0982.*

### \*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

# SHARING THE FEAST

## INVITATION

## PRAYER OF PREPARATION

## REMEMBERING JESUS

L: Now, O God, with grateful joy, we remember Jesus,  
his daring love, his open table.

*(silence)*

Setting aside our wisdom, our will, and our words,  
emptying our hearts and bringing nothing in our hands,

**C: We come at his invitation,  
yearning for the healing, the holding,  
the accepting, the forgiving,  
which Christ alone can offer.**

## \*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

L: We remember that on the night on which he was betrayed,  
while he was sitting at supper with his friends.

Jesus took a piece of bread and broke it.

**C: He gave it to the disciples, saying,  
“This is my body, given for you!”**

L: Later, after they had eaten, he took the cup.

**C: He said, “This cup is the new relationship with God,  
made possible because of me.  
Drink this all of you, to remember me!”**

## PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

L: Let us pray: Come Holy Spirit.

By this bread connect us more closely with you  
and with our neighbors near and far.

**All: Bless this bread, we pray.**

L: May this fruit of the vine remind us of the interconnectedness  
of people around the world.

**All: Bless this cup, we pray.**

L: May this simple meal enlighten the eyes of our hearts  
and bring us into union with you, your people and your world  
united in the One Body of Christ.

We do this in the name of Jesus, our friend and companion,  
who taught us to pray:

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*(Please pray this prayer 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.**

## SHARING BREAD AND CUP

*All who seek to follow Jesus' way of justice, compassion and love are invited to partake of this feast. May there be no barriers to participation in this meal!*

## \*THANKSGIVING

**L: Let us give thanks!**

**C: Thank you, God, for life in the Spirit of Jesus –  
for gladness in this bread and cup,  
for love that cannot die,  
for peace the world cannot give,  
for joy in the company of friends,  
for the splendors of creation,  
and for the mission of justice you have made our own.  
Give us the gifts of this holy communion –  
oneness of heart, love for neighbors,  
forgiveness of enemies,  
the will to serve you every day,  
and risen life that never ends.  
In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

## GOING FORTH

**\*HYMN 366**                      We are Walking (Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' Kwenkhos')                      *(see page 7)*

## \*BENEDICTION

**VOLUNTARY**

Elevation

Dom Paul Benoit

# OPENING HYMN

## The Church's One Foundation

1. The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, our Lord;  
2. E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,  
3. 'Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, and tu - mult of our war,  
4. Yet we on earth have un - ion with God, the Three - in - one,

we are his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word;  
our char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth,  
we wait the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for ev - er - more;  
and mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is won.

from heaven he came and sought us, for us was cru - ci - fied;  
one ho - ly name pro - fess - ing, we share one ho - ly food,  
till with the vi - sion gio - rious, our long - ing eyes are blest,  
O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we

with his own blood he bought us, and for our life he died.  
and to one hope still press - ing, with ev - ery grace en - dued.  
and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.  
like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

# We Are People on a Journey

(Somos pueblo que camina)

*Unison (optional S. A.)*



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|---|--------------------------------------|
| 1. We are peo - ple on a jour - ney;      | pain is with us all the way.         |
| 2. God has sent the in - vi - ta - tion   | to the hum - ble and the poor.       |
| 3. This is bread that God pro - vides us, | nour - ish - ing our u - ni - ty.    |
| 4. Christ is ev - er pres - ent with us   | to u - nite us all in love.          |
| 5. All who tru - ly thirst for jus - tice | seek their lib - er - a - tion here. |
| (1). So - mos pue - blo que ca - mi - na  | por la sen - da del do - lor.        |



Joy - ful - ly we come to - geth - er at the ho - ly feast of God.  
*A - cu - da - mos ju - bi - lo - sos a la san - ta co - mu - ni - ón.*





# CLOSING HYMN

## We Are Walking (Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' Kwenkhos')

We are \*walk - ing in the light of God, we are  
Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya -

1.

walk - ing in the light of God. We are  
hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos. Si - ya -

2.

walk - ing in the light of the light of God. We are  
hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kha - nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya

walk - ing in the light of God, We are  
ham - ba of kwen khos', Si - ya -  
Oo Oo

walk - ing, walk - ing, we are walk - ing, walk - ing, we are  
ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya -

\* marching/singing/dancing/praying

walk - ing in the light of God.  
hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos.

## YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED

- For Annika Johnson and her daughter Freja who are grieving the unexpected loss of Annika's husband and Freja's father, Brian Johnson.
- For Moana Bentin's sister Katie, who is receiving a new round of cancer treatment in India.
- For Andrea Seek and her girlfriend Theresa, who are recovering after a serious bicycle accident.
- For Margaret Gooch, with blessings for safe travels and a smooth transition to her new Hattiesburg, MS home, where she expects to keep virtually connected to First Church.
- For the Korn family as they grieve the loss of Karen's 22-year-old nephew Benjamin Hunter Placella, a beloved cousin to Giselle, Allison, and Christina.
- For Mary Martha Thiel, who is recovering from knee replacement surgery.
- For all those on the West Coast who have been displaced by the recent wildfires, and for the safety and health of farmworkers working amid the triple threat of heat, wildfire smoke, and COVID-19.
- For all those grieving the loss of family or friends to police violence. We pray for those rallying for reform and for a new birth of racial justice and healing across our land.
- As the COVID-19 death toll reaches 1 million worldwide, we pray for all who are grieving the loss of loved ones; for all those who are ill and their families; and for all of us who are navigating this strange new world, that we may receive God's comfort, strength, and peace.
- For all who are in treatment for cancer: Penny Kilburn, Nancy Kilburn's mother; Amy Golodet, Jonathan New's sister-in-law; Becky Collet, Karen Anne Zee's daughter; Stewart Bailey, Karen Anne Zee's son-in-law; Beth and Polly, Ann McCann's sisters; and former First Church member Nancy Sanders.
- For the 14 men who are finding care in our First Church Shelter and for the guests of the Friday Café, who are experiencing deprivation and hardship in this time of disruption.
- For those who seek sanctuary in houses of worship around the country, including our partner University Lutheran Church in Harvard Square. We pray for tranquility for immigrants who live in constant fear and anxiety. And we pray for all who are working for a just and compassionate future for immigrants and asylum seekers.
- For God's strength as we combat the realities of the climate crisis. May God empower us and our leaders to take bold steps, personally and politically, to care for God's creation and for the poor around the world who are most affected by our inaction.

*If you would like us to include a prayer request in the bulletin, please contact Dan Smith or Sarah Higginbotham by Tuesday morning,*

## TODAY AT FIRST CHURCH

### **FORMATION HOUR: PLYMOUTH'S PILGRIMS PART 2 AND MULTIGENERATIONAL CREATIVE**

**ARTS WORKSHOP Today, 9:30 a.m., via Zoom** Today's "9:30 Hour" offers the continuation of the adult study of "Plymouth's Pilgrims" with Hilary Hopkins and Dave Dyer. The second session is entitled "They Were People of the Book." The Pilgrims believed, as we do, that God is still speaking. To prepare, if you like, read the brief material on this part at: [congregationallibrary.org/PlymouthsPilgrims](https://congregationallibrary.org/PlymouthsPilgrims).

[Click here to join directly](#) or go to zoom.us and "join a meeting" using the following information:

Meeting ID: 869 6902 6288

Passcode: 372484

Call-in Number: +1 929 205 6099

We also offer our first monthly Creative Arts Workshop for all ages. Bring your drawstring burlap bag full of supplies with you as you join the Zoom room for some time of crafting and making meaning through art.

[Click here to join directly](#) or go to zoom.us and "join a meeting" using the following information:

Meeting ID: 897 8647 6898

Call-in Number: +1 929 205 6099

**GBIO: ON THE ROAD TO RACIAL JUSTICE Today, 12:30 p.m., via Zoom** It's been a busy year at the Greater Boston Interfaith Organization! With the help of a lot of First Church members, we're much closer to seeing police reform and health care reform pass in the state house. Let's gather as a church to catch up on how the campaign is going and what needs to be done to put pressure on Massachusetts legislators to work for their constituents to pass these critical reforms. We'll also take time to think about this question: What could we accomplish in Cambridge if we joined in power with our neighbors in faith?

[Click here to join directly](#) or use the following information:

Meeting ID: 870 8280 8388

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Questions? Get in touch with First Church's GBIO core team:

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

## FALL AT FIRST CHURCH

**COFFEE HOUR CONVERSATIONS NEXT SUNDAY October 11, 12:15 p.m., via Zoom** Join us for our monthly Zoom Coffee Hour, where we can catch up with each other, meet new friends, and share news from our lives. In addition to the big zoom room, we'll have two special breakout rooms available:

**Newcomers' Gathering** Are you feeling new to First Church? Want to meet other newcomers and learn more about who we are? Join Sarah Higginbotham and a few members of the Welcoming Team in a coffee hour breakout room. Those who are thinking about joining First Church in covenant on our next Joining Sunday, October 25, are especially encouraged to stop by the breakout room to learn more about that.

**A Conversation about the Puritans** Building on our Adult Formation series, Henry Gates will lead a discussion on how the history of the Puritans relates to our faith and the history of the church.

**FIRST CHURCH VOTER FORUM Sunday, October 18, 12:30 pm, via Zoom** For our third Sunday Racial Justice Zoom Coffee Hour, we'll be hosting a conversation about issues related to our upcoming election. We will review the [UCC Creation Care Voter Pledge](#) and also be joined by a representative of the [Ranked Choice Voting Campaign](#), who will share about the racial and social justice implications of Ballot Question 2 and answer any questions you may have.



**"THE CALL TO RETURN" RECORDINGS AVAILABLE ON YOUTUBE** Check out our new Racial Justice Ministries playlist on our YouTube Channel every week for new recordings of the Wednesday evening sessions, as well as any Sunday afternoon town hall meetings. [Find new videos here](#) or on our Facebook page every Friday!

**CALL FOR PICTURE BOOK READERS** Do you enjoy reading picture books aloud? Sarah Higginbotham is looking for volunteers to video-record themselves reading aloud a book from our Children's Book Corner. On each second Sunday of the month, several "read-aloud" videos will premiere on our YouTube channel for our children to watch during the 9:30 Formation Hour. Sarah will deliver books to your door and talk you through the recording and uploading process. Please contact Sarah to offer your reading gifts to our Church School.

## FALL AT FIRST CHURCH

**BIPOC SPACE, TIME, AND COMMUNITY** If you are a Black, Indigenous or Person of Color (BI-POC) member of First Church, please consider joining an upcoming Zoom meeting designed as an active listening session to reflect, heal, support one another, and build community. Please contact Moana Bentin (moana.bentin@gmail.com) with questions or to receive a Zoom invitation to participate. This group is by BIPOC for BIPOC.

**ONLINE WORSHIP LITURGISTS** All are welcome to participate as leaders in worship via video; [click here to access the signup sheet](#). Put your name and contact information next to the piece of the service you want to lead, and you will receive an email with instructions on how to contribute! Thank you for making online church feel like church! Questions? Contact Lexi Boudreaux: [lexi@firstchurchcambridge.org](mailto:lexi@firstchurchcambridge.org)

**FIRST CHURCH YOUTUBE CHANNEL** Did you know that our YouTube channel has 95 subscribers, 11 separate playlists, and over 60 videos?! Subscribe now to help us get to 100, as well as to be sure you don't miss new offerings of music, formational programs, worship, sermons, and more. The link to the channel is: <https://tinyurl.com/ryac3av>

*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.*

## FALL FAITH & LIFE GROUPS

### FALL FAITH & LIFE GROUPS: REGISTER TODAY!

Led by First Church members, 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.

Faith & Life Groups involve making a short-term commitment to something that might be delightful, deep, or even transformational. At the same time, you can get to know First Church friends who share your interests.



[Please sign up to participate in a faith and life group here.](#)

Questions? Please contact Lexi Boudreaux or the leader of the group.

**TODAY IS THE FINAL DAY FOR REGISTRATION!**

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**BRAIDING SWEETGRASS BOOK GROUP** *Braiding Sweetgrass* is a moving work that weaves together ecology and indigenous knowledge to provide a model of what it might look like to live in this balance, an ecological balance that has been disrupted by colonization of the land. As a First Church group we will consider the imperative to restore right relationship with the earth and how this relationship is dependent on living out right relationships among humans.

**Facilitators:** Ariel Ackermann and Jim Brown

**Meetings:** Tuesdays, October 27 and November 10,  
5:00 - 6:00 p.m., via Zoom

**FIRST CHURCH WOMEN'S READING GROUP** Please join our FCC Women's Reading Group as we discuss books grounded in faith and spiritual growth. Books of various genres (fiction, informational, poetry, etc.) will be selected, and we plan to meet every 4-6 weeks. The first two book discussions will be led by Alex Steinert-Evoy and Susan Reynolds; thereafter, participants will be invited to recommend books and moderate meetings. We will share titles of books as they are selected. Sign up to be part of our group, whether you plan to read all or only some of the books selected!

**Facilitators:** Susan Reynolds and Alex Steinert-Evoy

## FALL FAITH & LIFE GROUPS

**First Selection:** *The Book of Longings: A Novel* by Sue Monk Kidd  
**Meeting:** Tuesday, October 13, 6:00 - 7:15 p.m., via Zoom

**Second Selection:** *All About Love* by bell hooks  
**Meeting:** Tuesday, November 10, 6:00 - 7:15 p.m., via Zoom

**FEELING NEWER TO CONVERSATIONS ABOUT RACE?** In the first two sessions, we will discuss some short chapters from the book *So You Want to Talk About Race?* by Ijeoma Oluo. In the third session, we will relate these questions to the racial justice work at First Church. Some of the questions we will explore include: Is it really about race (or is it also about class, ethnicity, or being an immigrant?) What if I talk about race wrong? What are micro-aggressions and how do I avoid them? Why has racial justice and anti-racism become a major focus at First Church? What are the church's plans going forward? How can I learn more?

**Facilitators:** Peggy Stevens and Dave McCann  
**Meetings:** Thursdays, October 29, and November 12 & 19,  
5:15 - 6:15 p.m., via Zoom

**REPARATIONS ACCOUNTABILITY GROUP** Join as we continue to explore a practice of reparations for our individual and communal lives. We'll share experiences with reparations with to date motivations, promote interracial relationship-building as a precursor for reparations, foster accountability, and discuss the Biblical and theological bases for reparations. All are welcome to this drop-in, whether you are just starting to wonder about reparations or are already involved in an individual or collective practice. New members welcome!

**Facilitators:** Alice Kidder and Dan Smith  
**Meetings:** Mondays, September 14 & 28, 5:00 - 6:00 p.m., via Zoom  
The group will continue on most fourth Mondays of the month.

**RELATIONAL GOD: PROCESS/RELATIONAL THEOLOGY & ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR TODAY**  
The ancient Hebrews of Genesis and Exodus understood God as relational. Jesus was all about relationships. But some types of Christian theology moved away from a relational view and toward God as non-temporal (eternal), unchanging (immutable), and unaffected by the world (impassible). Process/Relational Theology (PRT), with origins in the early 20th century, attempts to bring us back to a more relational and dynamic understanding of God. In these sessions, we will start with the basics of PRT, drawing on prominent 20th century theologians, then explore the implications of this theology for how we relate to God and all of creation. What does prayer look like from a PRT viewpoint? How does PRT suggest we approach the climate crisis? What does PRT say about racial justice? What can we say about miracles? Prepare to have your mind expanded as we put theology to work in this troubled modern world!

## FALL FAITH & LIFE GROUPS

**Facilitators:** Paul Sawyer

**Meetings:** Tuesdays, October 6, 13 & 20, 7:30 p.m., via Zoom

**STAMPED: THE REMIX—INTERGENERATIONAL FORMATION ON RACE** We will read and discuss this book, which authors Jason Reynolds and Ibram X. Kendi call a “remix” of Kendi’s original book, *Stamped From the Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America*. This “remix” is for youth readers, but there is a lot in here to discuss and reflect upon for persons of any age! Jaz Buchanan and the 7th & 8th graders at FCC will be reading this book as well, as part of their Faith & Social Justice class, and the culmination of our gathering will be to meet together, youth and adults, to discuss the final section, an opportunity for true multi-generational study!

**Facilitator:** Beth Spaulding

**Meetings:** Wednesdays, October 21 & 28 and November 4 & 11, 8:30 a.m., via Zoom; final meeting with FCC youth on Sunday, November 15, 9:30 a.m., via Zoom

**GENEALOGY: FINDING OUR FAMILY HISTORIES** Interested in genealogy? Just starting on your family tree? Or have you been working on it for years? We can gain an understanding of our history through the lens of our own families. We’ll look at immigration, migration, race, religion and economics, and anything else that people are interested in exploring. The group will start out by gathering bi-weekly three times this fall, and then decide from there how and when people would like to connect as we explore our family stories.

**Facilitator:** Karen McArthur

**Meetings:** Tuesdays, October 27, and November 17, 7:30 p.m., via Zoom

**DANCING WITH GOD IN BODY AND SPIRIT** Before I found a home in Christianity, dance had always been my connection to all that is divine. Together we will explore how we can use movement and dance to rejuvenate our bodies, our souls and reground ourselves in the presence of God. If you like moving and grooving, off beat and/or on beat, swaying, reaching into the sky, this faith and life group is for you.

**Facilitator:** Jaz Buchanan

**Meetings:** Fridays, October 9, 16, 23, 12:00 p.m., via Zoom



First Church Shelter invites you to...

# THE DORIS BEAUVAIS BANQUET AND THE 2020 MITCH SNYDER LECTURE & AWARDS



## **2020 Snyder Lecturer**

Beverly Gage  
Yale University

Please join us online!

Sunday, October 25th  
12:30pm

Zoom ID: 870 8280 8388  
Passcode: AfterCh

## **2020 Snyder Award Recipients**



Claude Alix-Jacob  
Cambridge DPH



Cherry Sullivan  
Hampshire Hope



Rev. Thomas Hathaway  
Outdoor Church



Abigail Kim  
Cambridge, MA



Marc O'Brien &  
Sarah Fujiwara  
First Church Cambridge

To support the work of the shelter, please text  
(844) 996-0982 with the format of "\$25 Shelter"

## HOMELESS MINISTRIES

**MAKE ROOM FOR NEW BOOKS!** With so much to read and learn about, bookshelf space can be a challenge. Why not donate a few old titles to the Friday Café? With libraries closed, many guests are reading-deprived right now. You can help by dropping books off on a Friday between 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.; or reach out to Kate Layzer to arrange a pickup.

**SIGN UP TO MAKE BAG LUNCHESES FOR THE FRIDAY CAFÉ!** Each week, we hand out 100+ bag lunches to neighbors in need. Each contains a sandwich, a piece of fruit, a snack, and something to drink. This is an especially fun activity to do with kids: collecting the ingredients, decorating the bags, making sandwiches, and assembling the lunches. Visit <https://signup.com/go/rfHdKHr> to claim your spot in the schedule. Thanks!

**VOLUNTEER TO BAKE SOME GOODIES FOR OUR EVENING MEAL PROGRAM** First Church serves 500 meals a week to help feed hungry neighbors! If you would like to make a few dozen sweet treats to hand out at one of our evening meals on Monday, Wednesday, Saturday, or Sunday, please visit <https://signup.com/go/DCsUUei> to sign up. Treats can be dropped off at the Tower Room door at 4:30 on any of those nights. Thank you!

## WIDER COMMUNITY ACTIONS AND EVENTS

**REMEMBER THE FOOD PANTRY** for which donations continue to be welcomed and needed. Proteins, fruits/veggies, cereals. Nothing already open or in glass, please. Leave at any time in boxes on Hilary's porch at 30 Winslow St., Cambridge, .25 mile up Garden St. Winslow is just off Sherman past the firehouse, on the left. Provide a lifeline for your neighbors in need.

**PHONEBANK FOR SAFE COMMUNITIES** You can help build constituent pressure in key districts across the state—especially outside Greater Boston—to bring the Safe Communities Act to the floor in this legislative session. Zoom into a SCA phone bank with a group of your friends or colleagues for a fun, virtual meeting out! You just need a computer and a phone (don't worry, no one will see your number—the computer does the dialing). Phone banking is a numbers game. Just 7 volunteers called over 1300 constituents in Berkshire county last week, thanks to automated dialing—imagine what we could do with 20 volunteers! It's not too late to register!

**Tuesday, October 6, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.** - Register at [http://bit.ly/SafeCommunities\\_106](http://bit.ly/SafeCommunities_106)

**Thursday, October 8, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.** - Register at [http://bit.ly/SafeCommunities\\_108](http://bit.ly/SafeCommunities_108)

**THE ENDURING LEGACY OF SLAVERY AND RACISM IN THE NORTH Thursday, October 8, 4:00 p.m., via Zoom** Although Massachusetts formally abolished slavery in 1783, the visible and invisible presence of slavery continued in the Commonwealth and throughout New England well into the 19th century. Harvard professor Louis Agassiz's theory about human origins is but one example of the continued presence and institutionalization of racism in the North. Taking as a starting point the new book *To Make Their Own Way in the World: The Enduring Legacy of the Zealy Daguerreotypes*, this panel of experts will examine the role and impact of slavery in the North and discuss the influence of Agassiz and how Black abolitionists responded to scientific racism.

**PANELISTS**

- Kyera Singleton, PhD candidate in American culture, University of Michigan, and executive director, Royall House and Slave Quarters
- Manisha Sinha, James L. and Shirley A. Draper Chair in American History, University of Connecticut
- John Stauffer, Sumner R. and Marshall S. Kates Professor of English and of African and African American Studies, Harvard University

**MODERATOR**

- Tiya Miles, Radcliffe Alumnae Professor, Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study and professor of history, Harvard University

This program is presented as part of the presidential initiative on Harvard and the Legacy of Slavery, a University-wide effort housed at the Radcliffe Institute. ***Note: John Stauffer is a member of First Church, and Dan Smith is part of the faculty committee guiding the presidential initiative and is co-chair, with Tiya Miles, of the Campus and Community sub-committee.*** The event is free and open to the public. [Please register here.](#)

## WIDER COMMUNITY ACTIONS AND EVENTS

**THE CALL WITHIN: DISMANTLING RACISM FROM THE INSIDE OUT October 7 & 8, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m., via Zoom** The Beloved Community highly recommends this workshop led by Jacqui Lewis, Senior Minister of the UCC “Multi-Everything” Middle Collegiate Church in New York City. Presenters include indigenous authors and leaders Kaitlin Curtice and Mark Charles, as well as author and activist V, formerly Eve Ensler. The course will be both theoretical and practical; it is for people of all ethnicities. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-call-within-dismantling-racism-from-the-inside-out-tickets-115273857210>



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**SEPTEMBER: Wednesdays starting September 30th. 6:30-9:00 pm.** Contact Tom at 978-618-7521, [garlandhome@comcast.net](mailto:garlandhome@comcast.net) or Paul at 978-514-2942, [pbois56@gmail.com](mailto:pbois56@gmail.com).

**OCTOBER: Tuesdays starting October 6th, 7:00– 9:30 pm.** Contact Phyllis at 978-973- 3995, [phyllis.terrey100@gmail.com](mailto:phyllis.terrey100@gmail.com) or Sara at 329-223-3146, [Shdodd@verizon.net](mailto:Shdodd@verizon.net). Additional info and more online sessions available at: [namimass.org/nami-family-to-family/](http://namimass.org/nami-family-to-family/)

## MEDITATIVE MUSIC FOR YOUR WEEK

**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, 20 September 2020**

<https://complinepodcast.org/?p=1865>

To learn more about The Compline Choir go to [https://complinepodcast.org/?page\\_id=2](https://complinepodcast.org/?page_id=2)

“Silence and time for interior reflection are often identified as the most powerful and moving characteristics of the Compline service. With its ministry directed toward spiritual values that nurture the soul, I see us engaged in a radical activity to act contrary to the icons of contemporary society—money, power, material comfort. These values cannot sustain or nourish the soul.” -Peter Hallock, founder of the choir.

### **Hildegard von Bingen, Voice of the Living Light Sequentia Ensemble for Medieval Music**

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

Sequentia is one of the world's most respected and innovative ensembles for medieval music, dedicated to the performance and recording of Western European music from the period before 1300. Their virtuosic performances are based on meticulous and original research and strike a timeless emotional connection to our past musical cultures. Hildegard (1098-1179) was a German Benedictine abbess, writer, composer, philosopher, Christian mystic, visionary and polymath. She is one of the best-known composers of sacred monophony, and more of her chants have survived than any other composer of the entire Middle Ages. She regularly received visions from the Holy Spirit (the “Living Light”).

### **Hildegard von Bingen, Ordo Virtutum Ensemble Vocatrix, Los Angeles**

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

The Ordo Virtutum is a liturgical drama composed by Hildegard c. 1151. It is the earliest morality play by more than a century and the only Medieval musical drama to survive with an attribution for both the text and the music. The Ordo is about the struggle for a human soul (Anima) between the Virtues and the Devil. For more information about the plot and roles see [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ordo\\_Virtutum](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ordo_Virtutum).

## LOOKING AHEAD

### **Sunday, October 4 WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY**

- 9:30 a.m. Adult Formation: Plymouth's Pilgrim Part II, via Zoom
- 9:30 a.m. Multigenerational Creative Arts Workshop, via Zoom
- 11:00 a.m. Live-stream Morning Worship  
Lexi Boudreaux, preaching
- 12:30 p.m. GBIO: On the Road to Racial Justice, via Zoom
- 1:30 p.m. Leadership Retreat, First Church lawn
- 2:30 p.m. Youth Group, Playground

### **Monday, October 5**

- 2:30 p.m. Beloved Community, via Zoom
- 4:00 p.m. First Church Caregiver Call, via Zoom
- 5:00 p.m. Meal Distribution, Tower Room
- 7:00 p.m. Cambridge Interfaith Sanctuary Coalition (CISC) monthly meeting, via Zoom  
*(All volunteers are welcome to join; Zoom invitation was sent via email.)*

### **Tuesday, October 6**

- 7:30 a.m. Praying the Psalms "Reconnection" Call, via Zoom
- 4:00 p.m. FCC Caregivers' Call, via Zoom
- 5:30 p.m. Stewardship Committee, via Zoom
- 7:30 p.m. "Relational God" Faith & Life Group, via Zoom

### **Wednesday, October 7**

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, via Zoom
- 5:30 p.m. Meal Distribution, Tower Room
- 5:30 p.m. "The Call to Return," with Carlyle Stewart, via Zoom

### **Thursday, October 8**

- 4:30 p.m. Shared Reflections on Richard Rohr's Daily Devotionals, via Zoom
- 6:00 p.m. Bible Study, via Zoom
- 7:45 p.m. Choir Call, via Zoom

### **Friday, October 9**

- 12:00 p.m. "Dancing with God" Faith & Life Group, via Zoom
- 1:00 p.m. Friday Café lunch bag pickup, Tower Room
- 3:00 p.m. Buildings & Grounds Committee, via Zoom

## LOOKING AHEAD

### **Saturday, October 10**

5:30 p.m. Meal Distribution, Tower Room

### **Sunday, October 11**

9:30 a.m. Adult Formation: Plymouth's Pilgrims Part III, via Zoom

9:30 a.m. Read-Alouds from the Children's Book Corner, via Zoom

11:00 a.m. YouTube-Premiere Morning Worship,  
Rev. Henry Schoenfield, preaching

12:15 p.m. Zoom Coffee Hour with Newcomers' and Puritans Discussion Breakouts

5:30 p.m. Meal Distribution, Tower Room

***Zoom invitations to many of our week's programs  
are in the all-church email that was sent this morning.***

***Committee Chairs and Faith & Life Group Leaders  
have sent Zoom invitations to registered participants.***

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