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## FIRST CHURCH IN CAMBRIDGE

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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

November 8, 2020

#### Preaching Today

Dan Smith, Senior Minister

#### Assisting in Worship

Lexi Boudreaux, Pastoral Associate

Jaz Buchanan, Pastoral Associate

Sarah Higginbotham, Director of Creative Worship & Arts

Peter Sykes, Music Director

Joanne Paul, liturgist

Jean Dany Joachim, Poet-in-Residence

Gandhi Solanki, for Stewardship

Kris McQuage-Lukas, technical support

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

## GATHERING

## VOLUNTARY

Allein Gott in die Höh sei Ehr'

J. S. Bach

## \*HYMN 100

By Gracious Powers

*(see page 4)*

## \*GREETING

Joanne Paul

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

**C: Come together in this community of hope and healing.**

L: Come together in this wide-open space of grace.

**C: Come together in the presence of God.**

L: Come together and return to the source of grace, courage and peace.

**C: Come together and share your hearts, your hope and your gifts.**

**All: Come together and let us worship God!**

## \*WORDS OF WELCOME AND CANDLELIGHTING

## ANTHEM

Grace  
*First Church Choir*

Patricia Van Ness

## CONFESSING

## INVITATION TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

**C: Loving God, we've been holding our breath for so long:  
holding fear and stress and anxieties about the future;  
holding worry about ourselves, our loved ones, our world;  
holding anger and resentment.**

**Forgive us when we forget to breathe!**

**By the gift of your Spirit,  
help to let go, to release, to exhale.**

**Breathe in and through us even now, God,  
in this eternal moment,**

**and fill us with your grace and love and peace.**

**Amen.**

# DECLARATION OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

## GREETING OF PEACE

## A TIME WITH CHILDREN

Sarah Higginbotham

## OPENING THE WORD

## PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

## RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 46

L: God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.

**C: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,  
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;**

L: though its waters roar and foam,  
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

**C: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

L: God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;  
God will help it when the morning dawns.

**C: The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;  
she utters her voice, the earth melts.**

L: The Lord of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

**C: Come, behold the works of the Lord;  
see what desolations she has brought on the earth.**

L: She makes wars cease to the end of the earth;  
she breaks the bow, and shatters the spear;  
she burns the shields with fire.

**C: "Be still, and know that I am God!  
I am exalted among the nations,  
I am exalted in the earth."**

L: The Lord of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

## READING

## SERMON

Dan Smith

**\*HYMN 427**

My Life Flows On in Endless Song

*(see page 5)*

## **SHARING OUR LIFE TOGETHER**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Lexi Boudreaux

**A POEM FOR OUR TIME**

Jean Dany Joachim

**PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH AND WORLD**

Jaz Buchanan

**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.**

**STEWARDSHIP TESTIMONY**

Gandhi Solanki

**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 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 80**

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

*(see page 6)*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**VOLUNTARY**

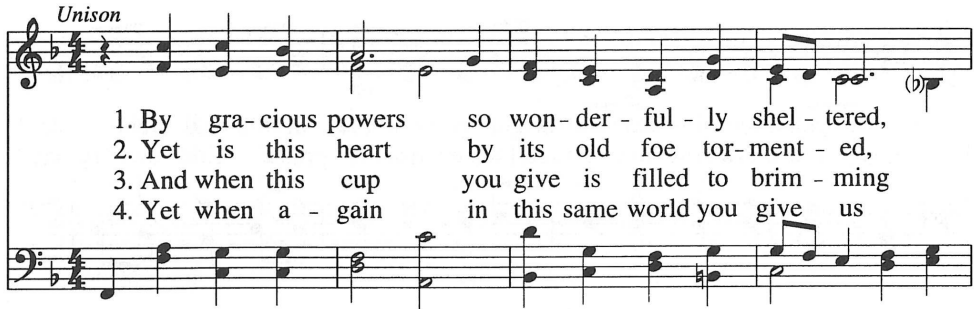
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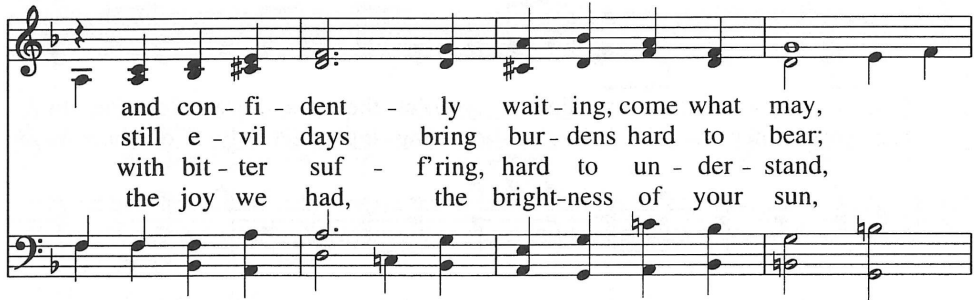
# OPENING HYMN

## By Gracious Powers

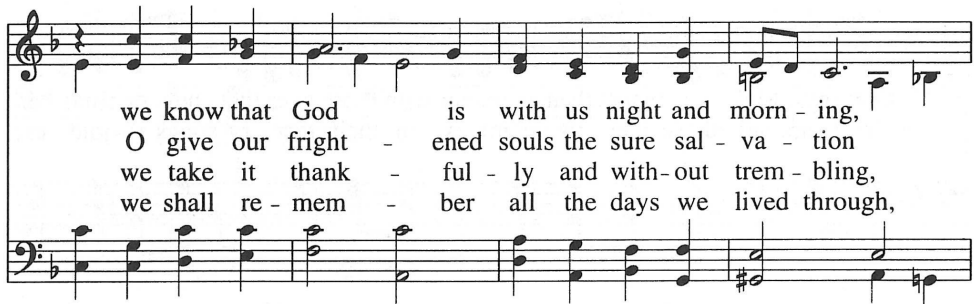
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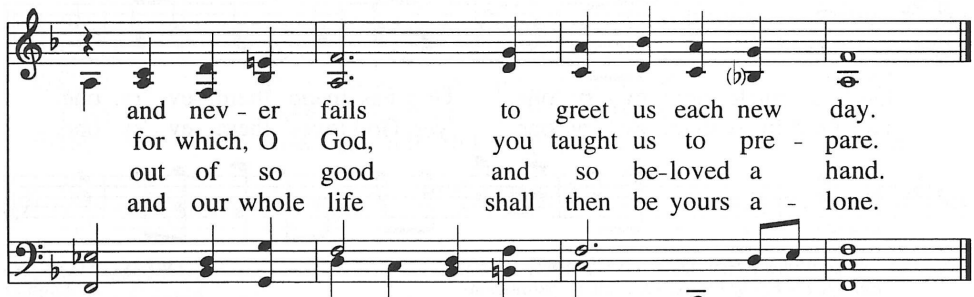
1. By gra-cious powers so won-der-ful-ly shel-tered,  
2. Yet is this heart by its old foe tor-ment-ed,  
3. And when this cup you give is filled to brim-ming  
4. Yet when a-gain in this same world you give us



and con-fi-dent-ly wait-ing, come what may,  
still e-vil days bring bur-dens hard to bear;  
with bit-ter suf-f'ring, hard to un-der-stand,  
the joy we had, the bright-ness of your sun,



we know that God is with us night and morn-ing,  
O give our fright-ened souls the sure sal-va-tion  
we take it thank-ful-ly and with-out trem-bling,  
we shall re-mem-ber all the days we lived through,



and nev-er fails to greet us each new day.  
for which, O God, you taught us to pre-pare.  
out of so good and so be-loved a hand.  
and our whole life shall then be yours a-lone.

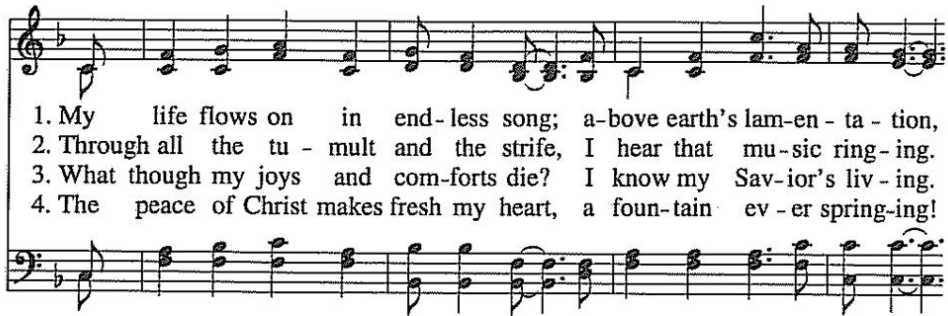
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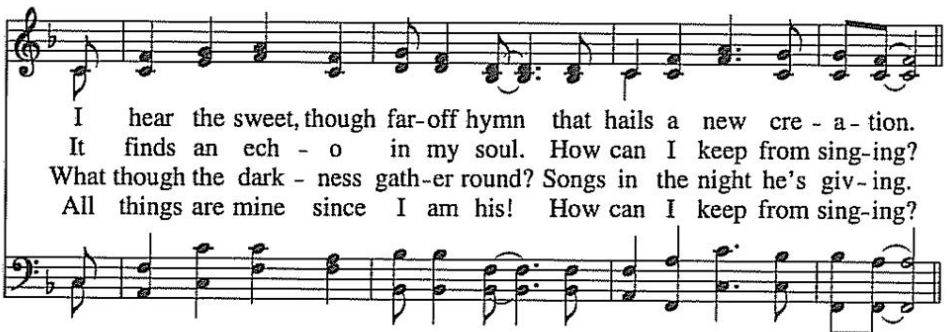


SERMON HYMN

# My Life Flows On in Endless Song

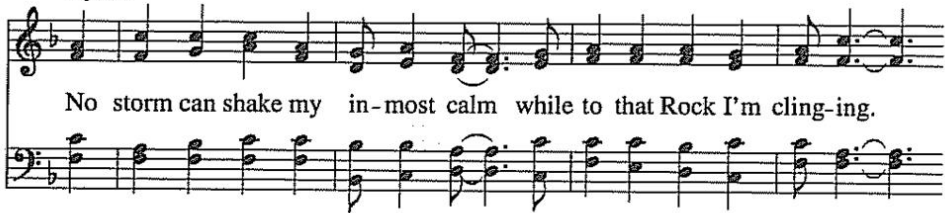


1. My life flows on in end-less song; a-bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion,  
2. Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu-sic ring - ing.  
3. What though my joys and com-forts die? I know my Sav-ior's liv - ing.  
4. The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev - er spring-ing!

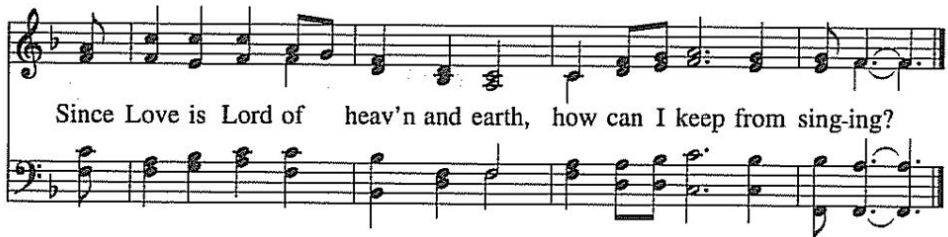


I hear the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.  
It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?  
What though the dark - ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he's giv-ing.  
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

*Refrain*



No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Love is Lord of heav'n and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

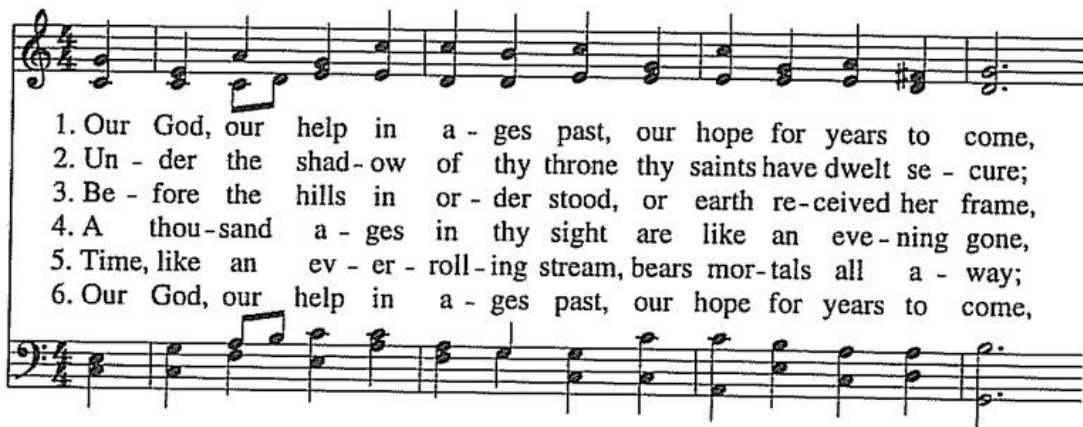
WORDS and MUSIC: Robert Lowry, 1869, alt.

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING  
87.87 w. refrain

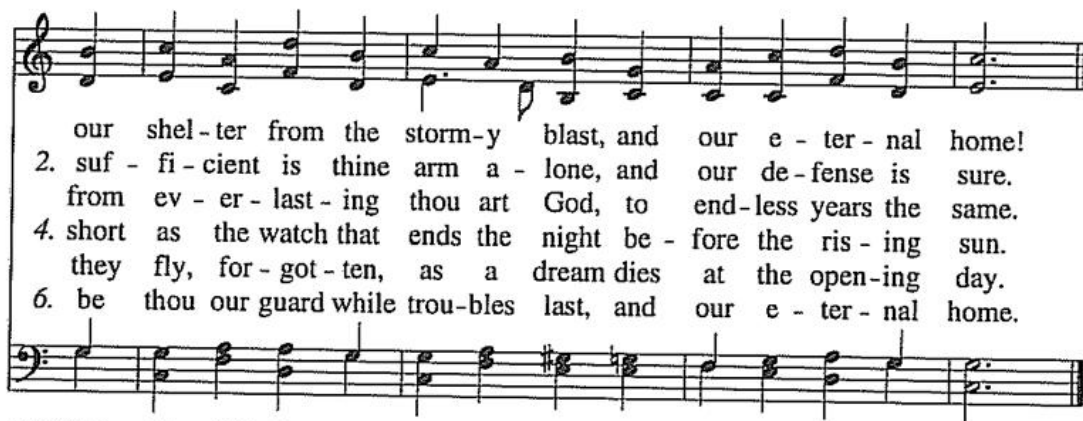
Baptist minister and educator Lowry was editor of Sunday School song books for Biglow & Main, one of the largest publishers of hymnals.

## CLOSING HYMN

# Our God, Our Help in Ages Past



1. Our God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,  
2. Un - der the shad - ow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt se - cure;  
3. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,  
4. A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are like an eve - ning gone,  
5. Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, bears mor - tals all a - way;  
6. Our God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home!  
2. suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
from ev - er - last - ing thou art God, to end - less years the same.  
4. short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.  
they fly, for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the open - ing day.  
6. be thou our guard while trou - bles last, and our e - ter - nal home.

WORDS: Isaac Watts, 1719, alt.  
MUSIC: Attr. William Croft, 1708

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Watts wrote this hymn, based on Psalm 90, while serving as pastor of Mark Lane Independent (Congregational) Church in London.



## PRAYERS OF OUR COMMUNITY

- We pray for our Community Minister for Racial Justice Carlyle Stewart, who has tested positive for Covid-19 and is recovering at home.
- We celebrate the marriage last weekend of Michael Fox and Christina James, daughter of longtime First Church member Brian James, who died in 2018.
- We pray for Karen Korn's mother, Mary Hunter, who has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease.
- We pray for Susan Ohman, whose brother Carl died recently.
- We pray for the loved ones of Fran Early, longtime organizer with the Greater Boston Interfaith Organization, who died unexpectedly last Sunday. We lift up all leaders and members of GBIO for whom Fran was a beloved friend, mentor, and inspiration.
- We pray for the loved ones of Albert Puell, former First Church volunteer, homeless advocate, and longtime member of First Church, who died on October 10 as a result of multiple chronic health issues.
- We pray for George Williams, whose aunt Mattie Greer died of Covid-related complications.
- We pray for all who are in treatment for cancer: Penny Kilburn, Nancy Kilburn's mother; Katie, Moana Bentin's sister; Amy Golodet, Jonathan New's sister-in-law; Becky and Jacqueline Collet, Karen Anne Zee's daughter and granddaughter; Stewart Bailey, Karen Anne Zee's son-in-law; Beth and Polly, Ann McCann's sisters; and former First Church member Nancy Sanders.
- We pray for our nation in the wake of the election, as it navigates extreme polarization, and concerns for our democratic process.
- As the death toll from COVID-19 surpasses 1.2 million worldwide, we pray for all who are grieving the loss of loved ones. We pray for health care professionals and essential workers, that they may know they are supported and cared for. For all of us, we pray for a new infusion of strength and peace as we find a new way of being in our world, and that we may perceive the presence of God anew in our daily lives.
- We pray for all those grieving the loss of loved ones to police violence. We pray for strength for those working for reform and for a new birth of racial justice and healing.
- We pray for loved ones of those killed and all impacted by recent terrorism and violence in a church in Nice, France, in Vienna, Austria, at Kabul University, and in western Ethiopia.
- We pray for the roughly 150 migrants who died after the wooden boat they were traveling in was shipwrecked off the coast of Senegal last week.
- We pray for the 14 men who are finding warmth and sustenance and protection in our First Church Shelter, and for the guests of the Friday Cafe, who are finding food and fellowship and listening ears. We pray for all who are experiencing deprivation and hardship in these uncertain times.
- We pray for those who seek sanctuary in houses of worship around the country, including our partner University Lutheran Church in Harvard Square. We pray for solace and security for immigrants and all those who live in constant fear and anxiety over their status in this country. We also pray for all who are working for a just and compassionate future for immigrants and asylum seekers.
- We pray that God may grant us the strength to confront and combat the many realities of the climate crisis, and that we and our leaders may be empowered to take bold steps to care for God's creation. We pray especially for the poor, who are disproportionately affected by our inaction.

## TODAY AT FIRST CHURCH

**ADULT FORMATION: THE CALL TO GIVE—A series brought to you by our Stewardship & Finance Teams, Today, 9:30 a.m., via Zoom** Join the Stewardship team as we ground our call to give in our spiritual and prayerful decisions. In this hour, we will explore how we steward ourselves and our church community in the process. We will share examples of how we know how much to pledge, review how to pledge online, and note the accumulating progress toward our stewardship goal.

[Click here to join the Adult Formation meeting 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

**REMOTE CHURCH SCHOOL: READ-ALOUDS FROM THE CHILDREN’S BOOK CORNER Today, 9:30 a.m., via YouTube premiere** Go to First Church’s YouTube channel at 9:30 a.m. to watch three members of the First Church community read picture books chosen from our Book Corner in the Sanctuary. Or return to our YouTube channel anytime after this morning to watch the video. [Click here to watch the YouTube Premiere at 9:30 a.m.](#)

**POST ELECTION PRAYER AND REFLECTION AT COFFEE HOUR (WITH NEWCOMERS BREAKOUT) Today, 12:15 p.m., via Zoom** Dan Smith and others will lead us in a after-worship time of checking in, shared reflection, and prayers for our nation. Amidst these uncertain, trying and divisive times, come share your hopes and fears as we enter into a new chapter, post-election as individuals, as a community of faith, and as a nation. As is our custom on second Sundays, Newcomers will be invited to join a breakout room (see below).

[Click here to join Zoom Coffee Hour](#) directly, or go to zoom.us and “join a meeting” with the following instructions:

Meeting ID: 876 6474 8993 Password: coffee

**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. And plan to join us today in Zoom Coffee Hour for our monthly Newcomers’ gathering in a breakout room.

## TODAY AT FIRST CHURCH

**VIGIL FOR COMMON GROUND Today, 3:00 - 3:30 p.m., Cambridge Common** Join with clergy and others from Harvard Square congregations for the second of two 30-minute prayerful vigils for our nation. Church bells will ring us in and out of our time together. Brief readings and poems will be offered, but no speeches. Please wear masks and practice social distancing. And please, no banners and no signs. This is a time to embrace and embody the civic fabric, common values and common ground that binds us even across differences.





**STEWARDSHIP 2021**  
**FIRST CHURCH IN CAMBRIDGE**  
**THE CALL TO GIVE**  
**PLEDGING & GIVING**

We invite you to prayerfully consider how God is calling you to give to our 2021 year of mission and ministry for these extraordinary times.

This year, all communications are via Tuesday Stewardship e-mails and [on our website](#).

Our [online pledge "card"](#) is accessible below, and our [time and talents "card"](#) is linked here.




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Online 2021 Pledge [Return to our Home Page](#)

**2021 Pledges**

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**2021 Pledge**

-Pledges & Gifts:

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Please [submit your pledge or gift](#) by November 21st and watch us piece together our progress towards our collective goals. Thank you!

## FALL AT FIRST CHURCH

**STEWARDSHIP 2021 — THE CALL TO GIVE** Our Stewardship Committee has launched its first multi-media campaign! As part of the campaign, we are sending [weekly emails](#) each Tuesday, theologically reflecting on our individual callings and on our calling as a church community to give. Rather than mailing a stewardship booklet and pledge card to be returned on Pledge Sunday, this year we are encouraging our church community to review the weekly emails and to [pledge early!](#) On **Sunday, November 22**, we will consecrate our pledges and our gifts during our livestream service. The Fall Congregational Meeting will follow worship on that day, where we will review and vote on [the 2021 church budget.](#)

**YOUNG ADULTS' "GENTLE BLASPHEMY" Tuesday, November 10, 7:00 p.m., via Zoom** Younger adult members of the church: whether you're looking to learn more about the many ways to serve in the church, or just catch up on life, you're in good company. In the spirit of faith exploration and questioning, the Young Adults' group will chat via Zoom as part of their "Gentle Blasphemy" series. To join the mailing list for YA activities, talk to Phil Jones: [p.robennolt.jones@gmail.com](mailto:p.robennolt.jones@gmail.com)

**ADULT FORMATION: BECOMING AN ANTI-RACIST CHURCH Sundays, November 15 & 22, 9:30 a.m., via Zoom** Plan to join Dan Smith and other leaders as we explore together how First Church embodies and is working to dismantle [Characteristics of White Supremacy Culture](#) within our own congregation.

**A CALL TO RETURN: Weekly Sessions Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m., via Zoom, Next Town Hall Meeting, Sunday November 15, 12:30 p.m., via Zoom** We have reached the halfway point of our series, "A Call to Return: Spiritual Reflections on Racial Justice." Thus far, we have taken a deep dive into the spiritual implications of institutional racism. We have explored the topics of repentance, and spiritual reorientation towards God. We have also sought to understand how the categories of race and theology have been intimately connected in American culture since the beginning. These sessions have become a time where folks are not only introduced to new concepts, but also access deeper parts of themselves. If you have missed any sessions, you are free to catch up on the [First Church Youtube channel](#). Join us next Sunday for our second of three town hall meetings. This will be a time to share the work of First Church and also to invite members from other communities into a session of dialogue and spiritual reflection. If you have any questions about "A Call to Return," feel free to reach out to Carlyle Stewart: [cfstewartiv94@gmail.com](mailto:cfstewartiv94@gmail.com)



## FALL AT FIRST CHURCH

**UCC MENTAL HEALTH BLOG FEATURES JENNY STUART** Rev. Jenny Stuart is a Community Minister at First Church, a clinical social worker specializing in psychological trauma, a psychotherapist at the Danielsen Institute at Boston University, and an ordained UCC minister. Jenny recently contributed to the UCC Mental Health Network Blog. Don't miss her deep wisdom and gorgeous writing about these challenging times:

<https://www.mhn-ucc.org/2020/11/02/water-by-jennifer-stuart-mdiv-licsw/>

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

**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.

**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** Our channel now has over 100 subscribers! Check out our 13 separate playlists and over 60 videos. Listen to sermons, play music, watch Godly Play stories, enjoy children's picturebooks, tune in to conversations on racial justice, or review our stewardship videos. Subscribe now so you don't miss anything! The link to the channel is: <https://tinyurl.com/ryac3av>

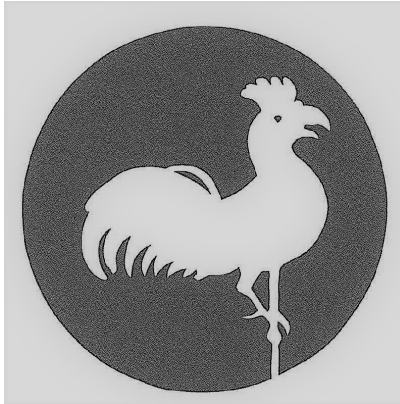
***Have an announcement for the bulletin?***

***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.***



## CALL TO CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

### FALL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING Sunday, November 22 at 12:30 p.m.



Notice is hereby given that  
a Special Meeting of First Church in Cambridge,  
Congregational, United Church of Christ,  
will be held in its 384th year  
at 12:30 p.m., Sunday the 22nd of November, 2020,  
via Zoom.

1. To review and vote on the proposed 2021 annual budget of the Congregation as recommended by Executive Council.
2. To hear a report on efforts towards becoming an anti-racist church.

No other business may legally come before the meeting.

By direction of Executive Council,  
David Kidder, *clerk*

## HOMELESS MINISTRIES

**THE FRIDAY CAFÉ IS NOW RECEIVING DONATIONS** of men's and women's warm pants, shirts, jackets, coats, hats, scarves, gloves, and sleeping bags. With a severe shortage of shelter beds across Massachusetts, unhoused neighbors will need to layer to survive this winter. Casual clothing only, please! "Shop" in your own home by going through your closet, or visit our Amazon wish list to ship essential items direct (<http://a.co/fkuiAGX>) Thank you for supporting vulnerable members of our community during the COVID crisis!

## WIDER COMMUNITY ACTIONS AND EVENTS

**UPDATE ON UCC MEDICAL DEBT FORGIVENESS CAMPAIGN** First Church in Cambridge joined with 121 other churches to abolish \$26.2 million in medical debt for New Englanders and first responders. We were one of 122 United Church of Christ congregations, four Associations, and more than 100 households in the Southern New England Conference that worked together to abolish \$26.2 million in medical debt for those most in need. ***First Church in Cambridge contributed \$2,000 for the effort - canceling \$200,000 in debt - by donations made by members.*** Families in seven states plus first responders around the country will soon be receiving letters telling them that their medical debt has been forgiven. A yellow envelope bearing a UCC logo is on the way to each benefiting family, with a letter naming contributing congregations and organizations. It reads: "You may never enter the doors of one of our churches, but we are the United Church of Christ and we love you. ... Most importantly, you are beloved by God and your debt has been forgiven." At [an October 25 news conference](#), local, regional, and national UCC leaders announced that a Conference-wide fundraising campaign in Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island, birthed before the pandemic, along with a contribution from a national ministry of the UCC, raised over \$200,000. The gifts were sent to the New York-based nonprofit "RIP Medical Debt."

**BLACK LIVES MATTER-BOSTON SEEKING FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR LOCAL STUDENTS** BLM Boston is supporting the emergency needs of the Boston-Area Youth Organizing Project (BYOP). These resources will be used for housing, food, and Covid-19 related needs. In addition, some students are in need of their own laptops to access online learning for school work. Those willing to assist may give directly via their [PayPal \(Pheonix Printemps\)](#) or you may donate via BLM Boston's official [Fiscal Sponsor Building Audacity via PayPal](#). You may also mail a check to: Building Audacity, Inc., 79 Allen Avenue, Lynn, MA 01902.

**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.

## 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, 25 October 2020**

<https://complinepodcast.org/?p=1878>

This compline liturgy from St. Mark's Cathedral includes choral pieces by M. Searle Wright and Josquin des Prez. The hymn is Liebster Jesu. This week the singing of Psalm 1 struck me for its beauty. But, honestly, this is all so lovely, I wish I could attend in person every week.

#### **Old Saint Paul's, Edinburgh: Sung Compline in the Lady Chapel**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N1DEkrks9Mw>

Here you have the office of compline sung by one person, and quite nicely. You might like it for it seems very personal, and it serves as an example of something that one could do at home.

#### **The Tallis Scholars, Peter Phillips: Palestrina, Missa Papae Marcelli**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BRfF7W4EI60>

A mass by G.P. da Palestrina - a bit of heaven on earth.

## LOOKING AHEAD

### **Sunday, November 8**

- 9:30 a.m. Adult Formation: "The Call to Give" with Stewardship, via Zoom
- 9:30 a.m. Children's Formation: Read-Alouds from the Book Corner, via YouTube
- 11:00 a.m. Live-stream Morning Worship  
Dan Smith, preaching
- 12:15 p.m. Post-Election All Congregation Prayer Meeting via Zoom,  
with Newcomers Breakouts
- 2:00 p.m. Youth Group, Meet on Playground
- 3:00 p.m. Vigil for Common Ground, Cambridge Common
- 5:30 p.m. Meal Distribution, Tower Room

### **Monday, November 9**

- 5:00 p.m. Meal Distribution, Tower Room

### **Tuesday, November 10**

- 4:00 p.m. FCC Caregivers' Call, via Zoom
- 5:00 p.m. Braiding Sweetgrass Faith & Life Group, via Zoom
- 7:00 p.m. Women's Reading Faith & Life Group, via Zoom
- 7:00 p.m. Young Adults' "Gentle Blasphemy" Gathering, via Zoom

### **Wednesday, November 11 - Church Building Closed for Veterans Day**

- 8:30 a.m. "*Stamped* - Multigenerational Re-Mix" Faith & Life Group, via Zoom
- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, via Zoom
- 5:30 p.m. Meal Distribution, Tower Room
- 5:30 p.m. "A Call to Return: Spiritual Reflections on Racial Justice"  
with Carlyle Stewart, via Zoom
- 7:00 p.m. Christian Formation Committee, via Zoom

### **Thursday, November 12**

- 4:30 p.m. Richard Rohr Devotionals Group, via Zoom
- 5:15 p.m. "Feeling Newer to Conversations About Race" Faith & Life Group, via Zoom
- 6:00 p.m. Bible Study, via Zoom
- 7:45 p.m. Choir Call, via Zoom

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### Friday, November 13

- 1:00 p.m. Friday Café lunch bag pickup, Tower Room  
3:00 p.m. Building & Grounds Committee, via Zoom

### Saturday, November 14

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

### Sunday, November 15

- 9:30 a.m. Adult Formation: Becoming an Anti-Racist Church, via Zoom  
9:30 a.m. Children's Formation: Remote Church School Classes, via Zoom  
11:00 a.m. Pre-Recorded Worship via YouTube Premiere  
Karen McArthur, preaching  
12:15 p.m. "A Call to Return" Racial Justice Zoom with Carlyle Stewart  
2:00 p.m. Young Adults' Walk, weather permitting, meet at City Hall Plaza, Boston  
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.***

***To join our all-church email list, [please sign up here](#).***

***Committee Chairs and Faith & Life Group Leaders  
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