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## SEASON OF EPIPHANY

## 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

Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, we are thankful that you are with us today, and we hope that you will stay for a bit after worship for refreshments and conversation. First Church is an Open and Affirming, Just Peace congregation of the United Church of Christ. If you'd like to know more about us, please introduce yourself to one of the ministers after church and explore our website at:  
[www.firstchurchcambridge.org](http://www.firstchurchcambridge.org).

Children of all ages are welcome in our worship. Picture books, children's Bibles, and activity packets can be found in the Children's Book Corner located by the door to the parish building (to the right of the chancel). Children may visit the Book Corner at any point during worship. Nursery care for infants and toddlers is located through that door, up the ramp, and through the fire door. Fussy babies and their caregivers are invited to use Hastings Common, through the same door.

Large-print bulletins and assistive listening devices are available.

## WORSHIP LEADERS

February 2, 2020

### Preaching Today

Moana Bentin, Joanne Paul, and Taj Smith, Deacons

### Leading Worship

Davis Dyer, Bruce Hoppe, Julie Pridham, Meredith Quinn, and Beth Spaulding, Deacons  
Dan Smith, Senior Minister

### Liturgist

Amy Matias, Deacon

### Offering the Ministry Moment

Phil Jones

### Playing the Organ and Directing the Choir

Peter Sykes, Music Director

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

## GATHERING

## VOLUNTARY

*Le Banquet Celeste* (1928)

Olivier Messiaen

## \*HYMN 313

I Come with Joy

## \*GREETING

Amy Matias

L: Siblings in the Spirit, come into this place of mercy and rest!

**C: Come, you who thirst for a deeper life and a fairer world.**

L: Come, you who hunger for justice, and you who seek healing.

**C: Here, God offers grace and peace to us and to the world!**

L: Here, God offers light for a new horizon and hope for a new dawn!

**C: Then let us sing the light together, pray the light together,  
and do the works of light together for the world God loves. Amen.**

## WORDS OF WELCOME

Amy Matias and Davis Dyer

## ANTHEM

In the Very Air I Breathe

Patricia Van Ness

## CONFESSING

## INVITATION TO CONFESSION

## SILENCE

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

**All: Merciful God, you have given light to the world in Jesus Christ,  
but we have preferred to live in darkness.****Your justice protects the weak and vulnerable,  
yet we seek privilege and power.****Your righteousness redeems the poor and needy,  
yet we seek wealth and possessions.****Your peace upholds the oppressed and defenseless,  
yet we seek the security of weapons and walls.****Forgive us, and lead us to true repentance,  
that we may trust you in all things;  
through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

*\*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.*

## DECLARATION OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

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

**C: And also with you!**

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

## \*GREETING OF PEACE

### \*HYMN 353

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

*The Church School (pre-K - 7th grade) is now invited to gather in Margaret Jewett Hall to prepare brown bag lunches for the Outdoor Church. The children will return to the Sanctuary with their offering at the Doxology and may rejoin their families for Communion after the Prayer of Dedication.*

## ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF DEACONS

### INVITATION

Dan Smith

### THE CANDIDATES' PROMISES

#### \*THE CONGREGATION'S PROMISES

L: Do you affirm these Deacons' gifts of care and leadership?

**C: We do.**

L: Will you receive, respect and respond to their ministry among you?

**C: We will.**

L: Will you uphold and enfold them, and all the Deacons of this church,  
with your prayer and gratitude?

**C: We will.**

#### \*THE LAYING ON OF HANDS

*The laying on of hands is an ancient practice by which, through human touch, the Holy Spirit consecrates ("sets apart") and confirms persons called to particular ministries in a community. It is also a sign that these leaders stand in a long and living line of servants who have been called from within their communities for this same ministry.*

#### \*ORDINATION PRAYER

## \*DECLARATION

### INSTALLATION PRAYER

L: Let us pray:

**All: We welcome you in this ministry with hope,  
and we install you in joy!  
Trust God, seek the Spirit's consolation,  
love this congregation with all your hearts,  
serve, forbear, witness, and lead,  
in the name of the good and gracious God. Amen.**

### OPENING THE WORD

#### PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

#### READING

Matthew 5:1-12

#### SERMON

Blessing! Joanne Paul, Moana Bentin, Taj Smith

#### \*HYMN 406

Blest Are They

### SHARING OUR LIFE TOGETHER

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### MINISTRY MOMENT

Greater Boston Interfaith Organization (GBIO)

#### PRAYERS FOR CHURCH AND WORLD

Dan Smith

L: God be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

L: Let us pray... (*silence, intercessions, and the Lord's Prayer*)

#### INVITATION TO OFFERING

#### OFFERTORY

*O Sacrum Convivium*

Thomas Pavlechko

*O sacred banquet, in which Christ is received,  
the memory of his passion is renewed, the mind is filled with grace,  
and a pledge of future glory is given us.*

To God, all glorious heav'nly light,  
To Christ revealed in earthly night,  
To God, the Spirit, now we raise  
Our joyful songs of thankful praise! Amen.

### SHARING THE FEAST

#### \*INVITATION

- L: Dear friends, come now to the Welcome Table!  
**C: Taste and see that God is good!**  
L: Drink together the Cup of Joy.  
**C: Filled to the brim with hope.**  
L: Jesus loves you. Come, eat the feast he has made for you.

#### \*PRAYER OF PREPARATION

- L: How good it is to praise you, Holy One  
Your beauty ushers in the dawn,  
and in your light we see light—  
**C: justice for the nations, mercy for the broken-hearted,  
safety for the poor, belonging for the outcast,  
strength for the weak, and forgiveness for the sinner.**  
L: You reveal your love in joy and sorrow,  
and we know your wonder even in the shadow of death.  
**C: All your creatures behold your works  
and testify to your faithfulness**  
L: And so we too, fragile lamps in your holy house,  
raise our hearts in praise.

#### REMEMBERING AND GIVING THANKS

Beth Spaulding

- L: Now, O God, with grateful joy, we remember Jesus,  
his daring love, his open table.  
*(Silence)*  
L: We remember that he called us friends.  
**C: He told us everything you placed in his heart.**  
L: We remember that he gave us peace.  
**C: A peace no one else can give.**  
L: We remember that he did not leave us bereft.  
**C: He sent us a Helper – the Spirit who dwells in our hearts!**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

#### 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.**

#### \*SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

*All who seek to follow Jesus' way of justice, compassion and love are invited to partake of this feast. Please know that the cup contains grape juice and the bread is gluten-free. May there be no barriers to participation in this meal! We invite you to come forward to receive. For those wishing to remain in their seats, servers will come around to each of you as we share of this glad feast together in a circle of God's love.*

#### \*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

L: Let us give thanks!

**All: Thank you, God, for the 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,  
and the will to serve you all the days of our lives.  
In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

### GOING FORTH

#### \*HYMN 333

Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing

#### \*BENEDICTION

#### \*CHORAL RESPONSE

Benediction (in memoriam)

Larry Hill/Peter Sykes

#### VOLUNTARY

Prelude for Epiphany

Maurice Duruflé

## YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED

- For ongoing strength for 12-year-old Ada Grace LaMaster and the LaMaster family. Ada is continuing her treatment and therapy for transverse myelitis at Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital.
- For Anita Anger, who had a bad fall last week and suffered a broken elbow among other injuries.
- For Patricia Gnazzo Pepper's dear friend Elizabeth Ross, who was in a serious car crash while visiting family in Scotland and is recovering from a number of surgeries following the accident.
- For the family of Eric Riedel, beloved church member who died on January 23 at the age of 75 following a long illness. Prayers are invited especially for his wife, Karen Ann Zee, and for Eric's children, Helen and Rich, and their families. A memorial service will be held at First Church on April 5, 2020.
- For Dan Smith's mother, Linda Smith, whose longtime partner Bill Rangnow died on January 21, and for all of Bill's family.
- For Meredith Quinn, who continues an unexpectedly long recovery from a bad concussion that happened when she bumped her head several weeks ago.
- For all who are in treatment for cancer: Peter Marks, Patricia Van Ness's husband; Penny Kilburn, Nancy Kilburn's mother; Mark Deck, Sarah Fujiwara's brother-in-law; 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 Susan Dalton, Jean Carr's friend.
- For the 14 men who are finding care and residence in our First Church Shelter and for the guests of the Friday Cafe. Through the winter season, may they know warmth, compassion, and companionship.
- For all those affected by the spread of the corona virus in Wuhan, China, and around the world. We pray for healing and for strong, swift leadership in containment efforts.
- For guidance for our nation and our leaders at this time of political upheaval as the historic impeachment proceedings move through the Senate. We pray for a spirit of courage, truthfulness, collaboration, and civility.
- 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 also for all who are working for a just and compassionate future for immigrants and asylum seekers.
- For all impacted by the deadly wildfires in Australia, flooding in Indonesia, and the earthquake in Puerto Rico. We offer up our sadness, fears, and grief, and pray for God's strength as we combat the realities of the climate crisis, including sea-level rise, coral reef destruction, storms, wildfires, and climate migration. May God awaken and 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 immediately affected by our inaction.

*If you would like us to include a prayer request in the bulletin, please contact Dan Smith by Tuesday morning, or fill out a prayer request card found in your pew.*



## TODAY'S HAPPENINGS AT FIRST CHURCH

**TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE** was planned and overseen by the outgoing and current First Church Board of Deacons: Meredith Quinn (2019 chair), Bruce Hoppe, and Julie Pridham, class of 2019; Moana Benetin and Beth Spaulding (2020 co-chairs), Davis Dyer, Amy Matias, Joanne Paul, and Taj Smith. We also welcome our incoming Deacons, Dean Eaton and Nora Wilcutts. The service includes contributions by past and present Deacons as greeters, liturgists, preachers, leaders of communion, ushers, and communion servers, roles that illustrate some of the many ways in which the Deacons support our clergy and serve our congregation.

**MIDDLER BOOK & BIBLE STUDY Today, 10:00 a.m., Harter Room** Join First Church's 5th graders to hear about their learning over the first semester of Church School this year. They will discuss *Harbor Me*, a middle reader novel that the students have explored side-by-side with Biblical stories about seeking refuge, finding shelter, and offering hospitality. All are welcome.

**AN OPPORTUNITY FOR HEALING PRAYER** Every Communion Sunday, the Deacons and Ministers offer prayers for healing, peace, and reconciliation for anyone who desires them. The healing prayer teams will be positioned in the chancel, located near the baptismal font. If you would like to share a healing prayer, receive an anointing or laying on of hands, please approach one of the teams at the end of the service and make your need known.

**THE FIRST CHURCH DEACONS' FUND** is one of the many ways in which our community cares for one another. Church members in need of financial assistance for a one time or short-term emergency may make a confidential request to one of the deacons or clergy. This fund belongs to us and relies on our contributions. We hope people will take advantage of this aid. You are also invited to make a gift (beyond your pledge) to the Deacons' Fund, if able. Please mark on your check or online contribution "Deacons' Fund." This Fund is also available to reimburse parishioners who use Lyft, Uber or cabs to get to and from church services in severe weather. Please forward or send a receipt to Karen McArthur by email or you can leave a copy in her mailbox in the church office.

**FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION TODAY** Every Communion Sunday, we collect food offerings for our Cambridge neighbors experiencing food uncertainty. Breakfast foods, proteins, cooking oil, rice, fruit, and veggies—these are all welcome. Mark your calendar for next month's collection on March 1.

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**OUTDOOR CHURCH OFFERING** On Communion Sundays, it is our practice to prepare 3 dozen lunches for the Outdoor Church to distribute to those in need on the streets of Cambridge. The children of the church lead us in this discipline, leaving worship at 11:20 a.m. on the first Sunday of the month and returning with the lunches in time for multigenerational Communion. As always, people of all ages are encouraged to participate by volunteering to deliver the lunches to Harvard-Epworth United Methodist Church by 2:00 p.m. Speak with the Deacon serving as Head Greeter today if you'd like to get involved in the ongoing mission project.

**BELOVED COMMUNITY LUNCH AND CONVERSATION Today, 12:30 p.m., Harter Room** At our Annual Meeting last week, Peggy Stevens updated us on how plans are evolving for a project related to our church's slaveholding legacy. This still-unfolding work is, at once, calling us to reach out beyond First Church, while also prompting us to examine our internal structures and ways of being through an anti-racist lens. Come hear and share stories of how this transformation is already taking hold through our shared learning and pilgrimages; and help us shape our next steps, both immediate and long-term. We will offer some suggested reading and discuss various touchstones or benchmarks, so that we can measure our ongoing progress as we continue our journey to become a more diverse, radically inclusive, multi-racial and multi-cultural community. Grab your lunch from the buffet in the Kitchen on the way; child care will take place in Sage Hall.

**NEWCOMERS LUNCHEON Today, 12:30 p.m., Library** If you're new (or feeling new) to First Church, looking for ways to get involved, seeking information about our church or our denomination (The United Church of Christ), interested in meeting others who are new to the church, or in connecting with some folks who already know their way around, this luncheon is for you! Join us for a Newcomers Luncheon and meet our ministers and members, learn about our history, explore membership, learn about opportunities for service and action in the community, and hear about our faith formation and educational programs. Grab your lunch from the buffet in the Kitchen on the way; child care will take place in Sage Hall.

**NIGHT SONG Today, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary** Cap your Sunday and start your week with this beautiful, contemplative, candle-lit musical service that includes choral music, ancient and contemporary chant, and instrumental music.

## FUTURE HAPPENINGS AT FIRST CHURCH

**ALL-CONGREGATION FUN NIGHT / MOVIE NIGHT THIS COMING FRIDAY February 7, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m., Margaret Jewett Hall** Join us for a potluck supper followed by a screening of “Wonder,” the well-received movie adaptation of an award-winning middle-reader novel about a boy with an extreme facial deformity who faces the challenges of entering a new school community. Rated PG, the movie makes an impact with its inspiring message to #ChooseKind. All are welcome to end the week with “dinner and a movie” and a bit of wonder at church! Any and all potluck dishes are encouraged.

**FIRST CHURCH BUILDING TOUR Sunday, February 9, 10:00 a.m., Harter Room** Meet Facilities Manager Kris McQuage-Loukas and then be guided through our building for a tour of rarely seen spaces. Join us for an orientation to all of the many activities and projects that go on in our building which is a center of community, justice-making, arts, learning and recovery for dozens of groups each and every month!

**CAMBRIDGE INTERFAITH SANCTUARY COALITION (CISC) INFORMATION & UPDATE SESSION FOR FIRST CHURCH Sunday, February 9, 12:30 p.m., Harter Room** As we mark the third anniversary of becoming a “sanctuary church,” join First Church’s CISC leaders and volunteers to hear updates on the Coalition’s ministry with a family living at University Lutheran Church. Current and former volunteers are especially encouraged to attend and to share their experiences of walking this journey. Those who are not yet involved, but wish to learn more, are also warmly invited.

**YOUNG ADULTS GROUP: FAITH ON TAP AND FRESH BREWED FAITH** The Young Adults’ group has two upcoming Faith on Tap nights: **February 12, 7:30 p.m.**, at Warren Tavern in Charlestown; and **February 24, 7:30 p.m.**, at The Burren in Somerville. Plus, with a new “Fresh Brewed Faith” series, the group will try a few breakfast gatherings for a little change of pace: **February 4, 8:00 a.m.**, at Zaftig’s in Brookline; and **February 27, 8:00 a.m.**, at S&S Deli in Inman Square. Questions? Contact Phil Jones: [p.robbennolt.jones@gmail.com](mailto:p.robbennolt.jones@gmail.com).

**SPIRITUAL PRACTICES FOR LENT Sunday, February 23, 10:00 a.m., Harter Room** Lent begins on February 26, but join Lexi and Carlyle for a session of preparation on the Sunday before the season begins. In Lent, a variety of opportunities will allow us to gain a better understanding of our faith and the significance of this holy season, while strengthening our connections with one another. We will have the opportunity to deepen our relationships with each other through prayer partners and accountability groups. We will explore the theological significance of Jesus’ ministry, and the events leading up to the crucifixion of Jesus through weekly Bible studies, starting with the Gospel of John; and in our 10 O’clock Hour sessions, we will read, discuss, and reflect on James Cone’s *The Cross and the Lynching Tree*, which will provide us with a new vision

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of the cross and how it relates to oppressed communities throughout the world. Come learn about these opportunities in advance of the season.

**NEW MEMBERS GATHERING Sunday, February 16, 12:30 p.m., Harter Room** Newcomers, new members, and those who have joined First Church within the past few years are encouraged to participate in this session, where we will talk about the upcoming spiritual practices in Lent and how members can go about building and deepening relationships throughout the season. This will prepare us to begin our New Member Partnerships Program after Lent, which will allow newer friends to experience regular relationship-building and communication with their partner about matters of Faith and Church life. Partners will also serve as a guide and liaison for new members to help facilitate their acclimation to First Church.

## THURSDAYS AT FIRST CHURCH

**PRAYING THE PSALMS: DAILY PRACTICE & WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY Thursday mornings, ongoing, 7:15 - 8:45 a.m., Library** We invite you to read, pray, and reflect on one Psalm each day (we began with Psalm 1 on Dec. 1, and are reading Psalms 64 through 70 this week. For the weekly Bible study, we gather for coffee or tea at 7:15 a.m. most Thursdays, beginning with a time of soulful check-in promptly at 7:30. We then dive into some reflection about the Psalms of the week, sharing what we are learning about maintaining a daily spiritual practice, alone and together. Feel free to drop in when you can, or plan to make it a regular part of your week. Our weekly study will continue this week on **Thursday, February 6**, in the Library. Questions? E-mail Dan or Brent ([brentbcoffin@gmail.com](mailto:brentbcoffin@gmail.com)).

**THURSDAY EVENING MINDFULNESS MEDITATION GROUP Thursday evenings, ongoing, 6:30 p.m., The Well (Room 22)** Meet for a time of quiet centering meditation. Absolutely no experience is needed or expected. Chairs and a bit of guidance are provided. Come for a respite in the midst of busyness. Questions? Contact Hilary Hopkins: [hopkinsjh@verizon.net](mailto:hopkinsjh@verizon.net)

**WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY BEGINS THIS WEEK Thursday evenings, 6:30 p.m., Harter Room** Weekly Bible study sessions every Thursday led by Pastoral Associate Carlyle Stewart begin this Thursday. To begin our study, we will read the first five chapters of the Gospel of John. We will prayerfully engage with Scripture to understand the theological themes within this text. What is the theological significance of Jesus' presence and earthly ministry as the "Word became flesh," how can we deepen our understanding of this to further enrich our faith? We will not study merely as an academic discipline, but with the desire to know God more intimately. These sessions throughout the month of February will prepare us to enter the Lenten season. Questions? Contact Carlyle Stewart.

## WIDER COMMUNITY EVENTS

**HOW TO CHANGE YOUR CHRISTIAN MIND Sunday, February 9, 2:00 p.m., Harter Room** In 2018, New York Times bestselling author and Harvard lecturer Michael Pollan released a new book: *How to Change Your Mind: What the New Science of Psychedelics Teaches Us about Consciousness, Dying, Addiction, Depression, and Transcendence*, opening up new questions about the role of mysticism and spiritual wellbeing in treating mental health. In conversation with this book, Harvard Divinity School student Joe Welker (MDiv '22) explores how Christianity can join in this discussion through its mystic roots, discerning the possibilities and responsibilities of integrating Christianity into the growing psychedelic movement. This is just one Christian's story and an invitation to conversation. Following a presentation, the floor will be opened for questions and sharing of perspectives.

**LOOKING FOR CAMPING EQUIPMENT FOR PETITS MISSIONAIRES IN TOGO** First Church member Ayawavi Aattisso is seeking donations of tents (for 2-4 people, can be used), air mattresses/pads, flashlights/lanterns (solar if possible), water bottles, rain ponchos to ship to Togo. She leads annual mission trips with teen youth in Togo to an impoverished rural village. The teens need a few supplies to enable them to camp instead of sleep on a bus. For further info contact: [sredlich2010@hotmail.com](mailto:sredlich2010@hotmail.com).

**MALE SURVIVORS UNITED** You are invited to join together with an anonymous community of like-minded adult men affected by unwanted or abusive sexual experiences. Leave isolation behind and join our monthly phone calls for free peer support, by male survivors for male survivors. Our group is nonprofessional. We are peers, not therapists. Together we help each other reclaim our voices and our lives. The calls are at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on the 2nd Sunday of each month. For more information see [malesurvivorsunited.org](http://malesurvivorsunited.org) or contact First Church Deacon Bruce Hoppe confidentially at [bruce@malesurvivorsunited.org](mailto:bruce@malesurvivorsunited.org)

## OUR HOMELESS MINISTRIES

### OVER \$23,000 RAISED AT THE VILLAGE WELL GALA!

Thanks to all who attended our Homeless Ministries Gala on January 25, and all who worked so hard behind the scenes to make it a resounding success! We filled Margaret Jewett Hall with old friends and new friends for what proved to be a magical evening of inspiration and community uplift. A special thanks to all who made an effort to reach out to family, friends, and colleagues to tell them about this event and invite them to come learn more. Our Village Well gala wasn't just a fund raiser: It was a true "friend raiser." We are so glad for the opportunity to spread the word about our work to a wider circle. Great work, everybody!



## DAN SMITH AND CARLYLE STEWART AMONG LEADERS OF MONTGOMERY PILGRIMAGE

Carlyle and Dan will join City Mission Boston and Old South Church in Boston in leading a pilgrimage to the National Memorial for Peace and Justice in Montgomery, Alabama. The purpose of this journey is to acknowledge the living legacy of white supremacy in our country, learn the history of white racial violence from Reconstruction to Jim Crow, and begin to appreciate the importance of resisting modern day racism and system injustice in our lives and community.

### PILGRIMAGE HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- The Equal Justice Initiative Legacy Museum and The National Memorial for Peace and Justice
- Tour of historical sites in Montgomery such as the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church; the Dexter Avenue Church Parsonage; Freedom Rides Museum; Rosa Park Library and Museum; National Center for the Study of Civil Rights and African American Culture; and the Civil Rights Memorial.
- Daily Reflections and conversations with local historians and storytellers along the way.

### REGISTRATION:

- \$250 per person (this is non-refundable).
- Travel and accommodations are on your own. (Helpful details/discounts can be found on the registration website.)
- The deadline to register is **Sunday, February 16.**
- The Pilgrimage is limited to 55 participants.

**For more information and to register:** <https://citymissionboston.org/pilgrimage>

**Questions?:** Contact Dan or Carlyle.

## LOOKING AHEAD

### Sunday, February 2

- 9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 9:45 a.m. Community Gathering Time, Hastings Common
- 10:00 a.m. Adult Formation: Middler Book & Bible Study, Harter Room
- 10:00 a.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal, Lindsay Chapel
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship, Multigenerational Communion,  
First Church Deacons leading and preaching, Ordination of New Deacons
- 11:20 a.m. Church School: Outdoor Church Offering, Margaret Jewett Hall (MJH)
- 12:30 p.m. Beloved Community Lunch & Conversation, Harter Room
- 12:30 p.m. Newcomers Luncheon, Library
- 7:30 p.m. Night Song, Sanctuary

### Monday, February 3

- 7:00 p.m. Cambridge Interfaith Sanctuary Coalition (CISC) Meeting,  
St. James's Church, Porter Square (All active volunteers are welcome.)

### Wednesday, February 5

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

### Thursday, February 6

- 7:30 a.m. Praying the Psalms, Library
- 6:30 p.m. Mindfulness Meditation Group, The Well (Rm. 22)
- 6:30 p.m. Bible Study, Harter Room
- 7:45 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Harter Room

### Friday, February 7

- 1:00 p.m. Friday Café, MJH
- 5:30 p.m. All-Church Fun Night, MJH

### Sunday, February 9

- 9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 9:45 a.m. Community Gathering Time, Hastings Common
- 10:00 a.m. First Church Building Tour, Harter Room
- 10:00 a.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal, Lindsay Chapel
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship, Dan Smith, preaching
- 11:20 a.m. Church School: Classes (preschool - 7th grade)
- 12:30 p.m. CISC Information Updates, Harter Room
- 2:00 p.m. Confirmation Class, The Well (Rm. 22)
- 2:00 p.m. "How To Change Your Christian Mind" with Joe Welker (MDiv '22), Harter Room
- 7:30 p.m. Night Song, Sanctuary

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