



PALM SUNDAY

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WELCOME TO FIRST CHURCH IN CAMBRIDGE...

Grounded in God • Growing in Community • Acting in Love

These past few weeks 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.

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WORSHIP LEADERS

April 5, 2020

Leading Worship

Dan Smith, Senior Minister

Sarah Higginbotham, Director of Creative Worship & Arts

Lexi Boudreaux, Pastoral Associate

Carlyle Stewart, Pastoral Associate

Peter Sykes, Music Director

The photograph on the bulletin cover is by Gaylen Morgan.

MAKING A WAY FOR GOD'S WELCOME

Hosanna! For this interactive service you will need:

- *an open space on a table or the floor near your computer, and a tablecloth or piece of fabric*
- *a candle and candlelighter*
- *a small stone*
- *a palm (if you have one), or a twig, plant stem, pinecone, or other item from nature*
- *a cloak (coat or jacket)*

For Communion:

- *a cup with juice (or whatever you have on hand)*
- *a roll or piece of bread (or whatever is available)*

Please gather these items together before the service begins or during our opening hymn, but don't arrange them yet: We will do that together during the service.

VOLUNTARY

Valet ich will Dir geben

J. S. Bach

WORDS OF WELCOME

Dan Smith

BELL CHOIR INTRODUCTION**HYMN**

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

**All glory, laud and honor to thee, Redeemer, King
 To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!
 The people of Jerusalem with palms before thee went;
 Our prayer and praise and anthems before thee we present.**

**Thou art the King of Heaven, thou God's own righteous son,
 who in the Lord's name comest, the true and blessed One;
 to thee before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;
 to thee now high exalted, our melody we raise.**

**Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,
 Who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King.
 All glory, laud and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,
 To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!**

***GREETING**

Sarah Higginbotham

- L: People of God, wherever you are, sing Hosanna!
- C: Hosanna! God is our help and strength.**
- L: Wherever you are, lift high your palms.
- C: Hosanna! God is making a way.**
- L: Wherever you are, let God draw near.
- C: Hosanna! Though we are apart, God is with us, always!**
- L: God is with us always, our hope and healing,
making a way out of no way, making a way in love!

A TIME WITH CHILDREN

Making a Way in our Homes

Please prepare your tablecloth and candle.

MAKING A WAY FOR GOD’S MERCY

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Carlyle Stewart

Please pick up your stone.

SILENCE

CONFESSION HYMN

Lead Me, Lord

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DECLARATION OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

***GREETING OF PEACE**

***SHARED CHECK-IN**

***HYMN 127**

Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates

(see page 6)

MAKING A WAY FOR GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Please lift up your palm or element of nature.

READING

Luke 19:28-40

Lexi Boudreaux

***HYMN 319**

Bread of the World, in Mercy Broken

(see page 7)

MAKING A WAY FOR GOD IN COMMUNITY

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVITATION TO OFFERING

*Please lift up your “cloak” and be ready to lay it down
as a symbol of what you can offer to this time.*

*To make a more tangible contribution, you may give online
from your bank account at www.firstchurchcambridge.org
(click on the word “Give” at the top of the landing page)
or by text from your debit/credit card by texting the amount to 844-996-0982.*

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine
Demands my soul, my life, my all! Amen.**

MAKING A WAY AT CHRIST’S TABLE

*INVITATION

Please have your bread and cup at the ready.

REMEMBERING AND GIVING THANKS

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

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 THE BREAD AND CUP

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

L: Let us give thanks!

**All: Thank you, God,
for the grace 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.
Bless us with 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.**

MAKING A WAY IN GOD'S WORLD

*HYMN 100

By Gracious Powers

(see page 8)

A SPIRITUAL PRACTICE FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

Ultimate Jude

Paul Sawyer

CONGREGATIONAL CHECK-IN

*At this time, you are invited to email Dan or Sarah with your comments, prayer concerns,
or check-ins, to be shared via the live-stream.*

*Dan's email: dsmith@firstchurchcambridge.org
Sarah's email: shigginb@firstchurchcambridge.org*

CONFESSION HYMN

Lead Me, Lord

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The lyrics are: 'Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy right-ous-ness, make thy way plain be - fore my face. For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord, on - ly, that mak - est me dwell in safe - ty.'

WORDS: Psalms 5:8, 4:8

MUSIC: Samuel S. Wesley, 1861

LEAD ME, LORD

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This music is from a Samuel S. Wesley anthem of the same name. Samuel Wesley was the grandson of Charles Wesley.

PEACE HYMN

Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates

1. Lift up your heads, O might - y gates; be - hold the
 2. Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a
 3. Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide my heart to
 4. So come, my Sov - ereign; en - ter in! Let new and

King of Glo - ry waits! The Prince of Peace is
 tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for
 you; here, Lord, a - bide! Let me your in - ner
 no - bler life be - gin; your Ho - ly Spir - it

draw - ing near; the Sav - ior of the world is here.
 heaven's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.
 pres - ence feel; your grace and love in me re - veal.
 guide us on, un - til the glo - rious crown be won.

WORDS: Georg Weissel, 1642; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1855, alt.
 MUSIC: Thomas Williams' *Psalmodia Evangelica*, 1789

TRURO
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Georg Weissel, pastor of Altgrossgart Church in
 Königsberg, Prussia, based this hymn on Psalm 24.

COMMUNION HYMN

Bread of the World, in Mercy Broken

First Tune

Reginald Heber, 1783-1826

RENDEZ À DIEU 9.8.9.8.D.
Attr. to Louis Bourgeois, c.1510-c.1561

Bread of the world, in mer - cy bro - ken, Wine of the
soul, in mer - cy shed, By whom the words of life were spo - ken,
And in whose death our sins are dead, Look on the heart by sor-row
bro - ken, Look on the tears by sin - ners shed, And be thy
feast to us the to - ken That by thy grace our souls are fed. A-men.

CLOSING HYMN

By Gracious Powers

Unison

The musical score is written for a unison voice part. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system. The first system includes four numbered verses. The second system continues the lyrics. The third system continues the lyrics. The fourth system concludes the lyrics. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and simple melodic lines in the bass clef.

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.

WORDS: Dietrich Bonhoeffer, 1944; tr. Fred Pratt Green, 1972
MUSIC: Herbert G. Hobbs, 1976; harm. Jan Helmut Wubbena, 1976

This text was written, with serene confidence, in the Gestapo jail cell from which theologian and leader of the German opposition Bonhoeffer would emerge only for his 1945 execution.

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Tr. © 1974 Hope Publishing Co.
Music © 1976 Herbert G. Hobbs
Harm. © 1976 Jan Helmut Wubbena

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED

- For all those who are ill with COVID-19, and their families; and for all of us who are learning to navigate this strange new world, that we may receive God's comfort, strength, and peace.
- For Alice Kidder, who was hospitalized this week for gastrointestinal issues.
- For Karen Anne Zee and family, who were expecting to have a memorial service this weekend to celebrate the life of First Church member and Deacon Eric Reidel. The service will be rescheduled in the coming months.
- For Dave McCann, whose Aunt Phyllis died this past Wednesday at the age 99, just two months shy of a century.
- For Hilary Hopkins's nephew Jeff, his wife Julie, and his mother Heather, as Jeff struggles with advanced lung cancer.
- For all healthcare workers in clinics and hospitals and nursing homes. We pray also for all home health aides and all who are working on the front lines of this crisis. Prayers have been requested for First Church member Dewey Cyr, a nurse who has been assigned to a Covid-only floor at Brigham & Women's Hospital. May God give her and all First Church healthcare workers strength, knowledge and safety to ease suffering and come out on the other side.
- For Staff Composer Patricia Van Ness and her family as she mourns the loss of her husband Peter Marks. Peter died recently after a long battle with cancer.
- For ongoing strength for 12-year-old Ada Grace LaMaster and the LaMaster family. Ada is making progress in her therapy for transverse myelitis and has transitioned to an accessible apartment with her family.
- For all who are in treatment for cancer: 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; and Beth and Polly, Ann McCann's sisters.
- For the 14 men who are finding care and residence in our First Church Shelter and for the guests of the Friday Cafe. In this time of disruption caused by the Coronavirus, may they know warmth, compassion, and companionship.
- For all who are experiencing unemployment or underemployment during this crisis, including undocumented workers who cannot find a safety net in our government's response.
- 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 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.
- We offer up our fears and grief, and we pray 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,

UPDATED INFORMATION

Dear First Church,

Grace and peace to you. We write with an update about our upcoming worship schedule and our building closure. In our ongoing efforts to limit the spread of coronavirus, and following the guidance of state and local officials, our building will continue be closed through May 4. All in-person worship gatherings, events and meetings will be suspended during this time. While we are currently targeting May 4, we will continue to monitor developments in the state and follow the guidance of government officials.

We will continue to live-stream our worship services from the sanctuary, led by two or three staff who are committed to modeling physical distancing. Other worship leaders will join remotely.

The First Church Shelter will remain open through this time. With help from the City of Cambridge and the dedication of our shelter staff, the Shelter is now open 24-7 to support our guests and keep them as safe as possible. Shelter operations have been expanded to Sage Hall to allow for physical distancing precautions.

Please go to our website to find information on ways to connect to First Church online and ways to help the wider community at this time.

What we shared with you in our first coronavirus communication on March 12 continues to be true as we prepare for what will be an especially poignant Holy Week:

Even when apart, we are not alone.

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In faith and gratitude,

Dan Smith and the First Church Staff, Moderators, and Deacons

HOLY WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH IN CAMBRIDGE

Throughout the season of Lent, and throughout these days of live-stream worshiping and online meetings, we have walked in the light of One who alone can make a way out of no way.

Read on for information about opportunities to observe Holy Week in a time of quarantine, as we walk with Jesus through the gates of Jerusalem, and along the Way of the Cross, the way of betrayal, suffering, and death... only to greet him again in the wonder and triumph of Easter morning!



MAUNDY THURSDAY April 9, 7:30 p.m. Live-stream Worship with Communion in Our Homes

On this night, we remember Jesus' last evening with his friends, and share in his Last Supper together.

You will need:

- *a table with a tablecloth or piece of fabric on it*
- *a candle and something to light it*
- *a cup with juice or whatever you have on hand*
- *a roll or piece of bread (or whatever is available)*

GOOD FRIDAY April 10, 7:30 p.m. Live-stream Worship

We tell the story of Jesus' trial, suffering, and death on the cross.

You are invited to have on hand:

- *a stone*
- *a candle and something to light it*

EASTER SUNDAY April 12, 11:00 a.m. Live-stream Intergenerational Worship.

Join us as we celebrate the Resurrection of Christ and proclaim the message that God's love is stronger than death and any distance that might keep us apart!

EASTER SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP April 12, 12:30 p.m. via Zoom

Please join us for a special virtual coffee hour on Zoom where you will be matched with a small group (breakout room) for fellowship and conversation! Instructions for joining will be in the Easter bulletin.

STAYING CONNECTED TO FIRST CHURCH

FCC CONNECTION & PRAYER CALLS Every weekday, First Church Staff offer a noontime Zoom call for connection and prayer. Join these thirty-minute (or so) virtual meet-ups to share a brief check-in, make prayer requests, and pray together.

- **Mondays at noon with Dan Smith**
- **Tuesdays at noon with Carlyle Stewart**
- **Wednesdays at noon with Dan Smith**
- **Thursdays at noon with Sarah Higginbotham**
(This is an all-ages call; children are especially invited to zoom in!)
- **Fridays at noon with Lexi Boudreaux**

PROGRAM OFFERINGS In addition to our daily Connection & Prayer Calls, we are offering the following programs via Zoom:

- **PRAYING THE PSALMS Thursdays at 7:15 a.m.**
- **WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY WITH CARLYLE, Thursdays at 6:00 p.m.**
- **SPIRITUAL PRACTICES WITH LEXI, Fridays at 8:00 a.m.**
- **STREET OUTREACH CHECK-IN Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m.**
- **FIRST CHURCH CHOIR CALL Thursdays at 7:45 p.m.**
(not meeting this Thursday due to the Maundy Thursday service)

To find the Zoom links, please go to:

<https://www.firstchurchcambridge.org/worship-music-spiritual-life/staying-connected-online>

New to Zoom? For a tutorial on how to join a meeting, go to:

<https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362193-How-Do-I-Join-A-Meeting>

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONNECTION

“ASK THE MINISTER” SESSION Sunday, April 19, 12:30 p.m., via Zoom Because of the unforeseen challenges of this time, virtual connection has been a gift and it has allowed us to come together online for worship, spiritual formation, and prayerful reflection together. We invite you to join a Zoom meeting after worship on April 19 to bring questions of faith, such as “How do we maintain or strengthen spiritual practices during this time? How can we become more involved with the work of the church?” Newcomers, First Church members, and any others are all welcome. Questions about how First Church has adapted as a community or any other questions pertaining to programming and your topics of interest are encouraged.

FIRST CHURCH YOUTUBE LAUNCH In the Easter season, we are pleased to announce that we will be launching our First Church in Cambridge YouTube channel. This will be another great opportunity for us to stay connected. First Church staff and leaders will upload videos pertaining to their ministries or areas of interest. We will start with a brief 15-minute live-stream called “Manna in the Morning” on Mondays at 10:00 a.m., beginning on **Monday, April 13**, led by Pastoral Associate Carlyle Stewart, and also weekly pre-recorded uploads on **Friday, April 17**, led by Carlyle. The content of the live-stream will contain a daily devotional, scripture, or topic of reflection to sustain us through the week. The recorded uploads will involve scripture lessons that explore how our scriptural and faith tradition can inform us about current events, and also strengthen us throughout this challenging time

THE CHRISTIAN FORMATION COMMITTEE INVITES YOU to contribute to our new blog, *Water In The Wilderness* (waterinthewilderness.org). What has moved you, cheered you, strengthened you in this time? What little stories would you like to share, from past or present, that may move, cheer, or strengthen us at this time? What have been your challenges? Where have you found clarity or wonder? How did you find God today? Any and all, of all ages, are invited to write (or draw) about your experiences and reflections. Send your [short] contribution to Lexi at lexi@firstchurchcambridge.org or submit directly at waterinthewilderness.org.

FORMATION PROGRAMMING IN EASTERTIDE First Church staff and lay leaders are discussing ways to continue our formation programs in the Easter season. Here are a few possibilities that we are working on:

- A followup Zoom session or two on our Lenten series “Exploring the Cross and the Lynching Tree,” led by Lexi, Carlyle and Dan
- A 10 O’Clock hour about our Christian liturgical tradition, led by Deacon Beth Spaulding
- Suggestions for online, bible study video series led by renowned scholars, that you can watch at your own pace and time
- Ongoing Connection and Prayer Calls, Praying with the Psalms, Thursday night Bible Study and Friday Morning Spiritual Practice Zoom calls

GIVING TO AND RECEIVING FROM OUR FIRST CHURCH DEACONS' FUND

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. In these times of unexpected financial hardship and job loss, we hope people will take advantage of this aid.

This fund belongs to us and relies on our contributions. You are also invited to make a gift (beyond your pledge) to the Deacons' Fund, if able. One donor recently made a large donation with the following invitation:

"Extraordinary times require extraordinary responses. If you are one who is also able to help, please consider making your own donation to the First Church Deacons' Fund to help individuals and families in our own church community."

You may contribute online to the Deacons' Fund, or text "\$xxx Deacons" to 844-996-0982. If you like to mail a check, please email Karen McArthur.

WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR HOMELESS MINISTRIES

SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR THE FIRST CHURCH SHELTER In response to the Coronavirus outbreak, the Shelter has expanded into Sage Hall to allow for greater social distancing, and is now open to guests around the clock, thanks to additional funding from the Commonwealth. They would very much welcome donations of the following supplies: coffee, sugar, canned goods, beverages (large containers preferred), and personal hygiene supplies such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, and deodorant. They are also looking for donations of night stands, if anyone has one they can spare! Donations can be dropped off at the Shelter door any day between 2:00–5:00. Contact Jim Stewart at (617) 694-7894.

THANK YOU FROM FIRST CHURCH HOMELESS MINISTRIES The Friday Café and First Church Shelter are truly grateful for the outpouring of help in response to our bagged lunch and casserole signups. Thanks to all of you, as well as caring neighbors, we are in great shape for the next few weeks! We will publish those links again as the need arises.

THE OUTDOOR CHURCH is receiving support thanks to the City of Cambridge's agreement to pay restaurants to prepare meals-to-go for vulnerable populations. So, while the children of the church are not able to gather to make lunches on this Communion Sunday, we are grateful to know that food will still be distributed!

WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR WIDER COMMUNITY

DONATE YOUR OLD DEVICE TO VINFEN First Church member Steve LaMaster supports 7 DMH-funded clubhouse programs that have closed their sites and converted their operations to virtual and food outreach for people with psychiatric disabilities in 7 municipalities. He is looking for used laptops with cameras or Android/ iPhones that could be used by outreach staff to call, text, and connect to vulnerable clients. Please contact Steve at lamasters@vinfen.org if you can help.

FOOD PANTRY CLIENTS NEED YOU and your generous donations now more than ever! Leave items in the box on Hilary's front porch at 30 Winslow St., Cambridge, any time between now and April 10. Hilary is .75 mile from First Church, just off Sherman St. where it diverges from Garden St. She will see that your donations are delivered when the pantry is open. Needed: cereal, canned fruit and veggies, proteins, pasta and sauce, also feminine products, and, maybe, even some cookies. Thank you.

DONATE TO PROJECT BREAD First Church member Gail Breeze had planned to walk in her 24th Walk for Hunger this May. While there is no "walk," the fundraising is crucial. Project Bread supports nearly 100 communities across the state including the following programs: food pantries, meal sites, summer meals for children, nutrition programs, local farms, urban gardens, and more. Now Project Bread is assisting school leaders in setting up 1100 school meal sites so kids can eat while school is closed. Please support Gail in this important endeavor by donating online at: <http://support.projectbread.org/goto/gbreeze> or send a check made out to Project Bread to Gail at One Orchard Circle, Belmont, MA, 02478.

SUGGESTED WAYS TO HELP FROM THE MISSIONS AND SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

Looking for ways to support our community during this unprecedented time of need? The Missions and Social Justice Committee has compiled and vetted a short list of organizations looking for assistance to aid in their work in the COVID-19 response - locally, regionally, and internationally.

Organizations looking for monetary donations:

Cambridge Mayor's Emergency Fund

<https://www.cambridgema.gov/news/2020/03/mayorsdisasterrelieffundforcovid19>

Cambridge Community Foundation

<http://cambridgecf.org/ways-to-give/>

WAYS TO SUPPORT THE WIDER COMMUNITY

Black Lives Matter Boston

BLM Boston is funding emergency needs of members of the community, including rent and food

<https://www.onesquareworld.org/blm-boston-campaign21.html>

MassUndocuFund: Covid-19 Relief for Undocumented Workers

<https://www.massundocufund.org/>

Food for Free

<https://foodforfree.org/donate/>

Greater Boston Food Bank

<https://www.gbfb.org/ways-to-give/>

American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem

This organization funds several hospitals and clinics in Palestine

<https://afedj.org/give/overview/>

Volunteer needs:

A note on volunteering at this time: needs for volunteers are changing daily, as organizations respond to this fast-changing crisis while still protecting the critical need for social distancing. If you engage in volunteer activities, please continue to consider carefully how best to keep yourself and your community safe. We all depend on each other, now more than ever.

For up to date information on volunteer needs in Cambridge:

<http://www.cambridgevolunteers.org/needed-now/>

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, April 5 - Palm Sunday

- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship, via live-stream
- 3:00 p.m. Youth Group, via Zoom
- 4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class, via Zoom

Monday, April 6

- 12:00 p.m. FCC Connection & Prayer Call with Dan Smith
- 7:00 p.m. Cambridge Interfaith Sanctuary Coalition Monthly Meeting, via Zoom
(all active CISC volunteers are welcome to join - watch for an email with the Zoom link)

Tuesday, April 7

- 12:00 p.m. FCC Connection & Prayer Call with Carlyle Stewart
- 4:00 p.m. Street Outreach Call with Kate Layzer

Wednesday, April 8

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, via Zoom
- 12:00 p.m. FCC Connection & Prayer Call with Dan Smith

Thursday, April 9 - Maundy Thursday

- 7:30 a.m. Praying the Psalms, via Zoom
- 12:00 p.m. FCC Connection & Prayer Call for All Ages with Sarah Higginbotham
- 6:00 p.m. Bible Study, via Zoom
- 7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service, via live-stream

Friday, April 10 - Good Friday

- 8:00 a.m. Spiritual Practices with Lexi Boudreaux, via Zoom
- 12:00 p.m. FCC Connection & Prayer Call with Lexi Boudreaux
- 1:00 p.m. Friday Café lunch bag pickup, Front Lawn
- 7:30 p.m. Good Friday Service, via live-stream

Sunday, April 12 - Easter

- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship, via live-stream
- 12:15 p.m. Easter Fellowship via Zoom

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