



SUMMER WORSHIP
Bulletin Announcements
July 5, 2020

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WELCOME TO FIRST CHURCH IN CAMBRIDGE...

Grounded in God • Growing in Community • Acting in Love

These past 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.

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

July 5, 2020

Kate Layzer, Minister of Street Outreach
Lexi Boudreaux, Pastoral Associate
Sarah Higginbotham, Director of Creative Worship & Arts
Peter Sykes, Director of Music
Beth Spaulding, Deacon
Moana Bentin, Deacon
Martha Dyer
George Dyer
Laurie Williams

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**Please find the link to pre-recorded worship for July 5 [here](#).
The liturgy is provided within the video.**

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED

- With great joy for Director of Operations Kirsten Manville and Tim Foley, who were married on June 27.
- In celebration with Ariel and Domenik Ackermann as they welcome their son Sylvester Salem Ackermann, born Tuesday, June 30.
- For Andrea Fiorillo and her family, who are mourning the loss of Andrea's father, Dante Fiorillo.
- For Rich Goode's mother, Donna Goode, who is receiving palliative care due to her declining health.
- For our cities and our nation during this time of reckoning with historic and ongoing violence against Black and Indigenous persons and persons of color. We pray for all protesting and for a new birth of justice and healing throughout our land. We pray also for all who are continuing to grieve the recent killings of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, Rayshard Brooks, and so many others.
- For all who are grieving the loss of loved ones due to Covid-19; for all those who are ill with COVID-19 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 essential workers, who continue to put themselves at risk to care for the sick and most vulnerable, maintain our food supply, deliver supplies, keep our public services running, and lead us through this crisis.
- For African Americans and communities of color around the country that are facing disproportionately high rates of coronavirus death and infection, revealing entrenched inequalities in resources and access to healthcare.
- For Asian Americans as they face unwarranted discrimination and hostility during this Covid-19 pandemic and for those who have already become the victim of hate crimes, including assaults and beatings.
- 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.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED

- 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; Katie, Moana Bentin's sister; and former FCC member Nancy Sanders.
- For Sarah Fujiwara's brother-in-law Mark Deck, who is nearing the end of his treatment for cancer with a very good prognosis for recovery.
- For the 14 men who are finding care and residence in our First Church Shelter and for the guests of the Friday Café, who are experiencing worsening deprivation and hardship in this time of disruption; that may they know warmth, compassion, and companionship.
- 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,*

TODAY AT FIRST CHURCH

ZOOM COFFEE HOUR Today after worship Catch up with First Church friends at Zoom Coffee Hour. [Click here to join](#) or use the following information:

Meeting ID: 876 6474 8993

Password: coffee

SUMMER SCHEDULE Sunday Morning Worship begins at 10:00 a.m. starting today, July 5. During the months of July and August, there will be a mix of livestream and pre-recorded worship. We are excited to continue experimenting with the possibilities surrounding virtual services, and we hope you will continue to worship with us online until we can all be together again in the sanctuary. The church building continues to be locked but is staffed by sextons. We are offering building access from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m., Monday - Friday. If you need to access the building, please email Director of Operations Kirsten Manville and give prior notice of the day and time you would like to enter. This is both for contact tracing purposes and also to let the sextons know to expect you. Office Assistant Bruce Dillenbeck will also be in the church office for a few hours every Tuesday and Friday afternoon throughout the summer, answering the phone, sorting the mail, and doing other tasks that cannot be done from home. As Massachusetts and Cambridge continue to update their reopening plans, we will continue to closely monitor their guidelines and recommendations. Any change to the above information will be communicated in a timely manner, both here in the bulletin and via the First Glance E-newsletter. Please email Kirsten if you have any questions:
parishadmin@firstchurchcambridge.org.

ONLINE WORSHIP AND COMMUNITY SURVEY We have been live-streaming worship for over 3 months during this time of global pandemic, and we want to hear from you! We would love to know more about who is joining us for worship and how our programming is meeting your needs. Please fill out this survey if you have been to worship online or have participated in online formation activities: <https://forms.gle/vyjifGit5S15cmbH>

NEW TO FIRST CHURCH? Have you just begun joining us for online worship? Please consider filling out this [“virtual pew card”](#) so that we might reach out and connect with you about our community.

BECOMING AN ANTI-RACIST CHURCH

Prayer, Reflection, and Action

Summer 2020



The following statement expresses First Church's intentions and commitments for the summer of 2020. We join with a global outcry against recent and past events of violence against black and brown persons. This statement builds on several years of concerted efforts to raise our self-awareness, build relationships, and act towards racial justice and healing. We approach this work with hearts open to listening, learning, and change.

First Church affirms that Black Lives Matter and Indigenous Lives Matter. We celebrate the gifts, presence, and leadership of persons of color within First Church and beyond. We recognize that the problem of racism is a white person's problem and that this is white people's work. Becoming an anti-racist church means that we are determined not merely to raise our consciousness of racism, but to actively call out and intentionally work for change. We do this work because we know our individual and collective spiritual health, transformation, and liberation depend on it. We do this work relying on God's help and knowing that we cannot do it alone.

In the coming weeks and months, the Staff, Executive Council, and Deacons of First Church invite you to join us in taking on a spiritual practice aimed at disrupting our complicity with white supremacy, ending our silence about police brutality and racial inequality, and acting toward real change. We invite you to commit serious energy and sacrificial love to at least two of the following levels of work:

SOUL LEVEL

Here are several ideas to deepen our self-awareness, learning and healing:

- ☯ Join summer online Faith & Life groups or book groups related to racial justice, or lead your own. Ideas in the works:
 - Reading, Listening, or Watching Groups - Gather friends for a close read of Robin D'Angelo's *White Fragility* or Ibram X. Kendi's *How To Be An Anti-Racist*.
 - Commit to listening to or reading at least one black or indigenous voice each day. [Here](#) are some ideas. Check our website throughout the summer for updates.
 - Join a "Me and White Supremacy" Group. Follow [Layla Saad's 28-day workbook](#) with daily exercises and reflections for becoming an anti-racist.
 - Individual Reparations Accountability Group – Support for those participating in a range of local and individual [reparations pledges](#) and efforts.
- ☯ Develop a practice of saying and praying their names, George Floyd. Breonna Taylor. Ahmaud Arbery. The list goes on, and on. And on. Learn the stories of their lives, not just their deaths. Say their names.

CONGREGATIONAL LEVEL

Participate in making First Church an inclusive, anti-racist congregation:

- 🌀 Familiarize yourself with lessons learned by other churches, as described in the book *Mistakes and Miracles: Congregations on the Road to Multiculturalism* by Nancy Palmer Jones and Karin Lin. Register to attend an upcoming Zoom discussion of chapter 3 on Wednesday, July 15, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Email Peggy Stevens (peggy@kids4peaceboston.org) to receive the Zoom invitation.
- 🌀 Join a monthly after-church Zoom coffee hour check-in to share progress with your commitments and ideas for our shared work.

COMMUNITY LEVEL

Watch the church bulletin and Facebook page for more details on these and future options.

- 🌀 Join a First Church group to support police reform efforts and accountability in the town or city where you live.
- 🌀 Support, invest in, and follow the lead of Black, Indigenous, and Person of Color-led [businesses](#), [organizations](#), or [protests](#), as you are able.
- 🌀 Participate in the [Greater Boston Interfaith Organization](#) actions addressing systemic racism, both city and statewide.

NATIONAL LEVEL

- 🌀 Join the Poor People's Campaign, starting with a National Call for Moral Revival on June 20, 2020. Register at <https://www.poorpeoplescampaign.org/june2020/>. Continue in these efforts and pressing for the campaign's demands throughout the summer and beyond.

As Rev Dr. Otis Moss III of Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago has said, our country is facing not one, but two pandemics: Covid-19 and “confederate Covid 1619,” referring to the toxic strain of racist and white supremacist ideology that has been coursing through our church, city and nation’s history since its founding on stolen land. First Church tested positive for the latter in the 1630’s when our forebears held captive enslaved persons of African and Indigenous descent. We have yet to develop a vaccine, and its effects are still evident to this day. We are all carriers, whether we know it or not. We all need constant vigilance, lest we share it unwittingly. We are all in need of healing. The collective treatment includes a daily regimen of prayer, action and reflection. The Spirit is upon us now, calling us each to respond.

Please check our website and click on the yellow banner link for updates and additions to these ideas and offerings.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR STAYING CONNECTED

NEW TUESDAY EVENING ZOOM COMPLINE PRAYER SERVICE Tuesdays, 8:30 - 8:45 p.m., via Zoom Are you feeling the need to switch up the way you connect with worship this summer? Are you craving some time before bed to center yourself in sacred stillness and the comfort of community? We will be offering a new participatory evening prayer service this summer. Join us via Zoom on Tuesdays at 8:30 p.m., beginning this Tuesday, July 7.

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

Meeting ID: 890 9172 4810

Password: summer

ONGOING PROGRAM OFFERINGS Zoom invitations to all our week's programs are in the all-church email that was sent this morning. If you are not receiving our e-newsletter, please sign up by clicking on the E-Newsletter icon at the bottom of our homepage to receive future correspondence. Email Lexi Boudreaux (lexi@firstchurchcambridge.org) this morning to have today's email forwarded to you.

- **Tuesdays** Street Outreach Call with Kate Layzer, 4:00 p.m.;
FCC Professional Caregivers' Call, 4:00 p.m.
- **Thursdays** FCC Kids' Prayer & Connection Call with Sarah Higginbotham, 12:00 p.m.;
Shared Reflections on Richard Rohr Daily Devotionals, 5:00 p.m.;
Weekly Bible Study, 6:00 p.m.;
First Church Choir Call with Peter Sykes, 7:45 p.m.
- **Fridays** Spiritual Practices with Lexi Boudreaux, 8:00 a.m.

YOUNG ADULTS ZOOM GATHERING The Young Adults of First Church (mostly 20- and 30-some-things) gather regularly on Zoom for a casual catch up and discussion of faith journeys, with questioning encouraged! Our Gentle Blasphemy group meets casually, as able, usually on Wednesdays. Get more info from Phil Jones: p.robbennolt.jones@gmail.com

FIRST CHURCH YOUTUBE CHANNEL Continue to tune into our First Church YouTube channel as we offer pre-recorded reflections and devotions. Subscribe to make sure you don't miss new videos! 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) by 10:00 a.m. on Tuesdays to be considered for the following Sunday's bulletin.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

COVID-19 TESTING AT FIRST CHURCH Wednesdays in July from 4:00–6:00 p.m. The Cambridge Board of Public Health will be offering a mobile COVID testing site at First Church on Wednesday, July 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29. All Cambridge residents are welcome. To schedule an appointment, call 617-665-3795 or sign-up online: <https://covid-test.appointlet.com/s/cambridge>. Residents are typically called within five days of the health department receiving the results. To find out the status of your test results, leave a message at 617-665-3848, and you will receive a call back.

WHAT DOES FIRST CHURCH MEAN TO YOU? Sunday, July 12, 11:30 a.m., via Zoom For many of us, this is a strange time full of uncertainty and, for some, feelings of loss and lack of connection. But this time may also encourage deeper reflection about what you want First Church to be for you and what you might want to offer First Church as we move into a new way of being community. Your Gifts Discernment Committee would like to invite you to an on-line conversation about these issues. We're eager to hear from you if you are a relatively new member. We also want to share the perspectives of more long-time members. Stay tuned for details, including the Zoom invitation. Questions? Please contact Dave Kidder (David.e.kidder@gmail.com, 617-276-6282). We look forward to talking with you.

MISTAKES AND MIRACLES CONVERSATION July 15, 7:00 p.m. What would it be like for First Church to be radically inclusive and anti-racist? To be a community where a senior-level minister of color could grow and thrive? These are visions we have set for ourselves. The Beloved Community group invites everyone to join us in the journey towards making these visions the reality of our church. We invite you to read Chapter 3 of the book, *Mistakes and Miracles: Congregations on the Road to Multiculturalism* by Nancy Palmer Jones and Karin Lin. Let's find out about some of the predictable challenges other churches have faced on the journey and learn how to avoid them. The next opportunity to discuss will happen on Wednesday, July 15. Please let Peggy Stevens know if you'd like to join us for the discussion so she can send you the link: peggy@kids4peaceboston.org

Mistakes and Miracles is available online as an E-book on line for \$9.99 from Amazon:

https://www.amazon.com/s?k=mistakes+and+miracles&i=stripbooks&ref=nb_sb_noss_2

or as a Paperback for \$22.00 from Amazon or Unitarian Universalist bookstore:

https://www.uuabookstore.org/Mistakes-and-Miracles-P18521.aspx?utm_medium=uua.org&utm_source=body&utm_campaign=uuaorgads&utm_content=/products/mistakes-and-miracles

If you'd like to read the chapter without buying the book, please contact Peggy Stevens and we'll find a way to send you the chapter or loan you a copy of the book: peggy@kids4peaceboston.org.

SUMMER FAITH & LIFE GROUPS



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Register now for a Summer Faith & Life Group!

[Click here to complete the registration form.](#)

Please register ASAP so facilitators can plan accordingly. Questions? Contact Pastoral Associate Lexi Boudreaux: lexi@firstchurchcambridge.org.

HOW TO BE AN ANTI-RACIST READING GROUP

We will explore Dr. Ibrim X. Kendi's analysis of how racism affects all of us, white and black, and how we can change the narrative of race in the United States. (Note: Dr. Kendi will be joining the faculty at Boston University next month to launch a new Center for Antiracist Research). *How to Be an Anti-Racist* is at once a perceptive analysis of systemic racism in the US and a riveting story of Kendi's life and growing awareness of his own racism and of the structures that perpetuate white supremacy in our society. We'll discuss our reactions to Dr. Kendi's take on anti-racism and talk about what lessons his story may offer us as individuals and as members of First Church. Registrants will receive an outline and questions for discussion. *How to Be an Anti-Racist* is available from Amazon (hard cover: \$16.26; Kindle: \$14.99).

Facilitators: Beth Loomis and Dave Kidder

Meetings: Wednesdays, July 22, and 29
7:00 - 8:30 p.m., via Zoom

EXPLORING A PRACTICE OF REPARATIONS

We will explore motivations for giving reparations, recount current and future plans for individual giving, foster accountability, promote interracial relationship-building as a precursor for reparations, and discuss the Biblical and theological bases for reparations. We will share articles about reparations and also discuss the Fellowship of Reconciliation's "Truth and Reparations" pledge form. All are welcome, whether you are just starting to wonder about reparations or are already involved in an individual or collective practice.

Facilitators: Dan Smith and Alice Kidder

Meetings: Mondays, July 27, August 31, September 14 and 28
5:00 - 6:00 p.m., via Zoom

SUMMER FAITH & LIFE GROUPS

ME AND WHITE SUPREMACY REFLECTION GROUP

We will embark on a 6-week journey to examine our own privilege, unpack our biases, reduce the number of times we unconsciously inflict damage on people of color, and take action to help other white people do better, too. Each week, we'll undertake individual reflections found in Layla Saad's bestselling book, *Me and White Supremacy: Combat Racism, Change the World, and Become a Good Ancestor*. In weekly Zoom meetings, we'll work with a partner and also in small groups to share our struggles and our learning. Peggy Stevens and Dan Smith shared this material as prayer partners during Lent of 2019 and both found the 28 daily reflections to be profoundly challenging, provocative and enriching despite their own work on these issues in recent years. People at all levels of experience and background with the topic are invited to participate.

Facilitators: Peggy Stevens and other Road To Freedom participants

Meetings: Thursdays, 8:30-9:30 a.m.
July 23 & 30, August 6, 13, 20, 27, via Zoom

DIVERSIFYING YOUR BOOKSHELF: THE BLUEST EYE BOOK GROUP

Women are invited to gather to discuss *The Bluest Eye*, the first novel written by Toni Morrison and the winner of the 1993 Nobel Prize in Literature. Over three sessions, we will discuss themes such as racial identity, concepts of beauty, and how race, gender, and economic status determine power. Time will be granted to connect these themes with our lives and our society today.

Facilitators: Alex Steinert-Evoy and Susan Reynolds

Meetings: Tuesdays, July 28, August 4 and 11
5:00 - 6:15 p.m., via Zoom

BIBLE STUDY: THE BOOK OF EXODUS

Exodus chronicles how Israel was forged out of slavery, and thus forms part of the charter for the liberation of oppressed peoples everywhere. The drama of Israel's escape from Egypt, supported by an amazing series of divine interventions, makes Exodus one of the Bible's most riveting stories. Themes that will arise include: encountering God, the trials of leadership, divine signs and wonders and mighty acts, covenant and the Ten Commandments, national identity, and the courage of faith. We will read the New Revised Standard Version (NRSV, our pew bibles) and draw upon the guidance of Walter Wink's "Transforming Bible Study."

Facilitator: Rev. Carter West

Meetings: Tuesdays, July 28, August 4, 11, 18, and 25
7:30 - 8:45 p.m., via Zoom

SUMMER FAITH & LIFE GROUPS

AN INTRODUCTION TO PAUL TILLICH'S THEOLOGY

Paul Tillich (1886-1965) was a German Protestant theologian whose work lived on the boundary of theology and philosophy and religion and culture. Tillich's writings reflected his belief that the task of theology was to answer questions raised by modern culture. This group will meet twice to discuss Tillich's seminal sermon "You Are Accepted," in which he presents the concept of "sin as separation" of people from each other, from our own selves, and from God, the ground of our being. He mirrors this with a description of how grace allows us to overcome these separations. In this time where social distancing and racial injustice reveal many levels of our separation, we will read and discuss this sermon to explore the separations we experience and the hope that grace can allow us to find reunion. The dates and times of the two meetings will be decided based upon the availability of the participants.

Facilitator: Adam Weiss

Meetings: TBD

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 summer, and then decide from there how and when people would like to connect as we explore our family stories.

Facilitator: Karen McArthur

Meetings: TBD

WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR WIDER COMMUNITY

FOOD INSECURITY IS RISING Leave your food pantry donations in the box on Hilary's front porch at 30 Winslow St., Cambridge. 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 on the second Saturday of the month, which is when the pantry is open. **NEEDED:** cereal, canned fruit and veggies, proteins, pasta and sauce; also feminine products (pads, tampons). No fresh food. Please be sure your contributions are unopened, unexpired, and not in glass containers. Thank you for your generous donations!

THANK YOU FROM THE SHELTER The Shelter guests, Jim Stewart and his staff, and Shelter Oversight Committee members want to extend their heartfelt gratitude to all who have made money donations and dropped off meals, masks, and other supplies. The guests feel well-cared for, and are grateful that you are thinking of them.

FIRST CHURCH SHELTER LUNCH HELP Would you be able to make lunch for the guests living in the First Church Shelter? For the last several months, many generous members of our church and wider community have provided meals for the daytime shelter hours. Since the First Church Shelter will continue a 24/7 operation through the summer, now is the time to expand the circle of helpers! Sandwiches or simple entrees would be very appreciated. [Sign up here](#) to save your date.

NEEDED: NEW OR GENTLY USED T-SHIRTS FOR FRIDAY CAFÉ GUESTS Now that summer is really here, the Friday Café has been receiving many requests for t-shirts! If you have extras taking up space in your drawer, consider dropping them off at church on a Friday between 12:00 and 3:00. You will find our crew at the door to the Tower Room, next to the church parking area on Mason St. Shirts should be washed, individually bagged, and labeled by size. Men's sizes are especially needed. Thank you for donating!

THE FRIDAY CAFÉ BAGGED LUNCH SIGNUP HAS OPENINGS! As the Café extends into July and August for the first time ever, our weekly bagged lunch signup finally has some gaps! If you have been trying to get into the schedule, now is your chance. Sign up to prepare 10 bagged lunches for hungry neighbors some upcoming Friday by visiting: www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d45aaa628ab9-friday to claim your spot. Many thanks!

VOLUNTEER TO BAKE SOME GOODIES FOR OUR EVENING MEAL PROGRAM First Church is now serving 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!

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. John Cantius, Chicago: Ordinary Mass, Sunday June 28

This week, after listening to high mass from St. John Cantius, I listened to the “ordinary” mass offered prior to the high mass. I found the chant singing at this mass a little better than at the high mass, so that is the link I’m providing this week. You have to admire a parish so committed to offering Gregorian chant, especially at multiple masses weekly. If you’ve been listening over the past weeks you’re aware of the considerable amount of chant that must be prepared each week. It sounds to me as if three men comprise the schola. They are never shown during the live-stream offerings. Occasionally one singer, the cantor, introduces the chant and then the others join.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WJt6UiT_y80

Compline, The Monks of Prinknash Abbey

This recording of monks singing the office of compline in Latin is 20 some minutes in length. While the voices are not vocally that good, one has to marvel at the precision of the monks for they are always exactly together in their singing. Prinknash Abbey is a Roman Catholic monastery in the Vale of Gloucester in the Diocese of Clifton, near the village of Cranham in England. It is part of the worldwide Benedictine Confederation. Noted for its manufacturing of incense, the abbey is the largest manufacturer of incense in Europe. Composer Gustav Holst lived in Cranham for a while, and it is there that he wrote what is probably the best known tune for the Christmas carol In the Bleak Midwinter.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rSWjYy2W130>

Summer Organ Recital Series, Methuen Memorial Music Hall

Since we occasionally use the organ at Night Song, I thought I would bring to your attention the 15-week summer organ recital series in Methuen. The performances are live streamed via their YouTube Channel each Wednesday evening beginning at 7:30 pm. The “Great Organ,” a hidden gem in the Merrimack Valley and one of the largest in the area, has over 6,000 pipes ranging in length from 32 feet to 1/2 inch. The elegantly carved walnut facade of the instrument, by the Herter Brothers of NYC (the premiere Renaissance Revival furniture makers), is visually breathtaking and recognized throughout the world. You can go to the music hall website to learn more about the organ, which was the first organ in the original Boston Symphony Hall.

<https://www.youtube.com/c/methuenmemorialmusicall>

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, July 5

- 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship premiered on YouTube with Holy Communion, Kate Layzer, preaching
11:15 a.m. Zoom Coffee Hour

Monday, July 6

- 5:00 p.m. Meal Distribution, Tower Room
7:00 p.m. Cambridge Interfaith Sanctuary Coalition (CISC) Monthly Meeting, via Zoom (all active CISC volunteers are welcome; Zoom invitation sent via email)

Tuesday, July 7

- 4:00 p.m. Street Outreach Call with Kate Layzer, via Zoom
4:00 p.m. FCC Professional Caregivers Call, via Zoom
7:00 p.m. Christian Formation Committee, via Zoom
8:30 p.m. 15-Minute Compline Prayer Service, via Zoom

Wednesday, July 8

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, via Zoom
5:30 p.m. Meal Distribution, Tower Room
7:00 p.m. Stewardship Committee, via Zoom

Thursday, July 9

- 12:00 p.m. FCC Kids' Prayer & Connection Call with Sarah Higginbotham
4:30 p.m. Shared Reflections on Richard Rohr Daily Devotionals, via Zoom
6:00 p.m. Bible Study, via Zoom
7:45 p.m. Choir Call, via Zoom

Friday, July 10

- 8:00 a.m. Spiritual Practices with Lexi Boudreaux, via Zoom
1:00 p.m. Friday Café lunch bag pickup, Tower Room

Saturday, July 11

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

Sunday, July 12

- 10:00 a.m. Live-Streamed Morning Worship, Karen McArthur, preaching
11:15 a.m. Zoom Coffee Hour with "What Does First Church Mean to You?" Conversation

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