



All Saints Sunday
Hybrid Morning Worship
November 7, 2021

**FIRST CHURCH
IN CAMBRIDGE**
Congregational 1633-1636
United Church of Christ
Garden and Mason Streets
Cambridge, Massachusetts

WELCOME TO FIRST CHURCH IN CAMBRIDGE...

Grounded in God • Growing in Community • Acting in Love

We're glad you are worshiping with us today! First Church is a vibrant, multi-generational, engaged, urban church. We care a lot about each other and what's happening in the world around us. Wherever you are on the journey of faith, you are welcome here.

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Sunday, November 7, 2021

Preaching Today	Dan Smith, <i>Senior Minister</i>
Assisting in Worship	Lexi Boudreaux, <i>Transitional Minister</i>
	Kate Layzer, <i>Minister of Street Outreach</i>
	Ebony West, <i>Ministerial Intern</i>
	Sarah Higginbotham, <i>Director of Creative Worship & Arts</i>
	Peter Sykes, <i>Director of Music</i>
	Beth Spaulding, <i>Deacon</i>
	Patricia Van Ness, <i>Staff Composer</i>
	Chris Reynolds, <i>Clerk</i>
	Bappu Antony and Jodi Melichar, <i>stewardship testimony</i>
	Kevin Newell, <i>tech support</i>
Bulletin Cover Image	Gaylen Morgan, <i>First Church member</i>

Today's Programs and Events

9:45 a.m.	First Worship on the Lawn: All Saints Sunday
10:15 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal, Margaret Jewett Hall (MJH)
11:00 a.m.	Hybrid Morning Worship, Sanctuary and via livestream
11:20 a.m.	Children's Worship with Sarah, Library
12:15 p.m.	Cake Reception for Peter Sykes's 35th Anniversary, MJH
12:30 p.m.	"Art Symbolizes Faith" Display, MJH
1:30 p.m.	Welcoming Ministry Mini-Retreat, church lawn
7:30 p.m.	Night Song, Sanctuary and via livestream

New to First Church?

Have you just begun joining us for worship? Consider filling out this ["virtual visitor card"](#) so that we might reach out and connect with you about our community.

Give to First Church

You can give online at www.firstchurchcambridge.org/give or by texting "\$___" to: 1-844-996-0982.

Contact a Pastor or Staff Member

Find [contact information](#) for our ministerial, program, and building staff on our website. For general information and inquiries: info@firstchurchcambridge.org

Have a church program or event to promote?
Complete the [First Church Communications Request](#) form.

Have an edit or update for our website? Complete the [FCC Website Changes](#) form.

GATHERING

For those participating at home, we invite you to bring bread or crackers and water, juice, or wine to your home altar, so that you may participate in Holy Communion. All are welcome at the Table!

VOLUNTARY

Herr Jesu Christ, dich zu uns wend

J. S. Bach

*GREETING

Beth Spaulding

- L: Dear friends in Christ, the peace of God be with you,
C: and on the whole world, peace!
L: Come in, and be at home
C: with saints of every time and place!
L: Come in, and find new hope
C: with saints of every time and place!
L: Come in, and be in the company of God
C: with saints of every time and place!
L: With saints of every time and place, give thanks and praise to God!

*HYMN

Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In
For everyone's safety, please sing quietly or hum.

**Oh, when the saints go marching in,
oh, when the saints go marching in,
oh, Lord, I want to be in that number,
when the saints go marching in!**

**And on that hal-le-lu-jah day,
and on that hal-le-lu-jah day,
oh, Lord, I want to be in that number,
when the saints go marching in!**

WORDS OF WELCOME

INTRODUCTION OF THE SAINT PUPPETS

Sarah Higginbotham

CONFESSING

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

SILENCE

**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.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

C: **God of Life, by the mercy of Jesus, calm our anxieties, soothe our sorrows, heal our weaknesses, and forgive our sins. Let the memory and example of yesterday's saints and the saints of here and now stir us to gratitude and love, action and praise, for the sake of tomorrow and the world that you love. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

*GREETING OF PEACE

Staying in place and observing social distance, share this good news wherever you are! Send it back to us! Share it with a neighbor! Send it to the world! Children from preschool to 7th grade are now invited to join Sarah for Children's Worship in the Library.

OPENING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Ebony West

READING

Revelation 21:1-6a

READING

"When Death Comes" by Mary Oliver

Kate Layzer

HOMILY

Dan Smith

SHARING OUR LIFE TOGETHER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lexi Boudreaux

A CELEBRATION OF PETER SYKES

Patty Van Ness

CALL TO FALL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Chris Reynolds

STEWARDSHIP TESTIMONY AND INVITATION TO OFFERING

Bappu Antony and Jodi Melichar



Give by Text



Give Online



I've Given Already

OFFERTORY

Jesu, Dulcis Memoria

Tomas Luis da Victoria

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

For everyone's safety, please sing quietly or hum.

**From all who dwell below the skies,
let the Creator's praise arise. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Let the Redeemer's name be sung, through every land by every tongue.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

SHARING THE FEAST

INVITATION

REMEMBERING JESUS

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

L: We remember how he fed the five thousand people with only a loaf of bread and a few fish.

C: We remember how he never left anyone hungry.

L: We remember how Jesus welcomed the children.

C: We remember how he didn't turn them or anyone away.

L: We remember that the women came, early in the morning, on the third day.

C: They did not find him among the dead.

L: We remember him still,

C: centering our lives on his firm foundation, our hope and our healing.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT AND 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

All who seek to follow Jesus' way of justice, compassion and love are invited to partake of this feast. Please take now and eat; or if you are in the sanctuary, please approach one of the stations in the front or back to receive the elements. You may leave your empty juice glass in the tray provided before forming a large circle lining the outer edge of our sanctuary. Please bring your bulletins with you to the large circle.

*COMMEMORATIONS

David Angney	Barbara Geer	Nancy Sanders
Jack Bailey	Helen Grogan	Cynthia Shoemaker
Katie Bentin-Aimaasu	Sally Howes Hansen	Jeri Eisenberg Shuman
Carroll "Sue" Butler	Jay Hopkins	Stanley M. Slawsby
Nancy Clark	Mary Hyde	Elsie Pitre Smith
Rev. Leonard Clough	Jean Roger Joachim	Jean Stauffer
Janet Demery	Byung Nam Kim	Dianne Totten
Jesse Eason	Elizabeth Charlotte Kreiger	Michael Wall
Ted Felton	Cliff Moller	Hans Gert Wengert
James Freeman	Pamela Perkins	Richard Yorston

*We will all be invited to name (aloud or silently) people who have died,
whom we remember and keep close in our hearts.*

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

L: Let us give thanks:

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

GOING FORTH

*HYMN (insert)

For All the Saints
For everyone's safety, please sing quietly or hum.

*BENEDICTION

VOLUNTARY

Fantasia and Fugue in g minor, BWV 542

J.S. Bach

FIRST CHURCH'S PUPPET SAINTS

Celebrating with us this morning are First Church's Puppet Saints, a symbolic representation of the Communion of Saints gathered with us today. Their presence in our worship provides a creative, playful, and accessible way for the youngest members of our community to encounter and contemplate the spiritual connections between the living and the dead. Each puppet was named and given a story by the children. Our oldest puppets were created in 2004, and subsequent generations were made in 2007 and 2013. On All Saints Sunday 2020, we hosted a virtual DIY puppet-making workshop; many new puppet saints were created that day!

Big Puppet Saints

St. Lionel (robed in green print) loves lions. In fact, he was raised by lions and became a minister to lions after saving a lion from a poacher. St. Lionel believes that all of nature (especially lions!) is a sacred gift from God.

St. Michiro (robed in blue & white stripes) lives in Japan, where he teaches Japanese to monkeys. Like St. Lionel, St. Michiro celebrates the natural world as God's beautiful creation.

St. Maya (robed in pink) is a good listener and an artist who uses materials from nature in her artwork. When not creating pictures from nature, she studies rocks in Madagascar.

Middle Puppet Saints

St. Joann (robed in black & white flowers) is a world traveler who speaks many languages. She loves to sample the foods of different countries. St. Joann is known to help people of all sorts who come to her. She also visits hospitals and heals people who are sick.

St. Lelo (robed in green madras print) loves to sail. She sails around the world with her pet chameleon and pet chinchilla. She is able to speak to frogs and helps them survive in difficult climates.

St. Philip (robed in olive green) is a tae-kwon-do master who is "really close to God." He lives in Iraq, where he cares for the injured and dying, both Americans and Iraqis, who have been hurt by war. He also looks after animals in Iraq.

Small Puppet Saints

St. Lucy (robed in blue print) loves living in the country surrounded by cow pastures. She helps endangered chimpanzees survive, and she "helps people find their way." She also likes to send cards to people who are sick.

St. Rainbow (robed in green) is loving and compassionate. She helps people in need by finding houses for them and caring for them when they are sick. She can speak every language (!) and she teaches people to communicate peacefully with each other in different languages.

St. Valerie (robed in pink stripes) plants flower bulbs as well as seeds of vegetables and grains, so that all can be fed. She gives food away to people who need it.

St. Allie (robed in blue floral print) is an artist who paints pictures. She is also an animal doctor who helps all animals, particularly helping animals not to bite people or each other.

St. Sarah (robed in brown stripes) lives in the Amazon. She makes food for animals, and she helps get food to people in war zones. She also helps people who have "owies."

St. Louis (robed in tan & black print) tends to the injured in places where there is war. At one battle, he saved 120 people! "Almost wherever he goes, people follow him."

CLOSING HYMN

FOR ALL THE SAINTS

Sine nomine

W. W. How, alt. A. Happe, 1981



For all the saints who from their labors rest,
 Thou wast their Rock, their For-ress and their Might:
 O blest com-mun-ion, fel-low-ship di-vine!
 And when the task is hard, the la-bor long,
 The gol-den eve-ning bright-ens in the west:
 But lo! there breaks a yet more glo-rious day:
 From earth's wide bounds, to o-cean's far-thest coast,



Who Thee by faith be-fore the world con-fessed Thy
 Thou, Lord, their Sa-vior through the long cold night;
 We fee-bly strug-gle, they in glo-ry shine; Yet
 Steals on the ear the dis-tant har-vest song, And
 Soon, soon to faith-ful work-ers com-eth rest:
 The Saints tri-um-phant rise in bright ar-ray: The
 Through gates of pearl streams in the count-less host,



name, O Je-sus, be for-ev-er blest. Al-
 Thou in the dark-ness drear, their one true Light. Al-
 all are one in Thee, for all are Thine. Al-
 hearts are brave a-gain and arms are strong. Al-
 Sweet is the calm of Par-a-dise the blest. Al-
 Lamb in Glo-ry pass-es on the way. Al-
 Sing-ing to God: the Word and Ho-ly Ghost. Al-



le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
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COMMUNITY PRAYERS

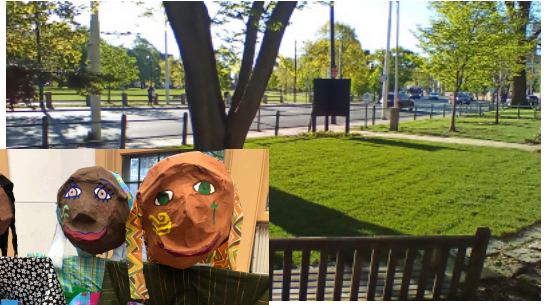
- We offer prayers of celebration for Katie Omberg, who is the new Bridge Interim Minister at Second Church in Newton.
- We pray for Ida Peterson (age 2) and her moms Kelsey and Tori, as Ida recovers from a third cardiac surgery this past Thursday.
- We pray for Patty Van Ness’s parents Marjorie and Charles Van Ness, who are struggling with health issues.
- We pray with joyful thanksgiving for the recent birth of Peggy and Mike Stevens’s twin grandsons Luca Wolf Ertel and George Carl Ertel, and for their parents Katie and Noah Ertel and big sister Isabel.
- We pray for Abby Shuman and her family as they mourn the loss of Abby’s mother Jeri, who died recently of heart failure.
- We pray for First Church Sexton Kimel Williams and his family. Kimel’s sister Janet died recently, and the family continues to grieve the loss of Kimel’s nephew Jesse Eason, who died recently from Covid-19.
- We pray for First Church Sexton George Williams, who is recovering from eye surgery.
- We pray for all who are in treatment for cancer: Pauline Fennel; Dave Kidder's sister Lucinda Kidder; Sarah Robinson, daughter of Mary Robinson and Mary Martha Thiel; Abby Shuman's uncle Barry; Penny Kilburn, Nancy Kilburn’s mother; Amy Golodet, Jonathan New’s sister-in-law; Karen Anne Zee’s daughter Becky Collet, and her sons-in-law, Denis Collet and Stewart Bailey; and Beth and Polly, Ann McCann’s sisters.
- We pray for all impacted by the rapidly deteriorating crisis at “Mass and Cass” in Boston, especially for those whose makeshift tents and homes have been uprooted by the City of Boston. We pray for creative and compassionate solutions that honor the dignity of all.
- We pray for the city of Boston as they welcome a newly elected Mayor.
- We pray for all who are affected by the recent surge of COVID-19 diagnoses due to the Delta variant and the lower levels of vaccination in parts of the US and around the world. We pray for all who are awaiting vaccines, globally and locally, especially families with young children—may there be a swift, hassle-free, and equitable distribution for all. We continue to pray for all who are grieving the loss of loved ones to COVID-19 and for the “long-haulers.”
- We pray for all who are acutely experiencing the effects of climate change, for all who live in paths of storms and wildfires, and especially for the poor, who are disproportionately affected by our inaction. We pray for the 2021 United Nations Climate Conference in Glasgow and for a renewed collective commitment that faithfully stewards our planet and all of God’s creation.
- We pray for the 14 men who are finding sustenance and protection in our First Church Shelter, and we pray for the guests of the Friday Café, who are finding food and listening ears. We pray for all who are experiencing deprivation and hardship in these uncertain times.

Join the [First Church List](#) to see and offer up more community prayer requests.

TODAY AT FIRST CHURCH

First Worship on the Lawn: All Saints Sunday Today at 9:45 a.m.

Come celebrate All Saints Sunday at a 30-minute casual, family-friendly service for all, and especially for those who aren't yet ready to worship inside. We'll be joined by First Church's Saint Puppets, as we remember all those in the "communion of saints." We'll celebrate Communion and enjoy the sounds of our All Saints Band. Look for us under the blue tent by the Yellowwood tree!



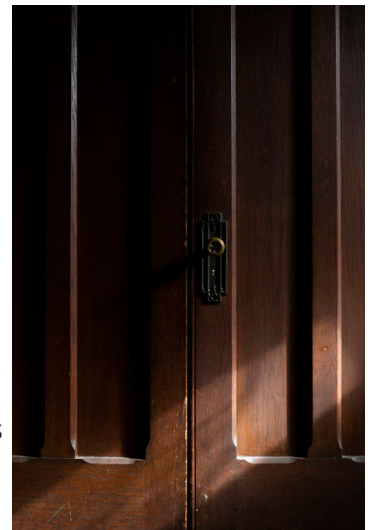
Peter Sykes's 35th Anniversary as First Church Music Director Sunday, November 7

Today we celebrate Peter Sykes's 35th anniversary as Music Director at First Church in Cambridge. In addition to offering Peter a blessing in worship and hearing him play the piece with which he auditioned for the job(!), we will host an in-person cake reception in Margaret Jewett Hall after worship. (Please plan to keep your masks on, except for when you are taking bites or sipping!). We'll share stories and extend to Peter our thanks for the extraordinary gifts First Church has received from his presence among us for 35 years.

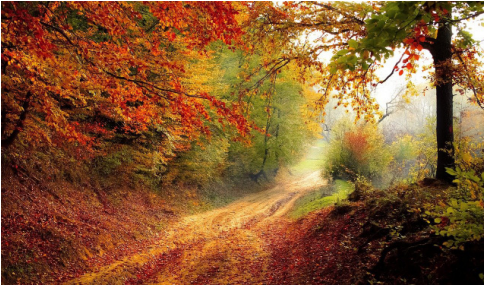
Welcoming Ministry Mini-Retreat Sunday, November 7, 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. First Church Lawn or MJH (if weather requires)

Would you like to help us think more intentionally about how to welcome all into our midst? Please join us for a mini-retreat to check in about how our Welcoming Ministry is going at First Church. Help us consider how we can have fresh eyes to see and open hearts to carry Jesus' radical welcome to every body—that's people of every race, class, sexual orientation, gender, age, ability and political affiliation—every body! Our world needs spaces like these that cherish and welcome all, now more than ever. How do we continue to live out this commitment in community? What does this have to do with our own spiritual journeys and inner work? Expect the use of verbal reflection and embodied spiritual practice.

[Read more](#)



FALL AT FIRST CHURCH



Meet with the Environmental Stew Crew!

Sunday, November 14 at 12:30 p.m., via Zoom

Whether you have been on the Environmental Stewardship committee for years or you just have the slightest interest in exploring the relationship between Christianity and climate crisis work, come join us! For more info, contact Jaz: jaz@firstchurchcambridge.org

Service of Ordination for Domenik Ackermann

Sunday, November 14 at 2:00 p.m.

Hybrid: Sanctuary and via livestream

First Church in Cambridge cordially invites you to the Service of Ordination for First Church member Domenik Ackermann. In a unanimous vote, Domenik was called by West Parish Church in Andover to be their Associate Minister for Education. Let us celebrate together with Dom as he becomes an ordained clergyperson in the United Church of Christ. There will be a cookie reception outside after the service, weather-permitting. [Read more](#)



Fall Pilgrimage with First Church

Join us next Sunday as we embark on a holy pilgrimage in prayer, quieting our minds and expanding our hearts to hear the Word of God across time and space.



image from nps.gov

Black Heritage Trail - Beacon Hill, Boston

Sunday, November 14 at 3:00 p.m.

rain date: November 28 at 3:00 p.m.

[Learn more and sign up here.](#)

First Church Walk

Sunday, November 28 at 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

Fresh Pond Reservation

Join First Church member Susan Ohman for an easy walk at Fresh Pond Reservation. Walk 1-2 miles through Lusitania Meadows, the butterfly Meadow, and along the main path by Fresh Pond to Maher Park and Blacks Nook. Depending on the group's wishes, we can extend the walk to complete the loop around the pond. Occasional benches are available... [Read more](#)



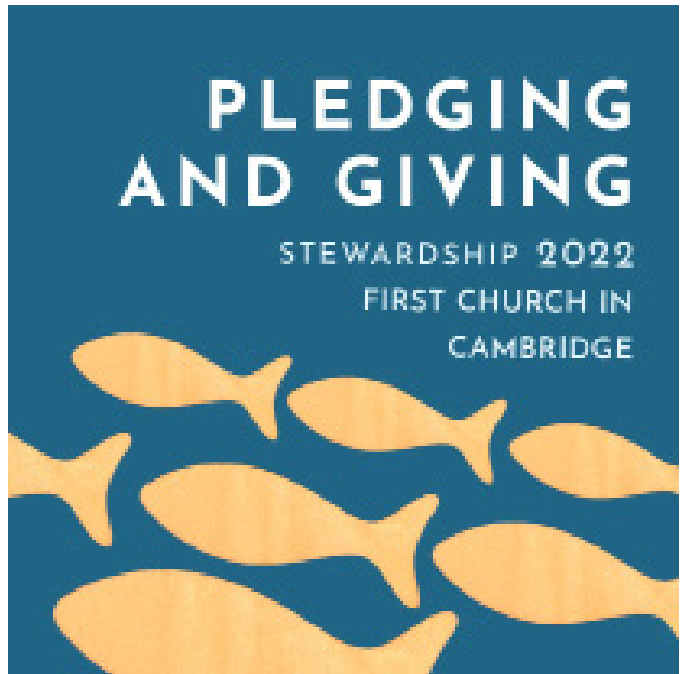
**Put Out Into the Deep Water:
Our 2022 Pledge Campaign**

Jesus said to Simon,

*“Put out into the deep water and let
down your nets for a catch.” Simon
answered, “Master, we have worked all
night long but have caught nothing. Yet
if you say so, I will let down the nets.”*

*When they had done this, they caught so
many fish that their nets were
beginning to break.*

—Luke 5:4-6



November is Stewardship season — when we think together about the year ahead and how we will pool our resources to support our mutual ministry and mission. This year, for 2022, we are again thinking boldly — with faith, trust, and gratitude — beyond what is sufficient to what will prepare our congregation to thrive as we continue our work in anti-racism and environmental stewardship.

Watch for our emails, and [check the website](#) for updates, so that you can submit your pledges (both financial and time) by November 21.

*Susie, Nancy, Joanne, Meredith, Stephen and Winnie
your Stew Crew*

**Money and Faith: A Creative Bible Study on Luke 5:1-11
Wednesday, November 10, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m., [via Zoom](#)**

How does our faith inform our relationship with money? How might we decide how to give, or how much to give? How do empty nets and abundance fit into the story? Our Minister of Stewardship & Finance and the Stewardship Committee will lead us in an imaginative exploration of the gospel story of the disciples’ fishing trip.

CALL TO FALL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING



Notice is hereby given that a Special Meeting of First Church in Cambridge, Congregational, United Church of Christ, will be held in its 385th year at 12:30 p.m., Sunday the 21st of November, 2021, in Margaret Jewett Hall and via Zoom, for the following purposes:

1. to introduce a First Church Land Acknowledgment,
2. to review and vote on the proposed 2022 annual budget of the Congregation as recommended by Executive Council, and
3. to receive an update about recent communications efforts and improvements at First Church.

No other business may legally come before the meeting.

By direction of Executive Council,
Chris Reynolds, Clerk



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You can scan the codes below to connect with First Church via social media.





THIS WEEK

Looking ahead to this week's programs and events



Monday, November 8

4:30 p.m. Contemplative Practices Group, via Zoom

Tuesday, November 9

5:30 p.m. Stewardship Committee, via Zoom

7:00 p.m. "Exploring Our Relationship with the Bible" Faith & Life Group, via Zoom

Wednesday, November 10

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

4:30 p.m. Meal Distribution, Tower Room

7:00 p.m. "Faith and Money," A Creative Stewardship Bible Study, via Zoom

Thursday, November 11 - Church Office and Building Closed for Veterans' Day

6:00 p.m. Weekly Bible Study, via Zoom

Friday, November 12

12:00 p.m. Friday Café, Margaret Jewett Hall and the church lawn

Sunday, November 14 - Stewardship Sunday

10:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, MJH

10:45 a.m. Sanctuary doors open

11:00 a.m. Hybrid Morning Worship in the Sanctuary and via livestream

11:20 a.m. Children's Worship with Sarah, Library

12:00 p.m. After-Church on the Lawn and Zoom Coffee Hour

12:30 p.m. Budget Q&A, MJH and via Zoom

12:30 p.m. Environmental Stew Crew Meeting, via Zoom

2:00 p.m. Ordination Service for Domenik Ackermann, Sanctuary and via livestream

3:00 p.m. Fall Pilgrimage: Black Heritage Trail, Beacon Hill, Boston

7:30 p.m. Night Song in the Sanctuary and via livestream

See our [Events Calendar](#) for Zoom links and details.

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