



EASTERTIDE
Hybrid Morning Worship
MAY 1, 2022

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.

FIRST CHURCH
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386 YEARS

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May 1, 2022

Preaching Today Leading Worship

Lexi Boudreaux, Transitional Minister
Kate Layzer, Minister of Street Outreach
Ebony West, Ministerial Intern
Peter Sykes, Music Director
Dean Eaton, liturgist
Kevin Newell, tech support

Bulletin Cover Image Freddie Funck, youth group member

Today's Programs and Events

- 9:30 a.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal, Chapel
9:30 a.m. Harvard and the Legacy of the Slavery Film and Discussion, Harter Room and [via Zoom](#)
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. Church School: Pastoral Care Sunday, MJH
12:00 p.m. Refreshments on the Lawn and [Zoom](#) Coffee Hour
12:15 p.m. Harvard and the Legacy of Slavery Report and Discussion, MJH and [via Zoom](#)
12:30 p.m. New Members Session II, The Landing and [via Zoom](#)
12:30 p.m. Young Adults Brunch, home of Robb Morgan and Clare Hunt
1:15 p.m. Our Whole Lives (OWL), Harter Room
3:30 p.m. Service of Ordination for Katie Omberg, Sanctuary and [via livestream](#)
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: www.firstchurchcambridge.org/give or by texting “\$ _” to: 1-844-996-0982.

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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.

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GATHERING

*For those participating at home, we invite you to have a candle at your home altar.
For those gathering in the sanctuary, please remain masked while in Morning Worship.
Masks are optional once you leave the Sanctuary.*

VOLUNTARY

Deck Thyself, O Soul, With Gladness

Johannes Brahms

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN 212** Sing of One Who Walks Beside Us

*GREETING

Dean Eaton

- L: Siblings in the Spirit, grace and peace to you from God!
C: From God the Merciful, peace to you!
L: And together, let us praise God in the presence of Love —
C: Love divine, stronger than death!
L: Together, let us praise God in the companionship of the Risen Christ —
C: The Risen Christ, source of gentleness, who abides with us now!
L: Together, let us praise God in this time of worship!

WORDS OF WELCOME

Dean Eaton and and Ebony West

CONFESSING

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

SILENCE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

- L: Let us pray for healing, pardon and peace:
**C: Holy One, in the light of your risen glory
we see the harm we have done,
the suffering we have caused,
the good we have refused,
and the truth we have denied.
Heal us, we pray.
Wash us in your mercy,
and feed us with your grace,
so that we may follow in your way
and tell the good news of the gospel.
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.*

***EASTER PEACE**

Children up through 7th grade are now invited to Church School: Pastoral Care Sunday in Margaret Jewett Hall. Children will return to worship in time for Communion.

***HYMN 323**

Lo, I Am with You

OPENING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

READING

John 21:1-19

SERMON

Lexi Boudreaux

SHARING OUR LIFE TOGETHER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kate Layzer

TEACHING MOMENT

Peter Sykes

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Love God with all your heart

Traditional



Give by Text



Give Online



I've Given Already

***DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**O Jesus, risen now to bless,
do thou thyself our hearts possess;
that we may give thee all our days
the willing tribute of our praise! Amen.**

SHARING THE FEAST

INVITATION

REMEMBERING AND GIVING THANKS

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 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 exit your pew to the right and approach one of the stations in the front or back to receive the elements. Please step away from the server before lowering your mask to consume the elements. You may leave your empty bread cup and juice glass on the tray before returning to your pew from the left.

COMMUNION MOTET

Christ be with me

Noel Rawsthorne

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

L: Let us give thanks!

**All: 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 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,
the will to serve you every day,
and risen life that never ends.
In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

GOING FORTH

*HYMN 318

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

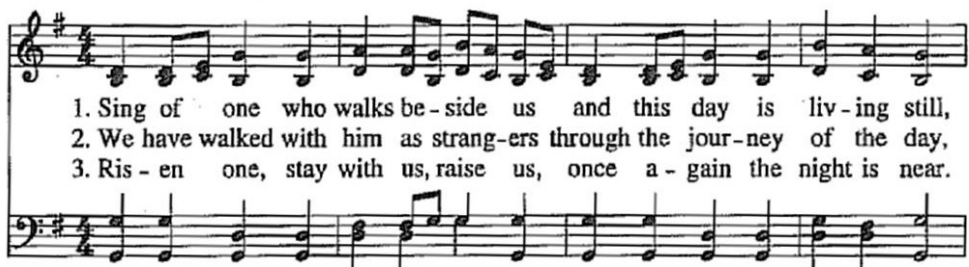
*BENEDICTION

VOLUNTARY

Andante

Felix Mendelssohn

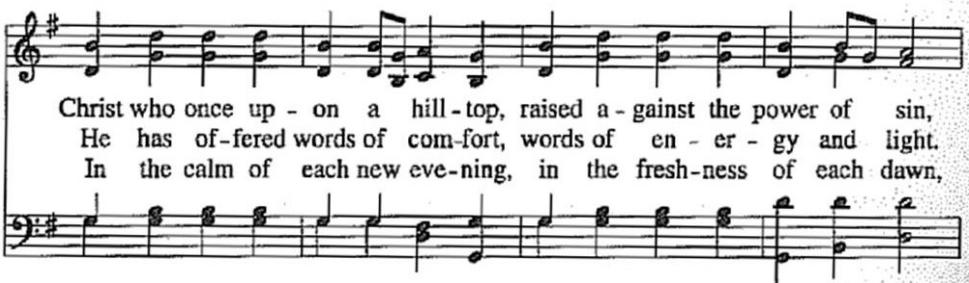
212 Sing of One Who Walks Beside Us



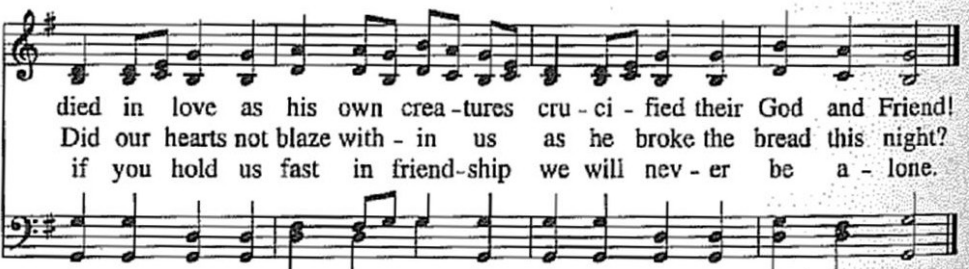
1. Sing of one who walks be-side us and this day is liv-ing still,
 2. We have walked with him as strang-ers through the jour-ney of the day,
 3. Ris-en one, stay with us, raise us, once a-gain the night is near.



one who now is clos-er to us than the thoughts our hearts dis-till,
 and have told him of the ter-ror that has swept our hope a-way.
 Dine with us and share your wis-dom, free our hearts from ev-'ry fear.



Christ who once up-on a hill-top, raised a-gainst the power of sin,
 He has of-fered words of com-fort, words of en-er-gy and light.
 In the calm of each new eve-ning, in the fresh-ness of each dawn,



died in love as his own crea-tures cru-ci-fied their God and Friend!
 Did our hearts not blaze with-in us as he broke the bread this night?
 if you hold us fast in friend-ship we will nev-er be a-lone.

PEACE HYMN

323

Lo, I Am with You

Unison

1. Lo, I am with you to the end of the world.
 2. Lo, I am with you in the break - ing of bread.
 3. Lo, I am with you in the drink - ing of wine.

Lo, I am with you to the end of the world.
 Lo, I am with you in the break - ing of bread.
 Lo, I am with you in the drink - ing of wine.

Lo, I am with you, Lo, I am with you,
 Lo, I am with you, Lo, I am with you,
 Lo, I am with you, Lo, I am with you,

Lo, I am with you to the end of the world.
 Lo, I am with you in the break - ing of bread.
 Lo, I am with you in the drink - ing of wine.

CLOSING HYMN

318

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

1. Draw us in the Spir-it's te - ther, for when hum - bly,
 2. As dis - ci - ples used to gath - er in the name of
 3. All our meals and all our liv - ing make as sac - ra -

in your name, two or three are met to - geth - er, you are
 Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the giv - er break the
 ments of you, that by car - ing, help - ing, giv - ing, we may

in the midst of them; Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 bread and bless the cup, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 be dis - ci - ples true. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -

lu - ia! Touch we now your gar - ment's hem.
 lu - ia! So now bind our friend - ship up.
 lu - ia! We will serve with faith a - new.

WORDS: Percy Dearmer, *Enlarged Songs of Praise*, 1931, alt.
 MUSIC: Harold Friedell, 1957; adapt. Jet Turner, 1967, alt.

British hymnal editor Dearmer provides the words about the 'community' of communion. The tune is named for Union Seminary, New York City, a training ground for clergy of many Protestant denominations, including the UCC.

UNION SEMINARY
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COMMUNITY PRAYERS

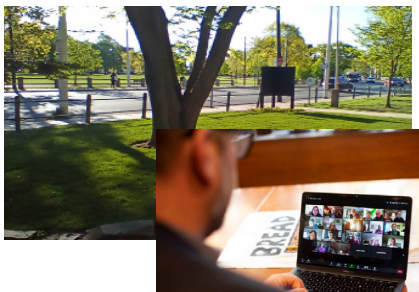
- We pray for Steve LaMaster as he recovers from a ski accident and recent shoulder surgery.
- We pray for Perry Neubauer who is recovering from a recent procedure to remove kidney stones.
- We pray for Peggy Stevens’s husband Mike as he recovers from back surgery.
- We pray for safety, strength, and courage for Moana Bentin’s daughter Kalo Daley, who is joining the crews of the *Hikianalia* and the *Hokulea*, to sail in a canoe from Oahu to Hilo, and on the open waters of the Pacific from Tahiti to Hawaii, with the Polynesian Voyaging Society.
- We pray for all who are in treatment for cancer: Pauline Fennel; Judith Semmler, Alice Napoleon Jones’s mother; Abby Shuman’s uncle Barry; Penny Kilburn, Nancy Kilburn’s mother; Karen Anne Zee’s daughter Becky Collet, and her sons-in-law, Denis Collet and Stewart Bailey; Beth and Polly, Ann McCann’s sisters; and Keith Peterson, brother of Friday Café volunteer Neil Peterson.
- We pray for the people of Ukraine as they face a full-scale Russian assault, and in light of further horrific reports of war crimes against civilians. We pray for people in war-torn areas around the world. We pray for all troops and civilians, and for bordering countries receiving refugees. We pray that diplomatic measures, sanctions, and peace prevail in Ukraine and all places experiencing war.
- We pray for all those impacted by the passage of laws in multiple states limiting access to abortion care and trans-affirming health care.
- We pray for all who are affected by COVID-19—those experiencing symptoms, those grieving the loss of loved ones, and those awaiting vaccines and boosters. We pray with and for anxious hearts, especially for educators, healthcare personnel, and other essential workers.
- We pray for indigenous communities whose ancestral homes and water supplies are threatened by pipelines, for those who have lost homes and loved ones to wildfires, floods, and tornadoes, and for those who strive to preserve living space for all of God’s creatures. We pray that we may escape the trap of resignation and emerge into the dawn of possibility.
- 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

Harvard and the Legacy of Slavery Film and Discussion
Sunday, May 1 at 9:30 a.m., Harter Room and [via Zoom](#); and 12:15 p.m., MJH and [via Zoom](#)

This past week, the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study and the [Initiative on Harvard and the Legacy of Slavery](#) released a [substantial report](#) on Harvard's history with recommendations for reparative action. Given First Church's historic connection to Harvard and this legacy, Dan Smith has been a member of the faculty committee guiding this initiative. We will engage in learning and reflection about this work starting today at 9:30 a.m., when we will view a 25-minute film about Harvard's legacy. We will also hold an after-worship discussion about the committee's report and recommendations. Please join us!



Refreshments on the Lawn and [Zoom](#) Coffee Hour
Today at 12:00 p.m.

Join us after church today for coffee and refreshments and for a continuation of our Easter celebration on the Lawn! It has been such a joy to see so many faces in person, and we welcome this chance to connect with friends, old and new! For those joining online, [Zoom Coffee Hour](#) will launch at the end of worship.

Preparing for Joining Sunday, May 22

Sunday, May 1, 12:15 p.m., The Landing and [via Zoom](#)

Have you been thinking about exploring membership at First Church in Cambridge? Do you have a growing sense that First Church is where you belong? Have you recently joined or enjoy meeting new folks in our community and are looking to support others in this process? You are in luck! Please save the dates for our upcoming opportunities to explore membership and to build deeper connections with one another as we prepare for a Joining Sunday. For more details on New Member sessions or our Newcomers community events in general, please be in touch with the staff liaison to the Welcoming Team, Lexi Boudreaux. **May 15 is deadline to give notice to join on the May 22 Joining Sunday. There will be a new members breakfast on the lawn at 9:30 a.m. the morning of May 22. (rain location: Hastings Common)**



TODAY AT FIRST CHURCH

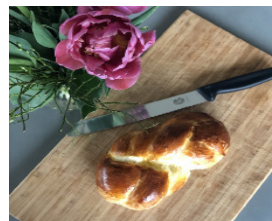
Young Adults: Brunch after Church

Sunday, May 1, 12:30 - 2:30 p.m.

RSVP for address

Join other First Church Young Adults (18-early 30's) at the home of Robb Morgan and Claire Hunt for a late brunch and social time after church.

Carpooling is very much encouraged, so please [RSVP](#).



Our Whole Lives (OWL)

Today, 1:15 - 3:00 p.m., Harter Room

8th and 9th graders from First Church, Old South Church, and the community meet for our denomination's sexuality education curriculum.



Service of Ordination for Katie Omberg

Sunday, May 1, 3:30 p.m., Sanctuary and via livestream

First Church in Cambridge cordially invites you to the Service of Ordination to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament for First Church member Katie Omberg. Katie was called by Melrose Highlands Congregational Church to be their Interim Minister. Let us celebrate together with Katie as she becomes an ordained clergyperson in the United Church of Christ! There will be a cake reception outside after the service, weather permitting.



Night Song

Sundays at 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary and [via livestream](#)

Night Song is a weekly, hour-long meditation featuring sublime choral music and transformational instrumental accompaniment in our quiet, candle-lit sanctuary.

Learn more about Night Song [here](#).



UPCOMING EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

GBIO CORE TEAM MEETING

Monday, May 2, 7:30 - 8 p.m. [via Zoom](#)

Come for an update on the work of the

Greater Boston Interfaith Organization (GBIO) at First Church as we enter a season of learning and acting on our major initiatives: Affordable Housing, Mental Health, and Re-Entry from Incarceration. If you're new to GBIO, come get to know one of First Church's longest running social missions. If you know GBIO, you already know the good that happens when the faithful get into action together. Come and see!



Greater Boston
Interfaith Organization

Queer Bible Bingo Night

Tuesday, May 3, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.,

Harter Room

Think you know the Bible? Come put it to the test with a friendly competition of Bible Bingo! This will be a safe and open environment for those of the LGBTQIA+ community, but of course all are welcomed. Bring your Bible, flash cards, and the Holy Spirit! See you there!



Young Adults: Faith on Tap

Wednesday, May 4, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Trina's Starlite Lounge, Somerville

The Young Adults continue their Faith on Tap Series at Trina's Starlite Lounge in Somerville. Join other 20- and 30-somethings for some casual fellowship and some extravagant hot dogs, Trina's specialty. Can't make this one, but want to keep up on other YA events? Reach out to [Phil Jones](#)!



Duncan Hollomon on Contemplative Practices, Next Sunday, May 8, During Morning Worship

On Sunday, May 8, First Church friend Duncan Hollomon, a psychotherapist with an extensive background in both Buddhist and Christian contemplative practice, will be sharing a time of reflection with Dan Smith during our morning service. The reflection will in part center around Duncan's experience leading a weekly First Church Contemplative Practices gathering on Monday afternoons. The gathering has been exploring together a contemplative approach to spiritual life, learning practices and various approaches to accessing our inner world, with an eye to seeing the relationship between reflective contemplation and action in the world. Dan and Duncan will share why they think this work is important for our wider church's life together. In addition, Duncan will lead us in an introductory experience to contemplative practice. Please join us!

UPCOMING EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES



Acting for Re-entry with GBIO

Sunday, May 15, 12:15 - 1 p.m., Church Lawn

First Church and the other 62 members of the Greater Boston Interfaith Organization (GBIO) have been working together to expand the rights of and eliminate the stigma surrounding people returning to society following incarceration. Join us for a discussion of the unique challenges to re-entry, led by a member of GBIO's Re-Entry Action Tea. Come to listen, to share your story, and to learn how to win this critical racial justice issue.

An Invitation to Covenant Dinners, May 20 and 21

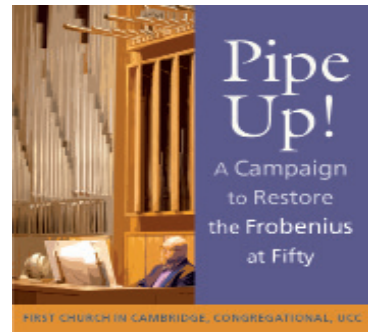
Would you like to reconnect with old friends, meet new friends, and take a moment to reflect on what it means to be a part of our church community? Would you like to share conversation, food, and drink with interesting people over a potluck dinner? Now that we can more safely gather outside, the Stewardship Committee is revitalizing the Covenant dinner tradition. If you are interested in participating, either as an attendee or a host, on Friday, May 20, or Saturday, May 21, please let us know by completing this [sign-up form](#); the Stewardship Committee will follow up to confirm the date, time, location, and to coordinate a potluck sign-up. If you would be willing to host, you simply need an outdoor space that can accommodate a group of about 8-10 people and provide plates and silverware. The Stewardship Committee will make sure to take care of the rest!



Save the Date

**for Pipe Up Organ Concert celebrating the Frobenius
Sunday, May 22, 2 p.m., Sanctuary and via livestream**

Join us for a free concert celebrating the Frobenius organ at First Church in Cambridge and kicking off a fundraising campaign for a major refurbishment after fifty years of faithful service! The program will feature the Harvard Glee Club singing movements from Maurice Duruflé's gorgeous "Messe cum júbilo" conducted by Harvard's Director of Choral Activities, Andrew Clark, organist



Peter Sykes, Director of Music at First Church, and David von Behren, Nathan Peace, Jeongweon Lee, and Christopher Hodges, students of Peter Sykes at Boston University. Music of Max Reger, Louis Vierne, Petr Eben, James Woodman, and Johann Sebastian Bach will fill out the hourlong program. The concert is free, but [registration is requested](#).

NEWS FROM FIRST CHURCH AND THE UCC

First Church Shelter News

We celebrate good news from the First Church Shelter: Three Shelter guests have moved out of the Shelter into a shared living situation, and the City has committed funds to the First Church Shelter through 2023. These funds will be used for showers, additional hours to operate the Shelter, and for staff to help First Church Shelter guests access state and city resources. We celebrate this good news alongside Shelter Director Jim Stewart.



WE STAND
FOR PEACE.

WE STAND WITH
UKRAINE.

United Church of Christ (UCC) Appeal Tops \$1 Million to Help Ukrainians

Learn how our denomination is directing much needed aid to Ukraine and to surrounding countries, where refugees are fleeing from the war. The full article by Connie Larkman on ucc.org provides updates on how the United Church of Christ is using our donations to plan for the long term needs.

[Read the full article to learn how you can contribute.](#)

First Church Land Acknowledgment

We, gathered here, acknowledge that we are meeting on land which has been the traditional ancestral homeland of the Massachusetts people. We acknowledge that this land is unceded and remains sacred to the Massachusetts, and to their close neighbors and relatives, the Nipmuc and Wampanoag peoples.

You can find a longer version of this acknowledgment [here](#) or by scanning the QR code to the right.



SCAN ME

Do you want to follow the hyperlinks, but you're holding a paper bulletin in your hand? Use your phone's camera to hover over the QR code to the left marked "scan me;" this will take you to the **Members & Friends** page of our website, where you'll find the bulletin online, as well as links to news, events, and more.



THIS WEEK

Looking ahead to this week's programs and events



Monday, May 2

- 4:30 p.m. Contemplative Practices Group, via Zoom
7:30 p.m. Greater Boston Interfaith Organization (GBIO) Core Team Meeting, via Zoom

Tuesday, May 3

- 7:30 a.m. Space to Listen: Reflecting on the Gospel of Luke, via Zoom
4:00 p.m. First Church Professional Caregivers Group, via Zoom
7:00 p.m. Queer Bible Bingo Night, Harter Room

Wednesday, May 4

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Harter Room
7:00 p.m. Young Adults: Faith on Tap, Trina's Starlite Lounge, Somerville

Thursday, May 5

- 6:00 p.m. Friday Café food dropoff, Tower Room
6:00 p.m. Drop-in Bible Study, via Zoom

Friday, May 6

- 9:30 a.m. Friday Café food dropoff, Tower Room
12:00 p.m. Friday Café, Margaret Jewett Hall (MJH) and the church lawn

Saturday, May 7

- 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Harter Room

Sunday, May 8 - HAPPY MOTHERS DAY

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

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