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**EASTERTIDE**  
Hybrid Morning Worship  
**MAY 22, 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  
IN CAMBRIDGE  
CONGREGATIONAL

**386 YEARS**

ON THE WAY

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## May 22, 2022

### Preaching Today Leading Worship

Dan Smith, Senior Minister  
Lexi Boudreaux, Transitional Minister  
Ebony West, Ministerial Intern  
Peter Sykes, Music Director  
Susie Hayward, liturgist  
Amy Matias, Deacon  
Kevin Newell, tech support  
Freddie Funck, youth group member

### Bulletin Cover Image

### Today's Programs and Events

- 9:30 a.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal, Chapel
- 11:00 a.m. Hybrid Morning Worship, Sanctuary and [via livestream](#)
- 11:20 a.m. Church School: Classes
- 12:00 p.m. Refreshments on the Lawn and [Zoom](#) Coffee Hour
- 12:15 p.m. Religion, Conflict and Peacebuilding in the Ukraine and Beyond, Harter Room and [via Zoom](#)
- 1:15 p.m. Our Whole Lives (OWL), Harter Room
- 3:00 p.m. Pipe Up Organ Concert celebrating the Frobenius, 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](http://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](mailto: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 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**

Plein Jeu

Pierre du Mage

**\*HYMN (insert)**

We Who Are Now Brought Together

**\*GREETING**

Susie Hayward

L: Siblings in the Spirit, grace and peace to you from God!

**C: From God the Merciful, peace to you!**

L: Together let us praise God in the presence of Love —

**C: Love divine, stronger than death!**

L: Together let us meet God in the companionship of the Risen Christ —

**C: Source of gentleness, who abides with us now!**

L: Together let us turn to God with worship, prayer, and praise!

**WORDS OF WELCOME**

## 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 classes. Godly Play (PreK-3rd grade) and Middler (4/5th grade) students can meet their teachers at the side door by the Children's Book Corner. Bible 101 (6/7th grade) students can meet their teachers in the Narthex. Caregivers can find the children in Hastings Common after worship.*

**\*HYMN 403**

Lord, I Want to be a Christian

**JOINING NEW MEMBERS**

**INVITATION**

Dan Smith

**PROMISES**

Lexi Boudreaux

**\*COVENANT OF FIRST CHURCH IN CAMBRIDGE**

L: United with the church of every time and place,  
we covenant with Christ, with these siblings,  
and with one another, sharing the words of our historic covenant.

**All: We who are now brought together  
and united into one Church  
under the Lord Jesus Christ, our Head,  
in such sort as becometh all those  
whom he hath redeemed and sanctified unto himself,  
do solemnly and religiously,  
as in His most holy presence,  
promise and bind ourselves  
to walk in all our ways  
according to the rule of the Gospel,  
and in all sincere conformity  
to His holy ordinances  
and in mutual love and respect  
each to other,  
so near as God shall give us grace.**

**\*ADDRESS**

**\*WELCOME**

L: Friends, let us welcome these new members  
and affirm the ministry we share in Jesus Christ.

**All: We welcome you with joy  
into the common life of this church.**

**We promise you our friendship and prayers.  
We will share with you the hope and labor of Christ.  
By the power of the Spirit,  
we are one family for the glory of God!**

## **OPENING THE WORD**

### **PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING**

#### **READING**

John 14:23-29

#### **HOMILY**

Dan Smith

## **SHARING OUR LIFE TOGETHER**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **TEACHING MOMENT**

Peter Sykes

#### **PRAYERS FOR CHURCH AND WORLD**

Ebony West

L: God be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

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

### **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.**

### **INVITATION TO OFFERING**

#### **OFFERTORY**

Récit

Pierre du Mage



**Give by Text**



**Give Online**



**I've Given Already**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

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.

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**GOING FORTH**

**\*LEAVE TAKING BLESSING FOR EBONY**

**\*HYMN 88**

My Shepherd, You Supply My Need

**\*BENEDICTION**

**VOLUNTARY**

Basse de Trompette

Pierre du Mage

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**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.



# OPENING HYMN

## *We who are now brought together*

Mary Luti

Peter Sykes

We who are now brought to - geth - er, e - ven we,  
We who are now brought to - geth - er, Spi - rit - led,  
We who are now joined to - geth - er in God's sight  
We who are now joined to - geth - er in all ways

drawn by the love of our Sa - vior, ev - en he,  
called and made ho - ly by Je - sus, hum - ble Head,  
so near as grace may be giv - en day and night,  
of - fer to you, O Cre - a - tor, praise on praise

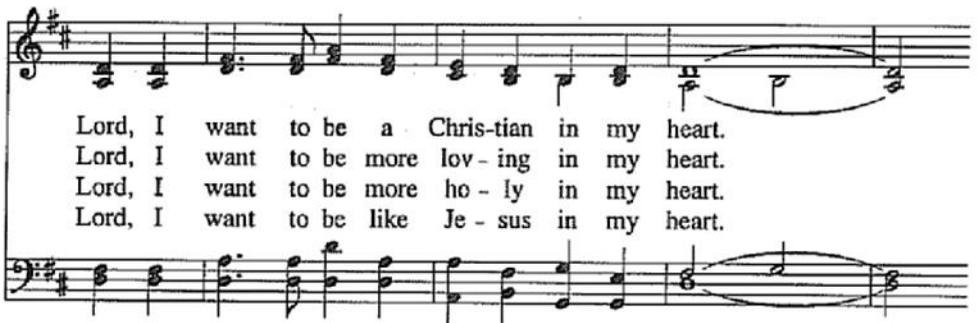
pro - mise to walk on his path - way, faith - ful free.  
pro - mise to live by the gos - pel, as he said.  
pro - mise to love one an - oth - er, God's de - light.  
grate - ful - ly: one con - gre - ga - tion, all our days.

## Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

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1. Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart, in my heart;  
 2. Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart, in my heart;  
 3. Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart, in my heart;  
 4. Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart, in my heart;



Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.  
 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.  
 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.  
 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.

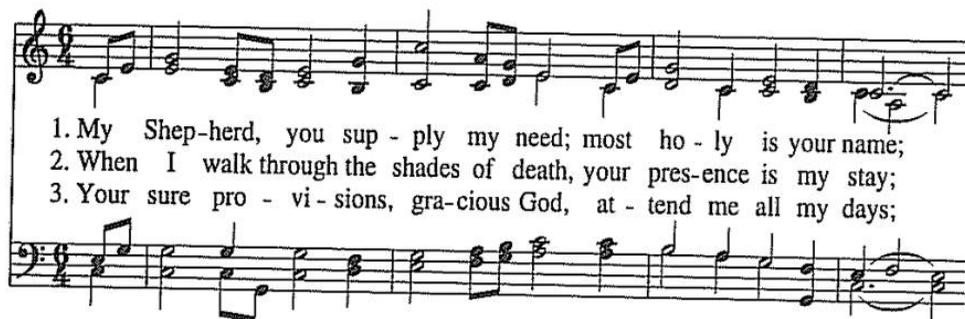


In my heart, in my heart, in my heart, in my heart,

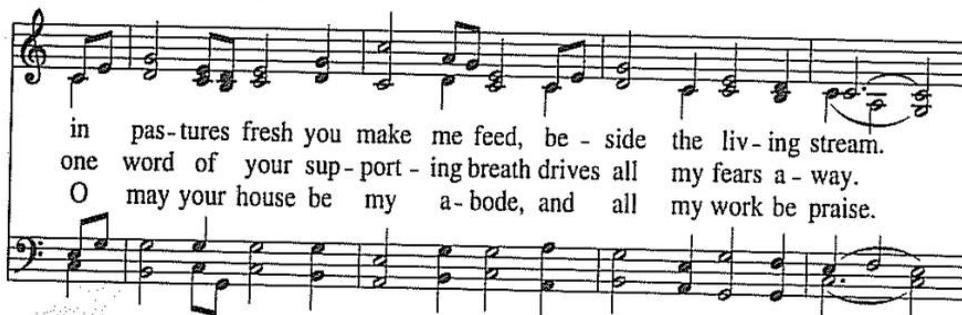


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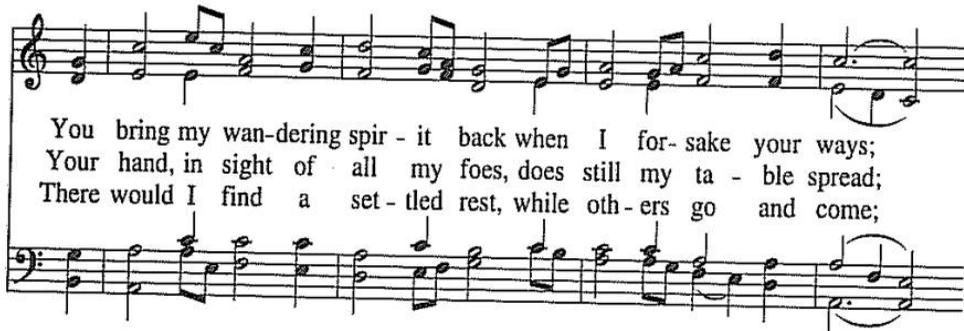
## 88 My Shepherd, You Supply My Need



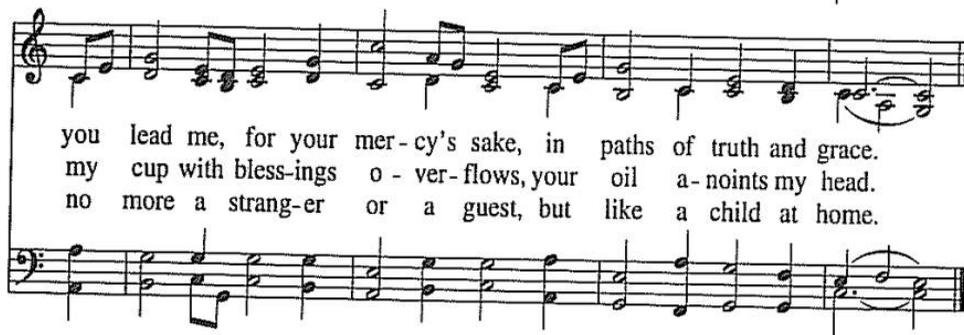
1. My Shep-herd, you sup - ply my need; most ho - ly is your name;  
 2. When I walk through the shades of death, your pres-ence is my stay;  
 3. Your sure pro - vi - sions, gra-cious God, at - tend me all my days;



in pas-tures fresh you make me feed, be - side the liv - ing stream.  
 one word of your sup - port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.  
 O may your house be my a - bode, and all my work be praise.



You bring my wan-dering spir - it back when I for - sake your ways;  
 Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my ta - ble spread;  
 There would I find a set - tled rest, while oth - ers go and come;



you lead me, for your mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.  
 my cup with bless - ings o - ver - flows, your oil a - noints my head.  
 no more a strang - er or a guest, but like a child at home.

## COMMUNITY PRAYERS

- We pray for Claire Hunt and her family as she heals at home from surgery last week to treat two ruptured hemorrhagic ovarian cysts and ongoing intestinal endometriosis.
- We celebrate with Peter Sykes his new faculty appointment to the organ department of the School of Music, Theatre and Dance of the University of Michigan. (He will commute from Boston!)
- We pray for Carter West as he seeks treatment for an as-yet-undiagnosed neuropsychiatric condition.
- We pray for Perry Neubauer, who is recovering from recent heart valve replacement surgery.
- We pray for all those impacted by the mass shootings last weekend, killing over a dozen people in Buffalo, Houston, Milwaukee, and Orange County. We lift up those who are feeling lost and worried to live in their skin, to go to their grocery stores, and their churches after witnessing these events. We pray for an end to this violence and the fear it instills.
- We lift up prayers of thanksgiving and celebration for all who are graduating this weekend and in the coming weeks.
- As news emerges that a majority of the US Supreme Court may be preparing to overturn *Roe v. Wade*, we pray for those facing the possibility of losing vital reproductive rights, and all those who care about them. We also pray for compassion, wisdom, grace, and courage as the public discourse around abortion may cause each of us to wrestle with our own thoughts and feelings surrounding the complexities of this issue.
- 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. 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.

## COMMUNITY PRAYERS

- 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 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*

## NEW MEMBER BIOS

**Brian McNamara** has been coming to First Church Cambridge for over 10 years with his wife Lindsay, and their children Adeline, Callan, and Silas. He enjoys the church’s music, as well as its long history as a continuous congregation. He works as an attorney in Boston and enjoys running in his spare time.

**Heather Stanford** lives most of the year in Santa Barbara, where she and her work at the University of California. They spend the fall term in Cambridge, where her husband is on the Harvard Law Faculty and Heather volunteers in ministries focused on health care providers, spiritual care, and the Friday Cafe. Heather has been an actor-director and educator for most of her professional life; she received her M.Div. and CPE training in Rochester, NY, and is looking for opportunities to practice interfaith spiritual care in a hospital setting.



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.

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



## TODAY AT FIRST CHURCH

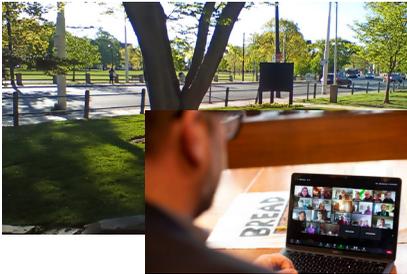
### An Invitation to Reconnect Before and After Worship

Have you been missing connecting to your church friends in a casual setting? Are you looking to meet new people as the weather gets warmer and you are doing more things in person? During the month of May you are invited to spend some time with your First Church community before and after worship outside on our lawn in good weather, inside in Hastings Common when raining or cold. We all are missing spending unstructured time together every week. Come enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and catch up with your church family and potentially form new friendships in the process!



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

Join us after church today for coffee and refreshments 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.



### Religion, Conflict, and Peacebuilding in Ukraine and Beyond Today, 12:15 p.m., Harter Room

How do religious identity, commitments, and political interests impact Russia's war in Ukraine, and how should we respond to those dynamics, and the conflict generally, in order to support just peace in Ukraine and beyond? Join Susie Hayward, FCC member and former director at the U.S. Institute of Peace, and Michelle Goldhaber, current rabbinical student at Hebrew College and a longtime interfaith peacebuilder in Ukraine, as we wrestle with these questions together. [Read more on our website](#)



### Young Adults Field Trip to Down East Cidery Today, 12:15 p.m., meet on Church Lawn

Have you checked out our Young Adults Group yet? Join other 20 and 30 somethings at First Church for some casual fellowship throughout the summer. We get together a few times monthly for walks, drinks, and conservation. All are welcome, especially those new to First Church or exploring a new faith path. Reach out to Phil at [youngadults@firstchurchcambridge.org](mailto:youngadults@firstchurchcambridge.org) to get on the mailing list. If you're free this afternoon, we're taking a field trip on the T to the DownEast Cidery! Meet up on the lawn after church at 12:15

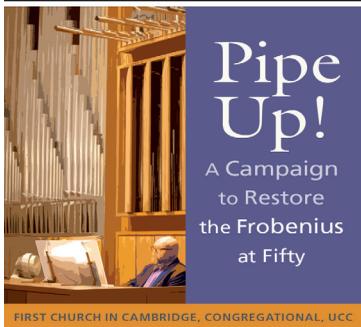
### Our Whole Lives (OWL)

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.



## TODAY AT FIRST CHURCH



### **Pipe Up Organ Concert celebrating the Frobenius**

**Sunday, May 22, 3:00 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. Please register [here](#).

### **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

### **Children's Sunday Worship**

**Sunday, June 12 at 11 a.m.**

On the second Sunday of June, it is our tradition to mark the end of the program year with celebrations of things accomplished and gifts of gratitude for the many people who make our children's formation offerings so special. We give God thanks for the spiritual journeys of our youngest members and the caring companionship they receive from First Church folks walking alongside them. [Read more on our website.](#)



### **Save the Date - A Memorial Service for Cynthia Shoemaker**

**Thursday, June 23 at 11:00 a.m.**

A memorial service will be held for beloved and longtime First Church member Rev. Cynthia Shoemaker at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 23 in the Sanctuary with an outdoor reception to follow, weather permitting. This service will also be livestreamed. Cynthia served as First Church's Minister of Christian Education in the 1980's and 90's. She died on April 21, 2021 following an extended struggle with Parkinson's Disease.

## NEWS FROM FIRST CHURCH AND THE UCC

### Calling All Cooks!

With the advent of spring, the Friday Café is experiencing a surge in numbers. Help us keep up by signing up to prepare a casserole, stew, side dish, or dessert for an upcoming Friday! Cooking drop-offs happen Thursday evening or Friday morning at the door of the Tower Room. For more information, or to sign up, visit [here](#). Thank you!



### Invitation to Contribute to Coffee Hour

Please help us make worship as delicious as it is spiritually sustaining! For Coffee Hour each week we are looking for 2-4 households to bring 3 dozen cookies each, or the equivalent of snacks such as cheese & crackers or fruit. In general, the church has a No Nuts policy. Recently some have requested a brief list of relevant ingredients for those with allergies, if at all possible. [Read more on our website](#) or [SIGN UP HERE IN JUST TWO CLICKS](#)



### Now Two Ways to Donate to the Food Pantry

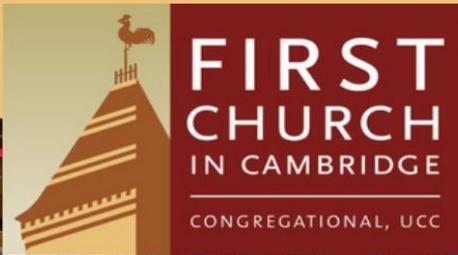
First Church continues to donate to the food pantry now housed at St. James Episcopal church in Porter Square. The need is as great as ever, if not greater, as food prices rise. There are now TWO ways you can donate. First, as we did pre-Covid, you can bring your bagged items to church on Communion Sundays (first Sunday of each month); place them in the large basket in the narthex as you enter. Second, you can bring your donations at any time to the front porch of Hilary Hopkins' house, 30 Winslow St. in Cambridge, about half a mile up Garden Street from FCC, to the right just off Sherman St. at the firehouse. Place your items in the cooler on the porch and ring the Hopkins bell on the silver mailbox behind you, just to let us know there is something in the cooler. No need to wait for us. What should you donate? Cereal, granola, canned fruit and veggies, rice, proteins, condiments, hearty soups; diapers and feminine items also very welcome. **Please nothing opened and no perishables.** Many many thanks, especially to those who have been faithful donors during Covid. Your generosity is a gift to many.

### 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](http://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.](#)

WE STAND  
FOR PEACE.

WE STAND WITH  
UKRAINE.



# THIS WEEK

Looking ahead to this week's programs and events



## Monday, May 23

- 4:30 p.m. Contemplative Practices Group, via Zoom
- 7:00 p.m. Executive Council, via Zoom

## Tuesday, May 24

- 7:30 a.m. Space to Listen: Reflecting on the Gospel of Luke, via Zoom

## Wednesday, May 25

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Harter Room
- 7:30 p.m. Missions and Social Justice, via Zoom

## Thursday, May 26

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

## Friday, May 27

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

## Sunday, May 29

- 9:30 a.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal, Chapel
- 10:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, MJH
- 11:00 a.m. Hybrid Morning Worship, Kate Layzer preaching, Sanctuary and via Livestream
- 11:20 a.m. Church School: Creative Arts - Flower Planting
- 12:00 p.m. Refreshments on the Lawn and Zoom Coffee Hour
- 7:30 p.m. Night Song, Sanctuary and via livestream

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

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