



EASTERTIDE
Hybrid Morning Worship
MAY 8, 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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CONGREGATIONAL

386 YEARS

ON THE WAY

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May 8, 2022

Preaching Today Leading Worship

Duncan Hollomon and Dan Smith, Senior Minister
Lexi Boudreaux, Transitional Minister
Ebony West, Ministerial Intern
Peter Sykes, Music Director
Winnie Yip, liturgist
Kevin Newell, tech support

Bulletin Cover Image Freddie Funck, youth group member

Today's Programs and Events

- 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: Classes
- 12:00 p.m. Refreshments on the Lawn and [Zoom](#) Coffee Hour
- 1:15 p.m. Our Whole Lives (OWL), Harter Room
- 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.

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 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

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Louis Vierne

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

*GREETING

Winnie Yip

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

ANTHEM

Psalm 23 (dedicated to his mother)

Bobby McFerrin

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

(continued...)

**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.*

and tell the good news of the gospel.
Amen.

***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 340**

Peace Before Us

OPENING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Dan Smith

READING

Acts 9:1-20

Duncan Hollomon

REFLECTION

Dan Smith and Duncan Hollomon

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)

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.

INVITATION TO OFFERING



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

***RECESSIONAL HYMN 444**

Lord of All Hopefulness

***BENEDICTION**

VOLUNTARY

Arabesque

Louis Vierne

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN

12 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3. To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
 4. Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou dwell - est in light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 we blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree,
 all praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

WORDS: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867, alt.
 MUSIC: Welsh melody from John Roberts' *Caniadau y Cyssegr*, 1839

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Minister and scholar Walter Smith also became Moderator of the Assembly of the Free Church of Scotland. The opening phrases are based on Timothy 1:17.

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Peace Before Us



1. Peace be-fore us, peace be-hind us, peace be-neath our feet.
 2. Love be-fore us, love be-hind us, love be-neath our feet.
 3. Light be-fore us, light be-hind us, light be-neath our feet.
 4. Christ be-fore us, Christ be-hind us, Christ be-neath our feet.

Additional verses: joy, truth, hope.

WORDS: David Haas, (b.1957), alt., based on a Navaho prayer

MUSIC: David Haas, (b.1957); harm. FCC, 1997

PRAYER FOR PEACE

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Peace with-in us, peace a - bove us, let all a - round us be peace.
 Love with-in us, love a - bove us, let all a - round us be love.
 Light with-in us, light a - bove us, let all a - round us be light.
 Christ with-in us, Christ a - bove us, let all a - round us be Christ.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

444

Lord of All Hopefulness

1. Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
 2. Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
 3. Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
 4. Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,

whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy,
 whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
 your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace,
 whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm,

be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray, your
 be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray, your
 be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray, your
 be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray, your

bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
 strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
 love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
 peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

- We pray with gratitude for all mothers on this Mothers' Day, and we lift up those who long to be parents but are unable to do so. May God bless everyone who has been like a loving parent to us in our lives.
- 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 a recent procedure to remove kidney stones, and who is preparing for heart valve replacement surgery this week.
- We lift of prayers of thanksgiving and celebration for Rev. Katie Omberg, who was ordained to the Christian ministry last Sunday afternoon here in our sanctuary.
- We pray for Karen Anne Zee as she transitions this week to another memory care unit and new home in Lexington, MA.
- 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 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.

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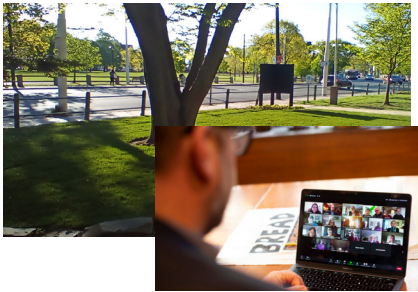
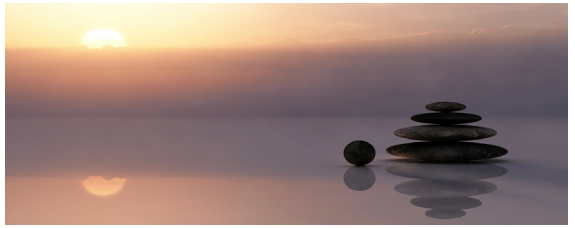
- We pray for all those impacted by the passage of laws in multiple states limiting access to abortion care and trans-affirming health care.
- We pray for all who are affected by COVID-19—those experiencing symptoms, those grieving the loss of loved ones, and those awaiting vaccines and boosters. We 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 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

Duncan Hollomon on Contemplative Practices Today during Morning Worship

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 on 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!



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.



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](#).

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!



UPCOMING EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Celebrating Pacific Islander & Asian American History Month

May 12, 2022 03:30 PM

May is Pacific Islander & Asian American History Month, and the United Church of Christ is privileged to be affiliated with PAAM (Pacific Islander & Asian American Ministries). In the last few years harassment and violence towards the AAPI communities have increased, especially during the COVID pandemic. Join Rev Roberto Ochoa, UCC Associate for Congregations of Color/Ethnic Identified Congregations as he engages in candid conversations with Ms Lynne Hanamoto, Moderator of PAAM, Southern CA/NV region and Rev Mitchell Young, PAAM SC/SN Ambassador and Pastor of Plymouth UCC in Montebello, CA about the history, celebrations, and challenges facing UCC PAAM congregations and communities.

#StopTheHate! Please Register [Here](#)



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 Team. 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!



UPCOMING EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES



Pipe Up!

A Campaign
to Restore
the Frobenius
at Fifty

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Save the Date

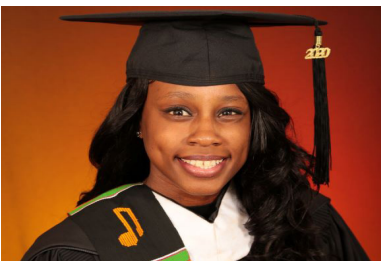
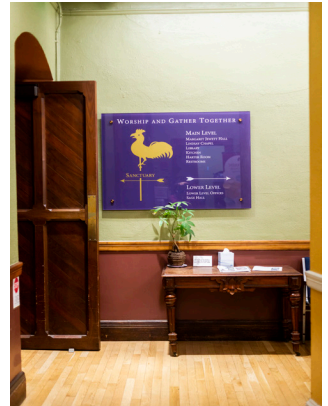
**for Pipe Up Organ Concert celebrating the Frobenius
Sunday, May 22, 3 p.m., Sanctuary and via livestream**

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](#).

Interested in Joining First Church Sunday May 22?

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? Membership at First Church involves joining the church through covenantal promises to be an active member of our community of faith and gives you the opportunity to vote at congregational meetings. If you would like to join the church during the 11 a.m. Sunday Morning worship service on May 22 the deadline for submitting your information and an introductory bio to be put in the bulletin is May 15. Registration form [here](#): New members are invited to gather outside at 9:30 a.m. on May 22nd for a light breakfast to receive their flowers and name tags and to get any questions answered before doing a mic check in the sanctuary.



BLESSING FOR MINISTERIAL INTERN EBONY WEST

Sunday, May 22 during Morning Worship

Please come and share with us a special send-off blessing to our ministerial intern, Ebony West. She has spent the past nine months with us serving here at First Church in Cambridge, and has been especially involved with the young adults group and Friday Cafe, as well as taking part in Morning Worship and sharing her preaching gifts with us. We would love for you all to join in on blessing her and wishing her well as she departs from her intern position.

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!



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 Massachusett people. We acknowledge that this land is unceded and remains sacred to the Massachusett, 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.



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 9

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

Tuesday, May 10

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

4:00 p.m. Building & Grounds Committee, via Zoom

6:00 p.m. Women's Community Book Group, via Zoom

Wednesday, May 11

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

7:00 p.m. Christian Formation Committee, via Zoom

Thursday, May 12

6:00 p.m. Friday Café food dropoff, Tower Room

6:00 p.m. Drop-in Bible Study, via Zoom

Friday, May 13

9:30 a.m. Friday Café food dropoff, Tower Room

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

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