



Children's Sunday
Hybrid Morning Worship
JUNE 12, 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.

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June 12, 2022

Leading Worship

Dan Smith, Senior Minister
Lexi Boudreaux, Transitional Minister
Jaz Buchanan, Pastoral Associate
Lauren Vaughan Yockel, Joanne Paul, Phil Jones, Church School Teachers
Danyson L. Joachim, Lorraine Erickson, John Whaley, liturgists
Milly Clark, Callum Pelton-Cairns, Leo Neurath, Nick Stauffer, and
Arie Spek, Gospel Play
Peter Sykes, Organist and Director of Music
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)
10:30 a.m. Glitter Blessings for Pride Month, Church Lawn
11:00 a.m. Hybrid Morning Worship, Children's Sunday, Sanctuary and [via livestream](#)
12:00 p.m. [Zoom](#) Coffee Hour
12:15 p.m. All-Church Picnic, Church lawn
1:15 p.m. Our Whole Lives (OWL) Class, Harter
2:30 p.m. Our Whole Lives (OWL) Reception, MJH
7:30 p.m. Night Song, Sanctuary and [via livestream](#)

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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.

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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.

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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

All Glory Be to God On High

J. S. Bach

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 57

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

*GREETING

Lorraine Erickson

L: Let us gather with God to sing out our praise!

**C: Praise to the One who waters the thirsty ground and
brings forth new life.**

L: Praise God, who blessed our grandparents and their grandparents.

**C: Praise to the Spirit, who pours out grace and blessing on
our children and their descendants!**

L: God is good! Grown-ups and children, sing out your praise.

WORDS OF WELCOME

Lorraine Erickson & Jaz Buchanan

ANTHEM

JLM (Jesus Loves Me)

Bradley Phillips

CONFESSING

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

John Whaley

SILENCE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

**C: Gracious God,
we have not loved you
or each other with our whole hearts.
Forgive us, we pray,
and lead us toward wholeness,
that we may be filled with your joy.
In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

**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.*

***GREETING OF PEACE**

***HYMN 219**

O God in Heaven

OPENING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Phil Jones

READING

Matthew 19:13-14

INTRODUCTION

Joanne Paul

GOSPEL PLAY

Bible 101 class

***HYMN 360**

I Love to Tell the Story

SHARING OUR LIFE TOGETHER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lexi Boudreaux

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

Lauren Yockel

CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHER RECOGNITION

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH AND WORLD

Dan Smith

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 and address God 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

Danyson L. Joachim



Give by Text



Give Online



I've Given Already

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, the source of life and birth,
Praise God, the Word who came to earth,
Praise God, the Spirit, holy flame,
All glory, honor to God's name! Amen

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

GOING FORTH

***BLESSING OF 2022 GRADUATES**

***RECESSIONAL HYMN 5**

O Be Joyful in Our God!

***BENEDICTION**

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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.



PROCESSIONAL HYMN

57 I Sing the Mighty Power of God

1. I sing the might-y power of God that made the moun-tains rise,
 2. I sing the good-ness of our God that filled the earth with food;
 3. There's not a plant or flower be-low but makes your glo - ries known;

that spread the flow-ing seas a - broad, and built the loft - y skies.
 and formed us from the low - ly sod and then pro-nounced us good.
 and clouds a - rise, and tem-pests blow, by or - der from your throne,

I sing the wis-dom that or-dained the sun to rule the day;
 O how your won-ders are dis-played wher-e'er I turn my eye:
 while all that bor-rows life from you is ev - er in your care.

the moon shines full at God's com-mand, and all the stars o - bey.
 if I sur - vey the ground I tread or gaze up - on the sky!
 Wher - e'er I go, what - e'er I do, I find you pres-ent there.

WORDS: Issac Watts, 1715, alt.

MUSIC: *Gesangbuch der Herzoglichen Württembergischen Katholischen Hofkapelle*, 1784

ELLACOMBE
 CMD

This text is taken from Congregationalist Watts' *Divine Songs attempted in Easy Language for the use of Children*, 1715—the first hymnal written exclusively for children.

O God in Heaven

219

1. O God in heav - en, grant to your chil - dren mer - cy and
 2. Je - sus Re - deem - er, help us re - mem - ber your pain and
 3. Spir - it un - end - ing, give us your bless - ing: strength for the

bless - ing, songs nev - er ceas - ing, grace to in - vite us, peace to u -
 pas - sion, your res - ur - rec - tion, your call to fol - low, your love to -
 wea - ry, help for the need - y, hope for the scorn - ful, peace for the

nite us — O God in heav - en, auth - or of love.
 mor - row — Je - sus Re - deem - er, sav - ior and friend.
 mourn - ful — Spir - it un - end - ing, com - fort and guide.

SERMON HYMN

360

I Love to Tell the Story

1. I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
 2. I love to tell the sto - ry; 'tis pleas - ant to re - peat
 3. I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best

of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
 what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet.
 seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.

I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know 'tis true;
 I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
 And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,

it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else can do.
 the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.
 'twill be the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

WORDS: Katherine Hankey, c. 1868
 MUSIC: William G. Fischer, 1869

Kate Hankey matured in the midst of the 'Clapham sect,' William Wilberforce's dynamic English anti-slavery evangelicals. She maintained a life-long activity in both missions and Christian education.

HANKEY
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SERMON HYMN

Refrain



I love to tell the sto - ry, 'twill be my theme in glo - ry,

to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

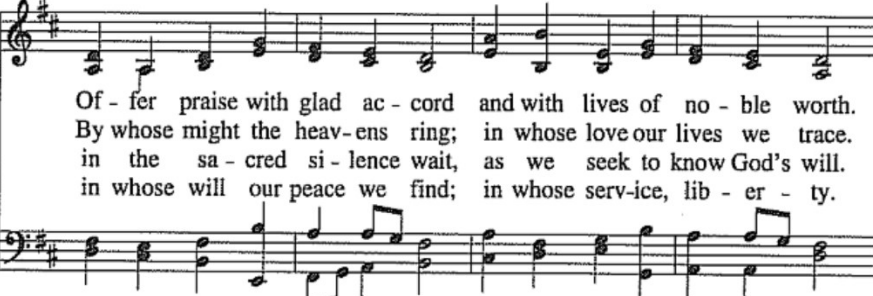
RECESSIONAL HYMN

O Be Joyful in Our God!


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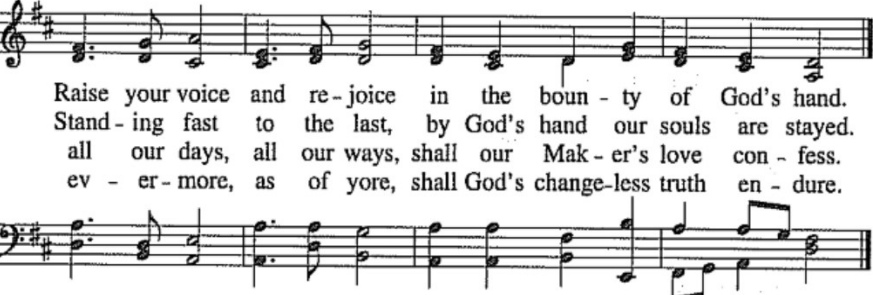
1. O be joy-ful in our God! Cel - e - brate o'er all the earth!
 2. Now re-joice, your prais-es sing! See God's wis-dom, shin-ing grace!
 3. En - ter now the ho - ly gate; let our bur-dened hearts be still;
 4. For the God of all is kind, lov - ing us so con-stant - ly;



Of - fer praise with glad ac - cord and with lives of no - ble worth.
 By whose might the heav-ens ring; in whose love our lives we trace.
 in the sa - cred si - lence wait, as we seek to know God's will.
 in whose will our peace we find; in whose serv-ice, lib - er - ty.



Folk of ev - ery land, hum-bly now be - fore God stand!
 By whom we are made, so we trust God un - a - fraid.
 Let our lives ex - press our a - bun-dant thank - ful - ness;
 Yes, God's law is sure; in that light we walk se - cure;



Raise your voice and re-joice in the boun - ty of God's hand.
 Stand - ing fast to the last, by God's hand our souls are stayed.
 all our days, all our ways, shall our Mak - er's love con - fess.
 ev - er - more, as of yore, shall God's change-less truth en - dure.

WORDS: Curtis Beach, alt. by permission
 MUSIC: Traditional Hebrew melody

ROCK OF AGES
 77.77.57.67

Beach, a Congregational minister, based this hymn on Psalm 100.
 The tune is traditionally sung during Hanukkah to commemorate
 the rededication of the temple in Jerusalem.

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COMMUNITY PRAYERS

- We pray in gratitude and celebration for First Church member and recent ordinand, Rev. Dom Ackermann, who was called last Sunday to be the new Senior Minister at Eliot Congregational Church in Newton.
- We pray in gratitude and celebration for former member and longtime friend of First Church, Adwoa Lewis-Wilson, who was ordained last Saturday to be Deacon by the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts.
- We lift up prayers of thanksgiving and celebration for all who are graduating this season, especially First Church high school seniors, Giselle Korn, Anna and Luke Wendelin and Ivy Rose Williams.
- We pray for Susie Hayward's parents, Ed and Ellie, who are both struggling with medical issues.
- We pray for Perry Neubauer, who is recovering from recent heart valve replacement surgery and is awaiting kidney stone surgery.
- We pray for Taj Smith and his partner Sasha who are recovering at home after a recent automobile accident.
- We pray for the parents and loved ones of 19 children and 2 adults killed in the shooting at an elementary school in Uvalde, Texas. We pray for all those impacted by the recent mass shootings, killing over a dozen people in Tulsa, 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, their schools, their workplaces, and their houses of worship after witnessing these events. We pray for an end to this violence and the fear it instills.
- As the country awaits a ruling from the US Supreme Court that may 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

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

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 all creatures, all green growing beings, the stars and the beyonds beyond them - for we are all made in God’s image. Images so complex, lovingly interwoven to be beyond our imagining. God, help us to treat your creation with the awe and reverence it is due, and to protect it as holy.
- 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.



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

Children's Sunday Worship

Today at 11 a.m.

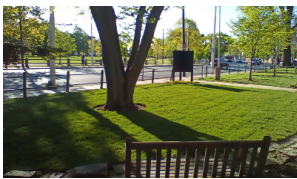
On the second Sunday of June, it is our tradition to mark the end of the program year with celebrations of things accomplished and gifts of gratitude for the many people who make our children's formation offerings so special. We give God thanks for the spiritual journeys of our youngest members and the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



Receive a Glitter Blessing to Celebrate Pride Month

Today, 10:30 am and 12:00 pm, Front Lawn

Receive a blessing as a beloved Child of God with imposition of a touch of glitter before Sunday Morning Worship this week to celebrate Pride Month! Visit our station outside the sanctuary doors in the morning or on the front lawn at the beginning of the all-church picnic after worship.



All Church Picnic

Today after worship, Front Lawn

All are welcome to join us after our worship service today for an all church picnic! We will have our traditional jumbo size sandwich to share as well as snacks and drinks.

Share a Celebration about First Church in Cambridge with Us

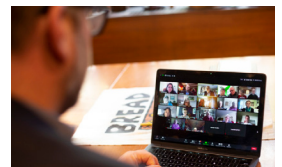
Today after worship, Front Lawn

Last Sunday afternoon, First Church leaders gathered for a retreat to pause, to celebrate our ministry over the past two-plus years and to ask questions that we have in this season for our church. Please join us in celebrating aspects of First Church's ministry and church community through the pandemic! Think about what has inspired you, what has brought you joy, what has stayed with you long after participating and please add to this project of celebration and orientation about where we are as a church now! There will be an opportunity for anyone who is interested to **add responses to our retreat newsprint during today's all church picnic.** A summary of the content from the retreat will be made available soon.

[Zoom](#) Coffee Hour

Today at 12:00 p.m.

Join us after church today for zoom coffee hour. Bring your beverage of choice and enjoy a post-worship time of friendship and fellowship



UPCOMING EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

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.



Poor People's Campaign Saturday, June 18 at 10 a.m., Virtual Event

For years UCC members and congregations have been participating in Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival. This year the work continues with even greater urgency. On June 18, 2022,

hundreds of thousands of poor and low-wealth people will join with moral allies both in-person in Washington, DC, and online, in a declaration that the interlocking injustices of systemic racism, poverty, ecological devastation, denial of health care, militarism and the false moral narrative of religious nationalism are killing all of us – and we can't, we won't, we refuse to be silent anymore! [Read more...](#)

Juneteenth Morning Worship Sunday, June 19

Our Morning Worship on June 19 will lift up the themes of freedom and liberation, with a special focus on Juneteenth, commemorating the abolition of slavery. The service will feature poetry from our own Jean Dany Joachim. Carlyle Stewart, our Community Minister of Racial Justice will offer a reflection. We will also offer public reading of names and a commemoration of all the enslaved persons associated with First Church over the years. [Read more](#)



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. *For anyone who would like to sing the choir, please meet in the sanctuary at 10 a.m.*



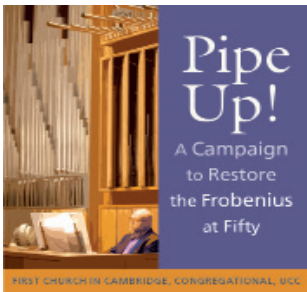
GBIO - Delegates Assembly on June 23 (formerly May 26)

Join GBIO to celebrate major wins in the Boston City Budget, and a successful campaign to provide state IDs for those returning from incarceration. First Church's core team will join with the other 63 member institutions to ratify our state wide plans: acting for affordable housing, mental health and re-entry, grounded in shared stories and racial justice. [Read more...](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Our Legacy of Settler Colonialism: “Bounty” Film Screening and Discussion Sunday, June 26 at 12:15 in the Harter Room and via Zoom

Bounty reveals the hidden story of the Phips Proclamation, one of many scalp-bounty proclamations used to exterminate Native people in order to take their land in what is now New England. In the film, Penobscot parents and children resist erasure and commemorate survival by reading and reacting to the government-issued Phips Proclamation’s call for colonial settlers to hunt, scalp, and murder Penobscot people. On June 26, we will offer another opportunity to view this powerful 9-minute film which we premiered last year with filmmakers Mishy Leshner and Wampanoag leader, gkisedtanamoogk. Join us as we continue to engage this difficult and meaningful conversation and reckon with our history. If you are unable to attend, but would like to view the film and do some learning on your own, please visit www.upstanderproject.org.



PIPE UP Concert Recording and Sponsor-A-Pipe Opportunity

On May 22 First Church hosted an extraordinary concert kicking off a fundraising campaign for a major refurbishment of our beloved Frobenius after fifty years of faithful service! The program included the Harvard Glee Club singing movements from Maurice Duruflé’s gorgeous “Messe cum júbilo” conducted by Harvard’s Director of Choral Activities, Andrew Clark, Peter Sykes (of course!) as well David von Behren, Nathan Peace, Jeongweon Lee, and Christopher Hodges, recent students of Peter’s at Boston University. For a partial recording of the concert, please visit [here](#). To Pipe up and Sponsor-A-Pipe, please click [here](#).

Summer Book Reading Groups

Looking to dive into a book this summer with members of First Church? We will have two book groups running this summer, one in July and one in August.

Title: All That She Carried: The Journey of Ashley’s Sack, a Black Family Keepsake, by Tiya Miles

Dates: Thursdays at 7 pm, June 30 – July 21

Leader Information: Please email Hilary Hopkins at hopkinsjh@verizon.net to RSVP and get zooming #s

Title: The Flag, the Cross and the Station Wagon: A Graying American Looks Back at His Suburban Boyhood and Wonders What the Hell Happened by Bill McKibben

Dates: Tuesdays at 5 pm, August 2, 9 and 16

Leader Information: Please email Dan Smith at dsmith@firstchurchcambridge.org to RSVP and get zooming #s

NEWS FROM FIRST CHURCH AND THE UCC

United Church of Christ (UCC) Mental Health Sunday - June 26

In this season, organizations nationwide advocating for persons diagnosed with mental illnesses come together to present Mental Health Month. Our denomination (the UCC) participates as well, inviting local congregations nationwide to lift up issues that matter to this community: effective and equitable treatment, fostering peer support programs in the psychiatric system, cultivating wellness as well as treating illness, and pushing back against stigmatization. On June 26th, it will be First Church's turn! We've chosen to "Widen the Welcome" on our own UCC Mental Health Sunday. [Read more...](#)



Greeters and Liturgists Needed!

Do you like helping people feel welcome and accepted? Are you looking to get out of your pew on Sunday mornings? Then the deacons would love to hear from you! We are seeking to expand our pool of people to be either greeters or liturgists on Sundays. Greeting involves providing a kind welcome to people as they enter, along with a bulletin, while liturgists help the staff lead the worship service. There is no long-term commitment and whether you have been at First Church for a day or many years, we would love to get you involved! You can express your interest in either or both roles by filling out this [brief form](#). Please contact Adam Weiss (adamw@startmail.com) or Amy Matias (amy.matias@verizon.net) with any questions.

WE STAND
FOR PEACE.

WE STAND WITH
UKRAINE.

New Opportunities to Support Ukraine

On May 22, First Church hosted a talk by Michelle Goldhaber, a rabbinical student at Hebrew College who is active in Ukrainian peacemaking efforts. She, and First Church member Rev. Susie Hayward, shared with us a helpful overview of what's happening now and the religious and historic roots of Russia's aggression. Michelle also brought a powerful, personal dimension to her reflections and analysis given her years of living in Ukraine and ongoing connections to those living there now. In addition to inviting ongoing support for [United Church of Christ efforts](#) in Ukraine, please also consider donating to and learning more about two organizations which Michelle has recommended: [Read more](#)



THIS WEEK

Looking ahead to this week's programs and events



Monday, June 13

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

Tuesday, June 14

7:00 p.m. Stewardship Committee, via Zoom

Wednesday, June 15

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

Thursday, June 16

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

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

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

Sign up [here](#) to receive our weekly e-newsletter.

Friday, June 17

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

12:00 p.m. Friday Café, Margaret Jewett Hall (MJH)

Sunday, June 19 - Fathers' day and Juneteenth

10:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, MJH

11:00 a.m. Hybrid Morning Worship - Juneteenth Commemoration and Celebration, sanctuary and via livestream

12:00 p.m. Refreshments on the Lawn and Zoom Coffee Hour

3:00 p.m. Black History Cambridge Juneteenth Celebration, Old Burying Ground

Monday, June 20

First Church Building and Office closed in observance of Juneteenth

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