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Pentecost Sunday  
Hybrid Morning Worship  
JUNE 5, 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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## June 5, 2022

### Preaching Today Leading Worship

Lexi Boudreaux, Transitional Minister  
Dan Smith, Senior Minister  
Jaz Buchanan, Pastoral Associate  
Peter Sykes, Organist and Director of Music Director  
Adam Weiss, liturgist  
Susie Longfield, Bell Choir Director  
Kevin Newell, tech support

**Bulletin Cover Image** Freddie Funck, youth group member

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### Today's Programs and Events

9:30 a.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary  
10:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, Margaret Jewett Hall (MJH)  
11:00 a.m. Pentecost 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  
12:30 p.m. First Church Leadership Retreat, MJH  
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](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)

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

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

## GATHERING

*For those participating at home, we invite you to bring bread or crackers and water, juice, or wine to your home altar, so that you may participate in Holy Communion. For those gathering in the sanctuary, please remain masked while in Morning Worship. Masks are optional once you leave the Sanctuary.*

**VOLUNTARY** Komm, heiliger Geist, Herre Gott J. S. Bach

**\*HYMN 218** Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

**\*GREETING** Adam Weiss

L: Beloved siblings, peace to you!  
Let us open ourselves to the Spirit who descends upon us now

**C: to make music in our hearts,**

L: to sing God's love with our tongues,

**C: to dance prayers in our souls,**

L: to plant hope with our hands,

**C: to inspire joy in everything we do.**

L: For each of us is Your Beloved.

**C: For we are Your Church.**

**All: We lift up our hearts in worship and praise!**

**ANTHEM** Veni, Sancte Spiritus Chant, arr. P. Sykes

## CONFESSING

**INVITATION**

**SILENCE**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

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

**All: Loving and Gracious God,  
in our silence, we confess to you  
the burdens that weigh heavy on our hearts.  
Help us to remember that your love has no limits,  
that your love is wider than we can imagine;  
it hovers over all of the Earth.  
Embolden us, we pray, with the power of your Spirit,  
so that we may grow in love and in faith.  
In Your One and in Your many names, 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.*

**DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

**\*GREETING OF PEACE**

**\*CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

Jaz Buchanan and Lexi Boudreaux

**OPENING THE WORD**

**PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING**

**READING**

Acts 2:1-17

**\*HYMN 439**

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

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

**HOMILY**

Lexi Boudreaux

**SHARING OUR LIFE TOGETHER**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Dan Smith

**INVITATION TO OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

Let It Breathe on Me

Magnolia Lewis-Butts



Give by Text



Give Online



I've Given Already

**\*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

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.

**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 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.**

## **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**

Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing  
First Church Bell Choir

arr. Jason Krug

## **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 228**

O Holy Dove of God Descending

**\*BENEDICTION**

**VOLUNTARY**

Nun bitten wir den Heiligen Geist

Dieterich Buxtehude

# OPENING HYMN

## 218      Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

1. Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us, come with Pen - te -  
 2. We would raise our al - le - lu - ias for the grace of  
 3. Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us; give us words of

cos - tal power; give the church a strong - er vi - sion,  
 for - mer years; for to - mor - row's un - known path - way,  
 fire and flame. Help our strug - gling voic - es praise you,

help us face each cru - cial hour. Built up - on a firm foun - da - tion,  
 hear, O God, our hum - ble prayers. In the church's pil - grim jour - ney  
 glo - ri - fy your ho - ly name. Good Cre - a - tor, Sav - ior, Spir - it,

Je - sus Christ, the Cor - ner - stone, still the church is  
 you have led us all the way; still in pres - ence  
 Three in One: what mys - ter - y! We would sing our

called to mis - sion that God's love shall be made known.  
 move be - fore us, fire by night and cloud by day.  
 loud ho - san - nas now and through e - ter - ni - ty.

# MIDDLE HYMN

## 439 Every Time I Feel the Spirit

*Refrain*

Ev - ery time I feel the Spir - it mov - ing in my

heart I will pray. Yes, ev - ery time I feel the

*Fine*

Spir - it mov - ing in my heart I will pray.

1. Up - on the moun - tain, when my Lord spoke, Out of God's  
2. O Jor - dan riv - er is chil - ly and cold, it chills the  
3. O I have heart - ache and I have woe, and I have

mouth came fire and smoke. Looked all a - round me,  
bod - y, not the soul. There's on - ly one train  
trou - ble here be - low. But while God leads me,

*to Refrain*

it looked so fine, I asked my Lord if all were mine.  
up - on this track; it runs to heav - en, then right back. O ev - ery  
I'll nev - er fear, for I am shel - tered by God's care.

# O Holy Dove of God Descending

228

*Unison*



1. O ho-ly Dove of God de-scend-ing, you are the love that knows no end-ing,
2. O ho-ly Wind of God now blow-ing, you are the seed that God is sow-ing,
3. O ho-ly Rain of God now fall - ing, you make the Word of God en-thrall-ing,
4. O ho-ly Flame of God now burn-ing, you are the power of Christ re-turn - ing,



all of our shat - tered dreams you're mend - ing: Spir-it, now live in me.  
 you are the life that starts us grow - ing: Spir-it, now live in me.  
 you are the in - ner voice now call - ing: Spir-it, now live in me.  
 you are the an - swer to our yearn - ing: Spir-it, now live in me.



WORDS and MUSIC: Bryan Jeffery Leech, 1976

Playwright and hymnal editor Bryan Leech is a pastor in the Evangelical Covenant Church.

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## COMMUNITY PRAYERS

- 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 Taj Smith and his partner Sasha who are recovering at home after an automobile accident this past weekend.
- We pray for Perry Neubauer, who is recovering from recent heart valve replacement surgery and is awaiting kidney stone surgery.
- 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.
- We lift up prayers of thanksgiving and celebration for all who are graduating this weekend and in the coming weeks.
- 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 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 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.



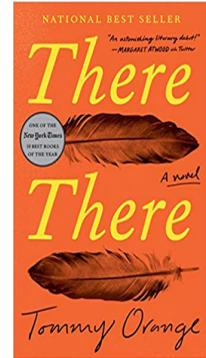


## UPCOMING EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

### Final Womens' Book Club Until the Fall

**Tuesday, June 7, 6 - 7:30 p.m.**

Please join us for our final book discussion until the fall. We will be reading *THERE, THERE* by Tommy Orange. As always, anyone who identifies as a woman is welcome--newcomers are urged to check us out! If you are unable to find the book, please let Susan Reynolds or Alex Steinert-Evoy know, and we will do our best to get you a copy. We look forward to having a wonderful discussion and welcoming the summer months.



### 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.](#)

### All Church Picnic

**Sunday, June 12 after worship**

All are welcome to join us after our worship service on June 12 for an all church picnic! We will have our traditional jumbo size sandwich to share as well as snacks and drinks. We need help with setup and clean up. If you can help please email Sara Hendren at [sarahendren@gmail.com](mailto:sarahendren@gmail.com)



### Poor People's Campaign

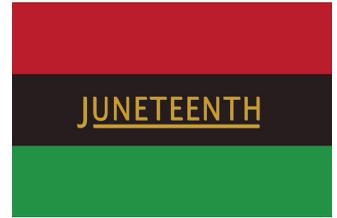
**Saturday, June 18 at 10 a.m., Virtual Event**

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...](#)

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

### 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.



### 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 in a hybrid Delegate's Assembly at 7 p.m. on 6/23 to ratify our state wide plans: acting for affordable housing, mental health and re-entry, grounded in shared stories and racial justice. Register [here](#) to attend virtually, or email Will Erickson (wericks2002@gmail.com) to join

the group going in person to Hyde Park Seventh Day Adventist (seats are very limited.)

### 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](http://www.upstanderproject.org).

## 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!



### 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](mailto:adamw@startmail.com)) or Amy Matias ([amy.matias@verizon.net](mailto: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](#)

### 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.





# THIS WEEK

Looking ahead to this week's programs and events



## Monday, June 6

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

## Wednesday, June 8

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

## Thursday, June 9

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

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

## Friday, June 10

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

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

## Saturday, June 11

9:30 a.m. "Space to Listen: Reflecting on the Gospel of Luke" Group Retreat, Harter Room

## Sunday, June 12

9:30 a.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal, Chapel

10:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, MJH

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) Reception, MJH

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for Zoom links and details.

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