



Hybrid Summer Worship July 3, 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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July 3, 2022

Preaching Today Lexi Boudreaux, *Transitional Minister*
Leading Worship Sarah Higginbotham, *Director of Creative Worship & Arts*
Amy Matias, *Deacon*
Yoo Kyung Kim, *guest musician*
Kevin Newell, *tech support*
Bulletin Cover Image Gaylen Morgan, *First Church member*

Today's Programs and Events

10:00 a.m. Hybrid Summer Worship, Sanctuary and [via livestream](#)
11:00 a.m. Refreshments on Lawn and [Zoom](#) Coffee Hour

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 bring bread or crackers and water, juice, or wine to your home altar, so that you may participate in Holy Communion.
All are welcome at the Table!*

VOLUNTARY

Var. No. 8 & 9 from "Nine Variations in D Major K. 573"

W. A. Mozart

*HYMN 23

We Gather Together

*GREETING

Amy Matias

- L: Beloved, wherever you are on your journey of life and faith,
C: gather in this sacred time and space.
L: Come, just as you are, beautifully and wonderfully made.
C: Gather in our Creator's steadfast love that endures forever.
L: Come, all who seek rest and Sabbath,
C: gather in Christ who will give you renewal.
L: Come, all who yearn for justice, hope and peace.
C: Gather in the presence of the Spirit who guides us now.
L: Come, let us give thanks and worship God!

WORDS OF WELCOME

ANTHEM

Eternal Light (Prayer for Illumination)

Mark Schweizer

CONFESSING

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

SILENCE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

- L: Together, let us pray for healing, pardon, and peace:
**All: Before you, O God, and before one another,
we confess the times when our words and actions
separated us from your greatest commandment
to love you, our neighbor, and ourselves.
God, tend to all the places within us that need healing and peace,
and fill us with your hope, strength, and wisdom.
In Jesus' name we pray. 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 GOD'S FORGIVENESS

***GREETING OF PEACE**

***HYMN 323**

Lo, I Am with You

OPENING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

READING

Luke 10:1-11

SERMON

Lexi Boudreaux

SHARING OUR LIFE TOGETHER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sarah Higginbotham

INVITATION TO OFFERING



Give by Text



Give Online



I've Given Already

OFFERTORY

Lord Jesus, Come

Cynthia Shoemaker/Peter Sykes

***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

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

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 come forward and receive the elements at one of the stations, and then proceed back to your seats.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

L: Let us give thanks!

**C: 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 330

You are Called to Tell the Story

*BENEDICTION

VOLUNTARY

Var. No. 3 from "Nine Variations in D Major K. 573"

W. A. Mozart

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.



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We Gather Together

1. We gath - er to - geth - er to ask for your bless - ing, you chas - ten and
 2. Be - side us to guide us, O God, with us join - ing, or - dain - ing, main -
 3. We all do ex - tol you, our lead - er tri - um - phant, and pray that you

has - ten your will to make known; the wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis -
 tain - ing, re - deem - ing our world; so from the be - gin - ning the fight we were
 still our de - fend - er will be. Let your con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u -

ress - ing. We praise your name, O God; for - get not your own.
 win - ning; Lord, you were at our side; we trust in your word.
 la - tion. Your name be ev - er praised! O Lord, make us free!

WORDS: *Nederlandsche Gedenckclanck*, 1626; tr. Theodore Baker, 1894, alt.
 MUSIC: Dutch melody, 16th century, arr. Edward Kremser, 1877

KREMSER
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Written by an unknown Dutch patriot to celebrate the Netherlands' freedom from Spanish rule, this text was originally sung to this folk tune, later named for choral director Kremser who rescued it from obscurity.

PEACE HYMN

323

Lo, I Am with You

Unison

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

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

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

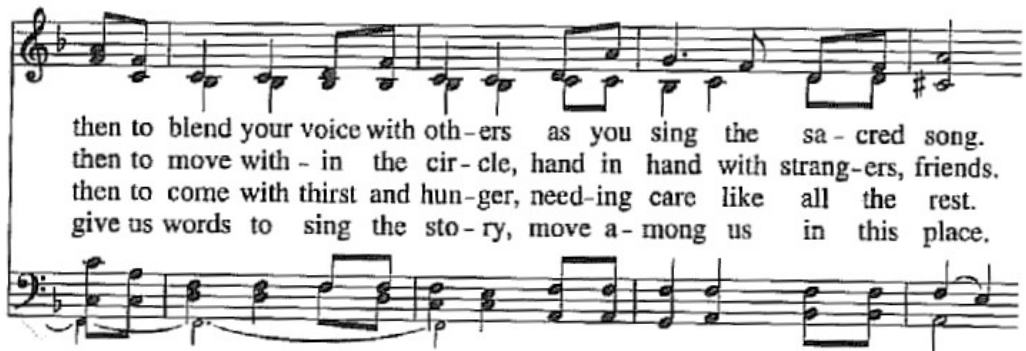
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Lo, I am with you in the break - ing of bread.
Lo, I am with you in the drink - ing of wine.

330

You Are Called to Tell the Story



1. You are called to tell the sto - ry, pass - ing words of life a - long,
 2. You are called to teach the rhy - thm of the dance that nev - er ends,
 3. You are called to set the ta - ble, bless - ing bread as Je - sus blessed,
 4. May the One whose love is broad - er than the mea - sure of all space



then to blend your voice with oth - ers as you sing the sa - cred song.
 then to move with - in the cir - cle, hand in hand with strang - ers, friends.
 then to come with thirst and hun - ger, need - ing care like all the rest.
 give us words to sing the sto - ry, move a - mong us in this place.



Christ be known in all our sing - ing, fill - ing all with songs of love.
 Christ be known in all our danc - ing, touch - ing all with hands of love.
 Christ be known in all our shar - ing, feed - ing all with signs of love.
 Christ be known in all our liv - ing, fill - ing all with gifts of love.

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

- We pray with grateful hearts for First Church's very own Kalo Daley and the crews of the Polynesian vessels *Hikianalia* and *Hokule'a* for successfully completing over 60 days of voyaging almost 5,000 miles of open ocean from Hawaii to Tahiti and back. Well done, and big faamalo (congratulations) to Kalo and her crewmates! Learn more in this [video news coverage](#) of the crew's return.
- We pray for the family and friends of Rev. Jane Heckles, UCC minister and dearest friend of Wendy Vander Hart, who died recently after a short battle with pancreatic cancer.
- 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 scheduled for this week.
- 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 all who are facing severe, dangerous heat in the midwest and southwest and for all who are impacted by unprecedented flooding and wildfires.
- We pray for all those grieving the loss of 51 people in an apparent human smuggling operation found in San Antonio, Texas, this past week, and we pray for healing for those who have survived. We pray that lawmakers might see past their partisan differences to address the basic human rights of migrants seeking a new home.
- We pray for the people of southeast Afghanistan, who experienced a 5.9 magnitude earthquake that killed over 1,000 people and injured many more.
- We pray for all those impacted by recent mass shootings in Philadelphia, Uvalde, 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.
- In the wake of the overturning of *Roe v. Wade*, we pray for those facing the loss of 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 the people of Ukraine and for people in war-torn areas around the world. We pray for all troops and civilians, and for bordering countries receiving refugees.

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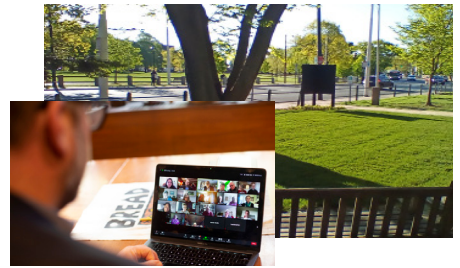
- We pray for all who are affected by COVID-19—those experiencing symptoms, those grieving the loss of loved ones, and those awaiting vaccines and boosters. We pray with and for anxious hearts, especially for educators, healthcare personnel, and other essential workers.
- We pray for all transgender and gender non-conforming people who are experiencing hostility, discrimination, and violence across the country, in connection with the increased number of legislative actions that negatively impact their civil rights.
- 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. 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.

TODAY AT FIRST CHURCH

Refreshments on the Lawn and [Zoom](#) Coffee Hour Today at 11:00 p.m.

Join us after church today for coffee, lemonade, and refreshments on the front lawn! For those joining online, Zoom Coffee Hour will launch at the end of worship.



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 these codes to connect with First Church via social media:



SUMMER AT FIRST CHURCH



Summer Hours

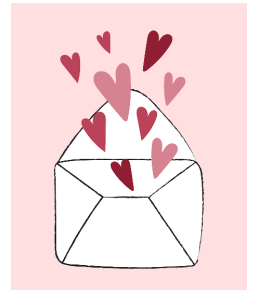
Through the months of July and August, **Hybrid Morning Worship begins at 10:00 a.m.**, with pick-up choir meeting at 9:00 a.m.

Over the summer, church school-aged children are invited to remain in the sanctuary for the entire worship service. The Nursery continues to be staffed by our regular caregivers for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers.

During the summer, the church building closes at 2:00 p.m. from Thursday through Sunday. The building is open for regular hours Monday through Wednesday. A Sexton is in the building when it is open.

Pastoral Care Cards this Summer

During the summer months, we invite you to support our Pastoral Care ministry by writing a simple note to First Church members who are on our weekly prayer list. It may be to share congratulations, condolences, or “get well soon” wishes. Look for the “card table” at Coffee Hour each Sunday, where you’ll find the weekly list of pastoral care needs and/or the Sunday bulletin prayer section, blank cards, pens, and a Church Directory with addresses. We have also included stamps and return address labels. Please affix to the completed cards and place them in one of the mailboxes on Garden St. as you leave (corner of Garden and Mason or corner of Garden and Berkeley). If you’d like to write cards from home, use the online bulletin and Church Directory found in the “Quick Links” on the [Members & Friends page](#) of our website. Many thanks in advance for sharing in this important ministry of outreach and care.



Would you like to join one of our Pastoral Care Teams to write cards, visit members, or deliver meals September through June? Contact Care Team Coordinator Susie Neubauer to learn more: susieneubauer@gmail.com.



Summer Healing Services, July 10 and August 21

This summer we offer a return of our healing services. In these services, we have an opportunity to reflect together on God’s healing peace and to participate in a simple healing ritual involving a brief prayer, laying on of hands, and—for those who wish—anointing with oil, an ancient Christian practice now being revived across the ecumenical spectrum of churches. At the time of the sermon, we offer instead a brief introduction to the ritual and then invite forward all who would like to participate. For those who prefer to remain seated, there will be music and a time of silence for individual prayers.

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An Invitation to Covenant Dinner

Wednesday, July 6, 6:00 p.m.

Home of Ann and Dave McCann, Watertown

Would you like to reconnect with old friends, meet new friends and fellow congregants, and take a moment to reflect on what it means to be part of the church community? Would you like to share conversation, food, and drink with interesting people over a potluck dinner?

The Stewardship Committee is organizing and revitalizing the Covenant dinner tradition. If you are interested in attending a dinner on July 6 at the McCann's home in Watertown and/or are interested in hosting a future meal, please [RSVP here](#); a member of the Stewardship Committee will follow up soon.

What does Stewardship have to do with Covenant Dinners?

[Read Stewardship Chair Joanne Paul's reflection on this question](#) on our blog.



Leadership Retreat Summary & Opportunities to Offer Input

In early June, 35 members of our Executive Council, Board of Deacons, and Staff met for an after-church leadership retreat. We tried to take stock of where we've been since Covid and where we are now. We invited leaders to share both celebrations and questions around several key areas of our life together. Imagine Margaret Jewett Hall set up around 5 newsprint stations with lots of colorful scribbles under these topics:



- Hybrid Worship and Community
- Our Financial Life
- Our Staffing Model
- Becoming an Antiracist Church
- Everything Else!

And now, we'd love to hear from you!

For a **summary of our celebrations and questions**, please [click here](#).

For a chance to **add your own celebrations and questions**, please [click here](#).

If you are interested in joining a **summer gathering where we can share in conversation about all of the above**, please [sign up here](#).

After a time of being apart for so long, the retreat and these ongoing exercises are helping us to orient and share a common sense of where we are! Stay tuned for more opportunities this fall, as we continue to celebrate and deepen our discernment about where God is leading us next.

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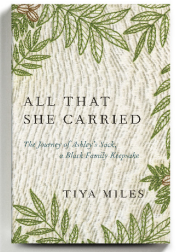
Summer Book Reading Groups

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

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

Thursdays at 7:00 p.m., June 30 – July 21

Please email Hilary Hopkins (hopkinsjh@verizon.net) to RSVP and receive Zoom info.

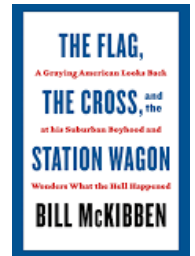


The Flag, the Cross and the Station Wagon: A Graying American Looks Back at His Suburban Boyhood and Wonders What the Hell Happened

by Bill McKibben

Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m., August 2 - 16

Please email Dan Smith (dsmith@firstchurchcambridge.org) to RSVP and receive Zoom info.



Young Adults: Faith on Tap Series
Wednesday, July 6, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Cambridge Common Restaurant
AND
Monday, July 18, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Vera's in Union Square

Join other First Church 20- and 30-somethings for some casual fellowship throughout the summer. We get together a few times monthly for walks, drinks, and conversation. Given the nature of being in a university town, FCC attracts a mix of students who're checking out church for the first time in a while, folks who've just moved to town looking for friends: the conversation and company is always changing. All are welcome, especially those new to First Church or exploring a new faith path. Reach out to Phil at: youngadults@firstchurchcambridge.org to get on the mailing list. Our next two outings are part of our Faith on Tap series. Text Phil you're coming: 585-610-7919. See you soon!

SUMMER AT FIRST CHURCH



Forgotten Souls of Tory Row:

Remembering the Enslaved People of Brattle Street

Art Installation at Hooper-Lee-Nichols House

Sunday, July 17, 11:15 a.m., 159 Brattle St., Cambridge

First Church member and History Cambridge Executive Director Marieke van Damme will lead a 15-minute walk from the church lawn to History Cambridge's headquarters at 159

Brattle Street to view the temporary outdoor art installation *Forgotten Souls of Tory Row: Remembering the Enslaved People of Brattle Street*. Marieke will offer a short overview of the project (outdoors) and also show folks around the first floor of the Hooper-Lee-Nichols House. Light refreshments will be served. First Church member Paula Paris was a consultant on the project. If you have questions or concerns, please reach out to Marieke: mvandamme@historycambridge.org.

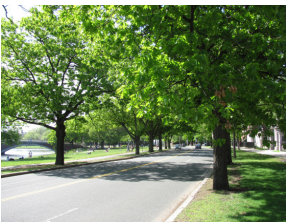
Frobenius Restoration Underway

The first phase of our Frobenius organ restoration is already well underway! A small motor has been sent to Germany for repair. Pipes are being removed and cleaned, one pipe and one section at a time. This allows us to use the organ, albeit at limited capacity, even as the work is underway. You can see here what a difference the polishing makes; the left side is "before," and the right, "after."

We have good news, too, about our fundraising efforts to date.

We are over halfway to our total goal of \$160,000! Thank you to First Church and to the wider community for "piping up" to support our "wondrous machine" and the beauty it creates.

Come fall, stay tuned for an announcement of our next concert and more opportunities to celebrate, learn about and support our beloved Frobenius at 50! If you have not had a chance to participate or sponsor-a-pipe, please visit [here](#)!



Neighborhood Prayer Walks

Saturday, July 23 and Saturday, August 13

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

The Deacons invite you to a walk around our neighborhood of Cambridge to explore the area surrounding our church. Gather for a brief Deacon-led prayer before we take an easy stroll through different parts of Cambridge ending in lunch or coffee at a locally owned

Cambridge business. More details to follow as we get closer to the dates. Would you like to request a section of Cambridge to walk? Contact [Beth Spaulding](#) or [Lexi Boudreaux](#).



THIS WEEK

Looking ahead to this week's programs and events



Monday, July 4 - Church Office & Building Closed for Independence Day Holiday

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

Tuesday, July 5

4:00 p.m. FCC Professional Caregivers Group, via Zoom

Wednesday, July 6

6:00 p.m. Covenant Dinner, home of Ann and Dave McCann

7:00 p.m. Young Adults: Faith on Tap, Cambridge Common Restaurant

Thursday, July 7

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

7:00 p.m. Summer Book Reading Group: *All That She Carried*, via Zoom

Friday, July 8

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

12:00 p.m. Friday Café, Tower Room and Lawn

Sunday, July 10

9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, MJH

10:00 a.m. Hybrid Morning Worship, Healing Service
Dan Smith, leading

11:00 a.m. Refreshments on the Lawn and Zoom Coffee Hour

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

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