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Hybrid Summer Worship  
August 21, 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**  
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## August 21, 2022

### Leading Worship

Dan Smith, *Senior Minister*  
Lexi Boudreaux, *Transitional Minister*  
Jaz Buchanan, *Pastoral Associate*  
Peter Sykes, *Director of Music*  
Linda Ziebell, *liturgist*  
Brian Funck, *offering a Stewardship Moment*  
Kevin Newell, *tech support*

**Bulletin Cover Image** Gaylen Morgan, *First Church member*

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### Today's Programs and Events

9:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, Margaret Jewett Hall (MJH)  
10:00 a.m. Hybrid Summer Worship, Sanctuary and [via livestream](#)  
11:00 a.m. Refreshments on Lawn and [Zoom](#) Coffee Hour  
11:15 a.m. Grassroots Reparations Conversation, Harter Room and [via Zoom](#)

### 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

VOLUNTARY

Vivace

John Stanley

\*HYMN 261

The Sun Is on the Sea and Shore

\*GREETING

Linda Ziebell

- 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

Prayer of St. Patrick

Mark Schweizer

*Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,  
Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.  
Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ before me, Christ beside me,  
Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me.*

## 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 340

Peace Before Us

## OPENING THE WORD

## PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Dan Smith

## READING

Luke 13:10-17

## A TIME FOR HEALING

## REFLECTION

## INVITATION

Lexi Boudreaux

## BLESSING OF OIL AND HANDS

*Those in the Sanctuary wishing to participate may line up at one of the healing stations. Those online are invited to join [a healing station on Zoom](#). You will be placed in a breakout room by the host, who will visit each room to hear what is on your mind or heart and to offer a short blessing.*

## HYMNS

- 86 The Lone, Wild Bird
- 424 We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight
- 399 From the Crush of Wealth and Power

## CONCLUDING PRAYER

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*(Please pray this prayer in words most meaningful to your heart.)*

**All: Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive  
those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us  
from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.  
Amen.**

# SHARING OUR LIFE TOGETHER

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sarah Higginbotham

## INVITATION TO OFFERING

Brian Funck



Give by Text



Give Online



I've Given Already

## OFFERTORY

Shaping Spirit, Move Among Us

E. Cosnett/I. Sharp

*Shaping spirit, move among us, living leader, be our friend;  
source of our mysterious being, greet us at our journey's end.*

*Energy of new creation, work like yeast within the soul;  
human savior, heav'nly artist, in your service make us whole.*

*Many are the ways you seek us, great the joy when each is found.  
Once your gift of faith ignites us all the world is holy ground.*

## \*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.**

## \*HYMN 3

God of Abraham and Sarah

## \*BLESSING AND CELEBRATION OF KALO DALEY

## \*BENEDICTION

## VOLUNTARY

Allegro

John Stanley

## 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.



261 The Sun Is on the Sea and Shore

1. The sun is on the sea and shore, a new day has begun;  
 2. Your love is ever in our view, like shining stars by night;  
 3. We do not know what grief and care each coming day may bring;

with morning hymns we will adore the blessed Three-in-One;  
 your gifts are every morning new, O God of love and light;  
 the heart shall find some gladness there, trust you in every-thing;

and we shall praise you ever more until the day is done.  
 your mercy, like the heaven's blue, fills all our dazzled sight.  
 the life that serves you every-where will never cease to sing.

WORDS: Louis F. Benson, 1897; adapt. Austin C. Lovelace, 1991, alt.  
 MUSIC: J. L. Macbeth Bain, 1915; arr. Gordon Jacob, 1934, adapt.

BROTHER JAMES' AIR  
 86.86.86

James Leith MacBeth Bain, called 'Brother James' by his friends, was a Scottish poet who found, lost and regained faith in God's love. He spent his last years caring for others in the slums of Liverpool.

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PEACE HYMN

340

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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Words, music © 1987 GIA Publications, Inc.

Harm. © 1998 FCC Houston TX



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.

# HEALING HYMN

86

## The Lone, Wild Bird

1. The lone, wild bird in loft - y flight is still with you, nor  
 2. The ends of earth are in your hand, the sea's dark deep and  
 3. Each se - cret thought is known to you, the path I walk my  
 4. In se - cret depths you knit my frame, be - fore my birth you  
 5. O search me, God, my heart re - veal, re - new my life, my

leaves your sight. And I am yours! I rest in  
 far - off land. And I am yours! I rest in  
 whole life through, my days, my deeds, my hopes, my  
 spoke my name; with - in my soul, as close as in  
 spir - it heal; for I am yours, I rest in

you. Great Spir - it, come, rest in me, too.  
 you. Great Spir - it, come, rest in me, too.  
 fears, my deep - est joys, my si - lent tears.  
 breath, so near to me, in life, in death.  
 you. Great Spir - it, come, rest in me, too.

WORDS: Sts. 1, 2, Henry Richard McFadyen, 1925, alt.; sts. 3 - 5, Marty Haugen, 1991  
 MUSIC: Walker's *Southern Harmony*, 1835; harm. David N. Johnson, 1968

PROSPECT  
 LM

American Presbyterian minister McFadyen wrote stanzas one and two while a field worker for the Presbytery of Nashville. UCC poet and composer Haugen has added three additional stanzas. The entire text is based on Psalm 139.

Words, sts. 1,2 © 1927 *The Homiletic and Pastoral Review*, admin. Ignatius Press  
 sts. 3-5 © 1991 GIA Publications, Inc.  
 Harm. © 1978 *Lutheran Book of Worship*,  
 by permission of Augsburg Fortress



## 424 We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

1. We walk by faith and not by sight;  
 2. We may not touch Christ's hands and side,  
 3. Help then, O Christ, our un - be - lief;  
 4. That, when our life of faith is done,

no gra-cious words we hear from Christ who spoke as  
 nor fol - low where Christ trod; but in con - fess - ing  
 and may our faith a - bound to call on you when  
 in realms of clear - er light we may be - hold you

none e'er spoke, who still we know is near.  
 we re - joice: our Sav - ior and our God!  
 you are near and seek where you are found:  
 as you are, with full and end - less sight.

## From the Crush of Wealth and Power 399

*Unison*

1. From the crush of wealth and pow - er some - thing bro - ken in us  
 2. E - ven now our hearts are wa - ry of the friend we need so  
 3. Ev - ery time our spir - its lan - guish, ter - ri - fied to draw too  
 4. When our love for one an - oth - er makes our bur - dens light to

all waits the Spir - it's si - lent hour. . . plead - ing  
 much. When I see the pain you car - ry, shall I,  
 near, may we know each oth - er's an - guish and, with  
 bear, find the sis - ter and the broth - er, hun - gry

with a poi - gnant call, bind all my wounds a - gain.  
 with a gen - tle touch, bind all your wounds a - gain?  
 love that casts out fear, bind all our wounds a - gain.  
 for the feast we share; bind all their wounds a - gain.

CLOSING HYMN

God of Abraham and Sarah

3

1. God of A - bra - ham and Sar - ah, God of Mo - ses, Mir - iam's Guide;  
 2. God who danc - es in cre - a - tion, spin - ning stars a - bove our heads;  
 3. God who loves the poor in spir - it, God who com - forts those who mourn;  
 4. In our lives from birth to dy - ing, depth of sor - row, height of joy;

God of Da - vid and the proph - ets, God in Je - sus glo - ri - fied:  
 God whose face is scribed in mu - sic, by whose hand the earth is fed:  
 balm for wounds, the friend of sin - ners, tak - ing the side of earth's for - lorn:  
 prais - ing God in ev - 'ry sea - son, let ev - 'ry key our hearts em - ploy.

up from the dust you raise a peo - ple, breathe in the breath of life, of soul;  
 up from the ground you raise the moun - tains, raise our spir - its, lift our eyes;  
 up from the depths you raise your peo - ple, giv - ing them cour - age for the day;  
 Praise is the heal - ing, praise, the glo - ry, praise is the fin - al mys - ter - y;

down through the years the peo - ple praise you till al - le - lu - ias make them whole!  
 down through the years your peo - ple praise you till al - le - lu - ias flood the skies!  
 down through the years the peo - ple praise you till al - le - lu - ias light their way!  
 down through the years let peo - ple praise you till al - le - lu - ias set them free!

WORDS: James Gertmenian, alt., © 1986  
 MUSIC: Melody, James Gertmenian, © 1986; harm. Ronald Huntington, alt., © 1986

CONSTANTINE  
 87.87D

Text and tune were written by James Gertmenian, UCC minister, grandson of Armenian immigrants and minister of Plymouth Congregational Church, Minneapolis MN. The tune is named for Gertmenian's father.

## COMMUNITY PRAYERS

- We pray for healing for James Ross, who is recovering at home after an extended hospitalization following an unexpected onset of pain and lack of mobility.
- We pray for Kirsten Manville’s father Keith, who is in the ICU recovering from a serious fall that caused bleeding in his brain.
- We pray for John McCarty’s father Jim, who is recovering from a stroke.
- We pray for Heather Stanford, who is grieving the loss of her older “sister” Judy, who died this past week of Glioblastoma.
- We pray for Paula Stanley, who is recovering from recent hand surgery and hospitalization related to cellulitis.
- We pray for Anita Anger as she navigates some recent health challenges.
- We pray for all who are in treatment for cancer: Pauline Fennel; Judith Semmler, Alice Napoleon Jones’s mother; 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; a current First Church Shelter guest; and friend of Homeless Ministries Brian O’Donovan.
- We pray for all who are facing severe, dangerous heat, droughts, and fires in Massachusetts, across the U.S., in Europe, and around the world.
- We pray for all who have been affected by the monkeypox outbreak around the world, and for our public health officials, that they might mitigate the harm done to our public and individual health. We pray that all may access medical care without shame.
- We pray for those experiencing the loss of vital reproductive rights across the nation, 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.
- 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 with hope at the news of climate action legislation recently passed at both the federal and state levels.
- 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.

## TODAY AT FIRST CHURCH

### Summer Healing Service Today

This summer we offer a return of our healing services, where 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. 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.



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

### 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, or write cards from home, using the online bulletin and Church Directory found in the “Quick Links” on the [Members & Friends page](#) of our website.



### Grassroots Reparations Sunday Conversation

Today at 11:15 a.m., Harter Room and [via Zoom](#)

After morning worship, and as part of our ongoing participation in and learning from the national [Grassroots Reparations Campaign](#), we will be joining other faith communities around the country in hosting a “Reparations Sabbath” conversation after worship. Our hybrid session will include a time of spiritual grounding, resourcing, and open conversation of where we are with our individual and collective commitments towards truth telling, repair, and reparations. With



others in this growing movement, we hope this work “lays the foundation for communities to honor in the call for racial justice in America and across the globe.”

### Young Adults: Sunset Stroll & Ice Cream

Today, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m., Meet @ Lizzie’s, Harvard Square

Join the Young Adults group for some ice cream at Lizzie’s and a stroll along the Charles at sunset. Text Phil if you can make it: 585-610-7919



## SUMMER AT FIRST CHURCH

### A Post Roe v. Wade Faith Gathering

**Monday, August 22, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m., via Zoom**

Join us for a facilitated conversation that welcomes different ideas and perspectives on how to make sense of a post Roe v. Wade nation in the context of our faith. Please email Jaz Buchanan ([jaz@firstchurchcambridge.org](mailto:jaz@firstchurchcambridge.org)) or Lexi Boudreaux ([lexi@firstchurchcambridge.org](mailto:lexi@firstchurchcambridge.org)) to RSVP and receive the Zoom invitation.



### First Church Returns to Craigville for our All-Church Fall Retreat

**Friday, September 30 - Sunday, October 2**

After two pandemic cancellations (as well as the “year off” we took in 2019), First Church is returning to [Craigville Retreat Center](#) for our beloved All-Church Fall Retreat! All are welcome to join us for a weekend of community-building in fellowship, formation, and fun. Take advantage of scheduled large group gatherings, small group sessions, supervised play/crafting time for kids, worship, group games, and more. Or, opt for a quiet walk on the beach, bird-watching at the marsh, or whatever your soul needs. Arrive on Friday evening, September 30, and stay through midday on Sunday, October 2, for the full event; or come for a portion of the weekend, for just one night or for a daytrip on Saturday.

[Register now](#) to reserve your spot! Lodging and meals, plus all our First Church programming, are included; see the [registration form](#) for details.

From UCC News:

[At 150, Craigville Village recalls its “progressive, prophetic” UCC roots](#)

## SUMMER AT FIRST CHURCH

### Newcomers Meet and Greet

**Sunday, August 28, 11:00 - 11:30 a.m., Church Lawn**

Those feeling new to First Church, or interested in meeting (in person!) someone new to our community, are warmly invited to meet up directly after worship at Coffee Hour on the lawn. Some of what you can expect: friendly faces, new friends?, questions answered, snacks, and an informal atmosphere for conversation. Our first Joining Sunday of the season will be in mid-Fall. Stay tuned for details, or be in touch with a staff member for more information.



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### Leadership Retreat Summary & Opportunities to Offer Input

In 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.

## 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 9:15 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.



### 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!](#)

### Support the Fair Share Amendment

Do you know about the Fair Share Amendment, which will appear on the Massachusetts ballot this November? Fair Share is a proposed amendment to tax 4% of the portion of a person’s annual income over \$1 million to fund public education and transportation in our state. If you would like to support this economic and climate justice initiative, the Missions & Social Justice Committee invites you to help get it passed by canvassing, making calls, and joining other volunteer opportunities throughout the summer and early fall. More information is available at: [fairsharema.com/volunteer](http://fairsharema.com/volunteer)





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# Save the Date!



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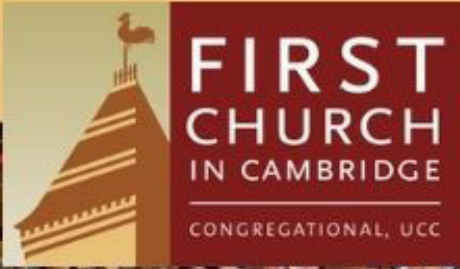


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Do you want to follow the hyperlinks, but you're holding a paper bulletin in your hand? Use your phone's camera to hover over the QR code to the left marked "scan me;" this will take you to the **Members & Friends** page of our website, where you'll 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:





# THIS WEEK

Looking ahead to this week's programs and events



## Monday, August 22

- 4:30 p.m. Contemplative Practices Group, via Zoom
- 6:00 p.m. A Post Roe v. Wade Faith Gathering, via Zoom

## Thursday, August 25

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

## Friday, August 26

- 9:30 a.m. Friday Café food dropoff, Tower Room
- 12:00 p.m. Friday Café, Tower Room and Lawn

## Sunday, August 28

- 9:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, MJH
- 10:00 a.m. Hybrid Summer Worship  
Isabella Yao, guest preacher
- 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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