

SUNDAY, JULY 9, 2023

**Preaching Today** Dan Smith, *Senior Minister*  
**Liturgist** Dave McCann  
**Assisting in Worship** Issa Bibbins and Nola Hood, *guest musicians*  
Sarah Higginbotham, *Creative Worship & Arts Director*  
Anne Holtzworth, *offering a Ministry Moment*  
Lee Prouty, *tech support*  
**Bulletin Cover Image** Psalm 96 collage by Audrey Bellinger  
*All Psalm collages can be viewed in [a digital gallery](#) on our website.*

**Voluntary**

*Who Am I Without You*  
Issa Bibbins & Nola Hood

**Opening Hymn 407**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

**Anthem**

*I Surrender All*

Judson Van DeVenter and Winfield Weeden

**Peace Hymn 281**

Spirit of the Living God

**Readings**

Matthew 10:1, 5-14 and 11:28-30

**Sermon Hymn 302**

Come to Me, O Weary Traveler

**Offertory**

*Victorious*

arr. Issa Bibbins & Nola Hood

**Closing Hymn (insert)**

When Peace, Like a River  
(It Is Well with My Soul)

**New to First Church?**

Have you just begun joining us for worship? Consider filling out a visitor card found on the small clipboards or this "[virtual visitor card](#)" so that we might connect with you about our community.

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**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)

**Minister On Call**

If you have an urgent pastoral need, please call 6170547-2724. Your call will be routed to a First Church minister based on a rotating schedule that covers staff time off.

OPENING HYMN

407 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

1. Come, thou Fount of ev-'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
 2. Here I pause a - long my jour-ney; by thy help thus far I've come;  
 3. O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I am called to be!

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
 and I hope, by thy great mer - cy, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
 Let thy good - ness, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee.

Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove.  
 Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger, wan - dering from the fold of God;  
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;

Praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of thy re - deem - ing love.  
 came to res - cue me from dan - ger, gave his bod - y, shed his blood.  
 here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

WORDS: Robert Robinson, 1758, alt.  
 MUSIC: Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second, 1813

NETTLETON  
 87.87D

PEACE HYMN

281

Spirit of the Living God

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me; Spir - it of the

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff contains the melody with lyrics underneath. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The key signature has one flat (Bb) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody begins with a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note Bb4. The lyrics 'Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me;' are aligned with the first two measures. The system ends with a double bar line.

liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me,

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff has lyrics underneath. The bass staff continues the accompaniment. The melody continues with a quarter note C5, a quarter note D5, and a quarter note E5. The lyrics 'liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me,' are aligned with the first two measures. The system ends with a double bar line.

use me. Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

The third system of musical notation concludes the piece. The treble staff has lyrics underneath. The bass staff continues the accompaniment. The melody continues with a quarter note F5, a quarter note G5, and a quarter note A5. The lyrics 'use me. Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.' are aligned with the first two measures. The system ends with a double bar line.

WORDS and MUSIC: Daniel Iverson, 1926

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# Come to Me, O Weary Traveler

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1. Come to me, O wea - ry trav - eler; come to  
 2. Take my yoke and leave your trou - bles; take my  
 3. Rest in me, O wea - ry trav - eler; rest in

me with your dis - tress; come to me, you hea - vy  
 yoke and come with me. Take my yoke, I am be -  
 me and do not fear. Rest in me, my heart is

bur - dened; come to me and find your rest  
 side you; take and learn hu - mil - i - ty.  
 gen - tle; rest and cast a - way your care.

ORDS: Sylvia Dunstan, 1990  
 USIC: William P. Rowan, 1992, adapt.

AUSTIN  
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# CLOSING HYMN

438

## When Peace, Like a River (It Is Well with My Soul)

*Ps. 146; Col. 1:19-23; 2:13-14; 3 John 1:2*

*Horatio G. Spafford, 1873; alt.*

1 When peace, like a riv - er, up - holds me each day, when  
 2 Though e - vil should tempt me, though tri - als should come, let  
 3 My sin— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought— my  
 4 O God, speed the day that is filled with your light, when

sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, What - ev - er my lot, you have  
 this blessed as - sur - ance con - trol, That Christ has re - gard - ed my  
 sin— not in part, but the whole— Is nailed to the cross and I  
 clouds are rolled back as a scroll; The trum - pet shall sound and the

*Refrain*

taught me to say, "It is well, it is well with my soul."  
 help - less es - tate, and has paid life and blood for my soul: It is  
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!  
 Lord shall ap - pear, "e - ven so"— it is well with my soul.

well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.  
 It is well with my soul.

*This hymn was written out of grief over the loss of the author's four daughters in the sinking of the SS Ville du Havre. After leaving his Chicago law practice, Horatio G. Spafford and his wife settled in Jerusalem.*

Tune: VILLE DU HAVRE 11.8.11.9. with refrain  
*Philip P. Bliss, 1876*

## COMMUNITY PRAYERS

- We give God thanks for a Spirit-led and successful 1400-person Greater Boston Interfaith Organization housing justice action on Monday, June 26. First Church was represented by over 45 people! Special thanks to Phil Jones, Will Erickson, and the First Church GBIO Core Team for their incredible behind-the-scenes efforts to make it happen!
- We pray for Ginny Harlan as she recovers at home from pacemaker insertion surgery.
- We pray for Kathy Williams, who is now recovering at home from knee replacement surgery.
- We pray for all who are in treatment for cancer and other ongoing health challenges: Carol Wilson-Braun, who is managing slow-progressing ALS; Bridget Melle, Rich Goode's sister; Judith Semmler, Alice Napoleon Jones'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 friend of Homeless Ministries Brian O'Donovan. We also pray for those in hospice care: Penny Kilburn, Nancy Kilburn's mother.
- We continue to pray for all those impacted by the violence of war and political upheaval, including in Ukraine, Sudan, and Haiti, and especially those displaced and seeking refuge in other countries.
- We pray for all refugees and migrants who make often life-threatening border crossings over land and open water to escape poverty, political persecution, violence, and climate-related disaster.
- We pray for all experiencing deadly heat waves and other extreme weather. We continue to pray for our rapidly warming planet and for redoubled efforts to reduce fossil fuel emissions.
- We pray for all whose lives are touched by our nation's raging epidemic of gun violence, especially those dealing with related loss and trauma. We mourn those lost in mass shootings in Philadelphia and other locations over the July Fourth holiday. We pray for ongoing advocacy to create lasting change in our country's gun safety laws.
- We pray for the wellbeing and safety of our trans and gender non-conforming siblings as they face the impact of vitriolic public discourse and of state laws that restrict and criminalize transgender health care, personal expression, and wider LGBTQ+ education.
- We pray for those most affected by changes in reproductive rights: for all those struggling with the moral and political complexities of pregnancy and childbearing, and for patients and healthcare providers who are unable to give and receive care in their own states.
- We pray for the 14 men finding sustenance and protection in our First Church Shelter; and we pray for the guests of the Friday Café, who are finding resources and listening ears.

**[Join the First Church List](#)** to see and offer up more community prayer requests.



## SUMMER AT FIRST CHURCH



### 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” after worship each Sunday, where you’ll find the weekly list of pastoral

care needs and/or the Sunday bulletin prayer section, blank cards, pens, as well as stamps and a Church Directory with addresses. Please take the completed cards with you to mail. 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.

# WELCOME CORPS

## Join Our Expanding WelcomeCorps Team

We are so pleased that First Church & Friends’ application to become a sponsor group for [Welcome Corps](#) was successful! Our team is now preparing to welcome two refugees from Sub-Saharan Africa in early fall 2023. These newcomers will have Official Refugee Status and full access to government benefits. Our team will support them in a 90-day resettlement effort, and we need a large group of volunteers to help in a variety of ways. There are tasks for a wide range of time commitments and skill levels. We also have a need for core team members with backgrounds in health care, mental health, employment, and job training. If you can join our wider circle of volunteers in this effort, [please complete this form](#) so that we can rely on the database created from your input to provide the newcomers with the support they need. And reach out to your friends and community; people outside of First Church are very welcome to join the team! If you have any questions about being a volunteer, please email Martha Mueller Cook at [marthamuellercook@gmail.com](mailto:marthamuellercook@gmail.com). Thank you.



## Harvard Square Faith Communities and the Legacy of Slavery: Landscape of Slavery Tours

**Sunday, July 16 at 12:00 p.m. OR Sunday, August 13 at 12:00 p.m.**  
**meet at Gellert Garden at Radcliffe, 10 Garden St.**

Drawing from the work of the Harvard & the Legacy of Slavery Initiative, this six-stop tour engages with the local geography of

African and Indigenous enslavement in words, silence, and stillness. Join us as we learn about those who were wrongly oppressed, enslaved, and buried here, but whose dignity and humanity we aim to acknowledge and honor during this exploration. Please wear comfortable shoes, bring water and sunscreen, and grab a bite between our 10:00 a.m. worship services and the noon tour. The tour is almost 2 hours. [Please register here.](#)

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## SUMMER AT FIRST CHURCH

### Summer Sign-Ups with Lexi Boudreaux

As we prepare for Lexi's term as Transitional Minister to end and for us all to say a real goodbye at the end of August, Lexi would love to connect with as many First Church folks as she can before the summer is over. To schedule a time with Lexi over the summer to say goodbye or to talk about what a good goodbye looks like—to laugh or cry about change, to wrap up a shared project, or to ask any lingering questions— please follow this link and suggest a time and place: <https://calendly.com/lexiboudreaux>

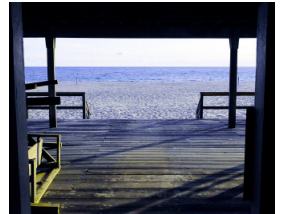


### Support the Friday Café This Summer

The Friday Café is serving a light lunch to our 100+ guests on summer Fridays through Labor Day. We would love some help! Please visit <https://signup.com/go/qQfTjjN> to sign up to bring 10 sandwiches, sweet treats, or servings of fruit. This is a great activity for kids, or teens looking for community service credit. Dropoff is Friday mornings. Questions? Email Kate at [fridaycafe@firstchurchcambridge.org](mailto:fridaycafe@firstchurchcambridge.org).

### Save the Date: All-Church Fall Retreat at Craigville Retreat Center Friday, September 29 - Sunday, October 1

Join us on the Cape 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 29, and stay through midday on Sunday, October 1, for the full event; or come for a portion of the weekend, for just one night, or even a daytrip on Saturday. More details about the retreat theme and logistics will be forthcoming, but mark your calendars now!



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