

# TODAY

**Today in Sunday School** we will celebrate the unofficial end of the church year with an Unbirthday Party on the Playground. All children from prekindergarten to fifth grade are invited. Upstairs, the Junior High will plan for their youth service on June 16, with the help of our Senior High youth

**Today's Family Programming Volunteers:** Infant and Toddlers - TBD, Prekindergarten to Fifth Grade – Jana Albritton.

## WONDER QUESTIONS

Who are your heroes?

What are their flaws?

What are your flaws?



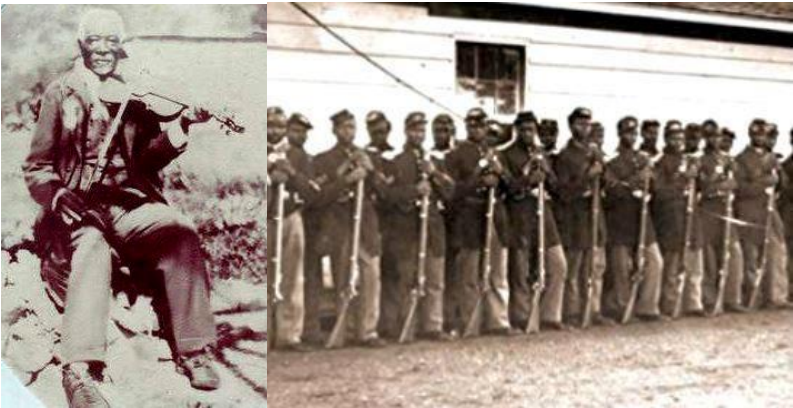
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Meredith Plummer, Director of Family Programming

## **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Prelude**

*Ashokan Farewell*

Arr. Carl Burns

## **Call to Worship and Chalice Lighting**

### **Vision Song**

*We are a liberal religious haven, welcoming wonder, and spiritually free. We're sustained by a loving tradition, moved and inspired by the future we see. Boldly seeking and working for justice, gently transforming lives through deeds great and small. Young and old, sharing meaning and mission, we joyfully offer our vision to all!*

Shelley Jackson Denham

## **Greeting One Another**

### **Hymn**

#163 *For the Earth Forever Turning*

## **Story for All Ages**

**Singing the Children Out** #413 *Go Now in Peace*

## **Sharing of Joys and Sorrows**

## **Meditation**

**Meditation Response Hymn** #95 *There is More Love Somewhere*

### **Sermon**

*Sometimes Our Heroes Aren't Heroes*

**Ritual of Release** #162 *Gonna Lay Down My Sword and Shield*

## **Offering**

**Offertory**

*My Country 'Tis of Thee*  
Arr. by Clif Hardin

**Responsive Reading**

#565 *Prophets*

**Hymn**

#1021 *Lean on Me*

**Extinguishing the Chalice**

*We extinguish this flame, but not the light of truth, the warmth of community or the fire of commitment. These we carry in our hearts until we are together again.*

Elizabeth Sella Jones

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Joshua Fit the Battle*  
Arr. by Mark Hayes



**Next Sunday, June 2– *People Who Get Things Done*** – Rev. Connie Simon is preaching. Welcome to our spring Membership Sunday! Today we'll celebrate the members, friends, staff and volunteers who get things done and support our First Church community!

**The Flowers this Morning** are from Mary Mark and David Johnson to celebrate the dedication and hard work of Tim and Susan Christy as well as Beth McGrew and Joe Busby, as well as the exemplary service they gave to the First Church Community. They will be missed!

**Sunday Morning Volunteer Program (MVP) Team Four** is handling the duties of greeting, ushering, providing coffee service and clean-up today. Team Four is led by Jenny Krueger. She is joined by David Johnson, Carol Lloyd, Morita Marmo, Mary Mark and Jan Connelly.

**Sound Technician:** David Johnson

**Assistive Listening Devices** for people needing hearing enhancement are available at the rear of the sanctuary.

All are invited to write their **Joys and Sorrows** in the book at the back of the sanctuary.

## ESPECIALLY FOR VISITORS

Welcome! We're happy you're here today. Stop by the Welcome Counter as you entered the building for a pre-stamped info card to complete at home and mail back— *or* fill out a card if you have time this morning. We'll send you our newsletter and information on what's happening at First Church.

**Thinking about joining First Church?** Watch this space for information about upcoming Getting to Know YoUU sessions with Rev. Connie after she returns in August. If you have questions about membership in First Church, please contact Carol Lloyd, 513 515 6891; [calloyd1102@gmail.com](mailto:calloyd1102@gmail.com).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Mon, May 27** the office will be closed for the Memorial Day Holiday.

**Ableism Action for May** - When planning off-site church events please describe accessibility of the site. Also, when providing food for a church event please ask about dietary restrictions. Barbara Homlar, 513.675.7374, [barbara.homlar@gmail.com](mailto:barbara.homlar@gmail.com)

**Sat., June 1, 6:30 p.m.** – In the Ellen Hall Room. Two organizations, Chefs at the Round Table (CATR) and Revel OTR Winery, will be with us to host a fundraiser with a portion of the proceeds going to the Trazana A. Staples Alternative Stroke Recovery Fund. This organization was created to provide alternative education, resources, practices and healthy tips to provide stroke awareness and recovery education. Tickets and information can be found at [www.chefscatr.com](http://www.chefscatr.com), and you can contact Trazana Staples at [trazanaastaples@gmail.com](mailto:trazanaastaples@gmail.com).

**Sun., June 9, 11:15 a.m.** – First Church HUUManists meet in Room 207. Ann Bowers will lead a discussion of population growth. Dick Bozian, 513.325.1194, [rcbozian@hotmail.com](mailto:rcbozian@hotmail.com).

**Sun., June 16, 11 a.m.** - Our Annual Church Picnic and Youth Service will be at Home of the Brave Park in Symmes Township this year! Outlets and grills will be available. More information coming soon!