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Celebrate Poetry Sunday

SUNDAY, APRIL 24
11AM WORSHIP SERVICE



Photo by Liz West



Rob Howard

American poet **Mary Oliver** (*b. 1935*) is known for her poignant observances of the natural world which she connects to the spiritual and the sacred. Join us on April 24 as we celebrate Poetry Sunday and the work of Mary Oliver.



Discover First Church

May 1 at 12:30PM – Barnum Room

Would you like to learn more about First Church, who we are and what we believe? If so, we'd love for you to *Discover First Church* on May 1. Please RSVP to Kate Grabau at 213.355.5231 or kgrabau@fccla.org. All are welcome!



Art Sales

Art & Spirit will remain open through Sunday, April 24. Much of this incredible artwork is for sale and can be purchased by contacting Kate Grabau at 213.355.5231 or kgrabau@fccla.org. A portion of the proceeds will go to Art Division, helping them to continue providing high-quality arts education to the underserved youth of Los Angeles; a portion will also be donated to First Church, so we may continue our sponsorship of community partnerships, such as Art & Spirit.

Generosity



Sophie, our beloved resident church cat, would like to express her appreciation to Kristina Hughes and Brian Vermeire for looking after her health and grooming needs. While Sophie may not enjoy her trip to the vet, she is indeed fortunate that Kristina and Brian see to it that she has a regular health checkup and grooming, especially with warmer weather on its way!

A great big MEOW from our feline friend!



Birthdays for May

- May 1 Kimberly C. Kimpel
- May 2 Sunny Kim, Helena Yoon-Fontamillas
- May 3 Lorraine Wascher Woods
- May 4 Robert Edmund Page, Janet Hedquist Sill, Helen Cyran
- May 5 Robert Magilligan, James Tipper
- May 6 Esme Gregoropoulos
- May 7 Glen R. Gregorio, Ann Thomas Moore, Michelle Olsen, Giovanna Estruquel
- May 9 Kathy Mikung Jae Lee
- May 10 Chereena Greene
- May 11 Alan A. Herd, Heidi Hobart, Kate Nam
- May 12 Stowell C. Werden, Grace Chung
- May 13 Alyssa Jones
- May 14 Chris Fraley Self, Maria L'Angelle
- May 17 Elisie Lee, Karen Marie Raasch
- May 18 Marcela Reyes, Tracy Sanders
- May 19 Narda Hofman, Jayvee M. Garcia, Stuart Richard Miller
- May 20 Mary Elizabeth Galli
- May 21 Ingrid Fields, Ryan Okpala
- May 22 Christine Beebe
- May 23 Maria Moon
- May 24 Alan L. Newcomb, Nancy Beningo, James R. Inman
- May 25 Bettina Babbitt-Semple, David Pegelow
- May 26 Scott Burner, Evan Anders Carlson, Rachel Eggebeen Hayoung Song
- May 27 Elizabeth Bray, Lulu Gregoropoulos
- May 28 Donald B. Colhour
- May 29 Sandy Bradley Senn, Candace A. Van, Eunji Suh, John W. Sorenson, Gordon Harris
- May 30 Fran Peach Huneck
- May 31 Joyce Inzar, Bernard Gilpin

Happy Birthday from your First Church Family!

Save the Date 2016 Annual Meeting

Sunday, May 15 – 12:30PM – Shatto Chapel

First Kids First will be welcoming us with a song,
“Standing in the Need of Prayer,”
an African American spiritual.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

LITURGY OF PRAISE

Organ Prelude Mr. John West

"Psalm Prelude" *Herbert Howells*
Improvisation on "Aka Tonbo" *Joyce Jones*
"Homage to H.D.T. and J.S.B" *Ralph Simpson*
"Communion" *Richard Purvis*
"Woodsy Hollow" *John West*
"Sur Le Rhin" *Louis Vierne*

Call to Worship Dr. R. Scott Colglazier

† **Processional Hymn** – No. 37
"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" *ST. DENIO*

† **Invocation** Dr. Tom Eggebeen

† **Introit** – "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" Chancel Ringers
arr. Linda R. Lamb Ms. Julianne James, Director

† **The Lord's Prayer** (using "debts") Dr. Eggebeen

† **Gloria Patri** (No. 558, congregation singing)
Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen.

Welcome and Announcements Dr. Colglazier
*Please sign the red friendship pad in your pew
and pass it to your neighbor.*

Blessing of the Children Dr. Colglazier

LITURGY OF MEDITATION

Meditation Anthem Chancel Ringers
"Be Thou My Vision" *Geoffrey Rickard* Cathedral Choir
Dr. Jonathan Talberg, Director

Versicles (congregation singing) Dr. Eggebeen

Minister: The Lord be with you.
Congregation: And with thy spirit.
Minister: Let us pray. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.
Congregation: And grant us thy salvation.
Minister: O God, make clean our hearts within us.
Congregation: And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

Prayer of General Confession (unison) Dr. Eggebeen

O Thou who art the Perfect Light,
The light of truth and love.

We know our faults and failings, dear God.
Deliver us from the poison of our regrets.
Save us from bitterness and jealousy.

All that blinds us to your glory.
And the wonder of life around us. Amen!

Assurance of Pardon Dr. Eggebeen

Silent Prayers

Pastoral Prayer Dr. Eggebeen

LITURGY OF GUIDANCE

Scripture Reading – James 3:13–18 Mr. Jason Lambert

Questions of Faith Dr. Colglazier
Dr. Eggebeen

LITURGY OF DEDICATION

Presentation of Offerings Dr. Eggebeen

Offertory Anthem Cathedral Choir
"Gloria" from *Missa Brevis* *Jonathan Dove*
Glory to God in The Highest and on Earth, peace.
We praise You, we adore You, we glorify You
And give thanks for Your great glory.

† **Doxology** (No. 562, congregation singing)
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

† **Prayer of Dedication** Dr. Eggebeen

† **Passing of the Peace and Benediction** Dr. Colglazier

† **Choral Benediction Response** Mr. Luc Kleiner, Baritone
"Amen" *Alex Ruggieri* Cathedral Choir

† **Recessional Hymn** – No. 484
"The Church's One Foundation" *AURELIA*

Organ Postlude Mr. West

"Finale" from *Symphonie II* *Charles Marie-Widor*

† Please Stand

*Please silence all cell phones.
For a wireless, enhanced hearing device, please see an usher.*

AFTER TODAY'S SERVICE

Join us for Coffee Fellowship in the Forecourt following today's service.
Holy Communion is celebrated on The Chancel following today's service. All are welcome!



Altar Dedications

Sign up at the Altar Guild table after worship, or contact Sammi Smith at ssmith@fccla.org.



Host a Coffee Fellowship

Sign up at the Welcome Table after worship.

Looking Ahead!

THE MEETINGHOUSE

This Month at First Church

Participate!

Every Week at First Church

- 8:15AM Cathedral Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30AM Adult Education: Seekers Class
- 9:30AM First Kids First: Childcare
Room 208, off the small playground
- 10:30AM Prelude on The Great Organs
- 11:00AM Worship Service
- 11:15AM First Kids First (K-5th grade)
Music Room, 1st floor
- 12:15PM Coffee Fellowship

Seekers Class

Life From Death: Resurrection Stories

Sundays, through May 8 – 9:30AM – Founders Room



Join the Seekers class for this new study series. We'll consider some of the stories about Christ's resurrection and what they reveal about his power to bring life from death. Readings will include passages from Luke, John, Acts, and the Gospel of Mary, as well as selections from *The Trouble with Resurrection: From Paul to the Fourth Gospel*

by Bernard Brandon Scott (handouts will be available).

Conversations of Faith

May Boeve,
Leading
Climate Change Activist
Sunday, May 1 – 11AM – Worship Service
May Boeve, 350.org's executive director and a leading voice for the green movement, will join Dr. Colglazier for this important dialogue on May 1.



Closing Reception

Sunday, April 24 – 9 to 11AM
Please join us in Shatto Chapel for a final walkthrough of the exhibit with Dr. Colglazier, Dan McCleary, and several of the artists. All are welcome!

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