

THE MEETINGHOUSE

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Conversations of *Faith*

May Boeve: The New Face of the Climate Change Movement

Sunday, May 1 – 11 AM – 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. Thirty-one-year-old May Boeve has quietly risen to the top of one of the world's most disruptive and innovative environment organizations and is one of the few women at the helm of a large green group in the US. It's a failing, said Boeve, to exclude people from environmentalism at a time when its aims are so necessarily universal. "So many people feel connected to the climate change movement and it's important for everyone who's involved, whether they're a school teacher in the UK or a farmer in Burundi, to see themselves in this movement. So, the more leaders who reflect the diversity of the movement, the broader, the bigger, the stronger the movement will be."



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!

Architectural Tour

May 8 — following the service
Meet below the Pulpit



Cal-West Spring Meeting

May 1 – 2:00PM

First Congregational Church Anaheim

Representatives and members from Congregational churches throughout California will hold their annual meeting on May 1. All First Church members, officers, friends and staff are welcome to attend.

Maintaining Our Historic Treasure



First Church is a massive and historic building and, as such, maintenance issues are ongoing. We presently have some cracks in our lower finials that need to be repaired. While the scaffolding is in place, our friends at California Restoration & Waterproofing will also place pins into the concrete to more fully secure the finials, a procedure we have successfully used in the past. We will keep you up to date on these efforts and appreciate your understanding as we move through this process.

Our Chapel Art Collection

The Art & Spirit exhibit is closing today and we will be reinstalling the artwork from our permanent collection in Shatto Chapel and the adjacent gallery. The Chapel Art Collection, made possible by the generosity of others, includes artwork from photographers Andy Romanoff and Rick Nahmias. Additionally, the magnificent tapestries of Catherine of Siena and Teresa of Avila that adorn the walls of Shatto Chapel are graciously on loan to us from artist John Nava. We are fortunate to be surrounded by this abundance of fine art.



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.

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POETRY SUNDAY

LITURGY OF PRAISE

Organ Prelude Dr. Christoph Bull

Five Sonatas *by Carlos Seixas*

"Sonata XVI in C major" (Allegro-Adagio-Minuet)

"Sonata XVII in C minor" (Siciliano-Minuet)

"Sonata XXI in D minor" (Largo-Allegro)

"Sonata XXII in E minor" (Allegro-Adagio-Minuet)

"Sonata XXIII in F major" (Allegro-Giga-Minuet)

Call to Worship Dr. R. Scott Colglazier

† **Processional Hymn** – No. 22

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" *HMYN TO JOY*

† **Invocation** Dr. Tom Eggebeen

† **Introit** – "The Word Was God" Cathedral Choir

Rosephanye Powell Dr. Jonathan Talberg, 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.*

Baptism – Dominic Paul Alvarez Dr. Colglazier

Son of Dantonio and Aimee Alvarez

Godson of Steve Pantaleo and Ledys Lopez

Blessing of the Children Ms. Julianne James

LITURGY OF MEDITATION

Meditation Anthem Cathedral Choir

"The Road Not Taken" *Randall Thompson*

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,

And sorry I could not travel both

And be one traveler; long I stood

And looked down one as far as I could

To where it bent in the undergrowth;

Then took the other, as just as fair,

And having perhaps the better claim

Because it was grassy and wanted wear,

Though as for that the passing there

Had worn them really about the same,

And both that morning equally lay
In leaves no step had trodden black.
Oh, I kept the first for another day!
Yet knowing how way leads on to way
I doubted if I should ever come back.

I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence:
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I,
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference.

Versicles (congregation singing) Rev. Fregin

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) Rev. Fregin

We confess on this day, O God,
that we have allowed deep fault lines of fear
to wound and diminish us.

Help us, on this morning, in this place,
to address what is broken in our lives
that we might reclaim what is whole,
and therefore sacred. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon Rev. Fregin

Silent Prayers

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Fregin

LITURGY OF GUIDANCE

Sermon – *The Poetry of God and Nature* Dr. Colglazier

THE POEMS OF MARY OLIVER

The Summer Day James Mottem

The Swan Sigrid Thomas

When Death Comes Dan Gellert

Wild Geese Holly Bailey-Hofmann

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† **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!

LITURGY OF DEDICATION

Presentation of Offerings

Dr. Eggebeen

Offertory Anthem

Cathedral Choir

"Let My Love Be Heard" *Jake Runestad*

Angels, where you soar

Up to God's own light,

Take my own lost bird

On your hearts tonight;

And as grief once more

Mounts to heaven and sings,

Let my love be heard

Whispering in your wings.

"A Prayer" by *Alfred Noyes*

† **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**

Rev. Fregin

† **Passing of the Peace and Benediction**

Dr. Colglazier

† **Choral Benediction Response**

Cathedral Choir

"Hine Mah Tov" from *Chichester Psalms* *Leonard Bernstein*

How good and pleasant it is when brethren

can dwell together in unity. (Psalm 131)

† **Recessional Hymn** – No. 35

"All Things Bright and Beautiful" *ROYAL OAK*

Organ Postlude

Dr. Bull

"Allegro in F major" *Carlos Seixas*

TODAY'S ALTAR DEDICATIONS

The Altar Flowers are placed today in memory of **Harold Holmquist, Winston W. Holmquist,** and **Helen C. Holmquist,** by their family.

The Altar Candles are lighted today in tribute and gratitude to the **First Church Women's Association officers and members,** for the many services the Association gives First Church and the community, by Reverend Dr. and Mrs. Columbus Sanders.

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
- 10:15AM Handbell Choir Rehearsal
- 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



This series will consider 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, and selections from *The Trouble with Resurrection: From Paul to the Fourth Gospel* by Bernard Brandon Scott (handouts will be available).

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