

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



THIS MORNING WE WELCOME MAY BOEVE, 350.org's executive director and a leading voice for the green movement, as she joins Dr. Colglazier for this important dialogue. Thirty-one-year-old May Boeve has quietly risen to the top of one of the world's most disruptive and innovative environmental 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

TODAY 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* today. All are welcome and a light lunch will be served.

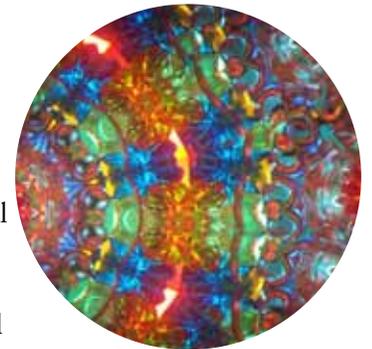
Architectural Tour

May 8 — following the service

Meet below the Pulpit



Kaleidoscope of the Spirit



MAY 22 WILL BE THE LAST SUNDAY DR. COLGLAZIER will be preaching before his sabbatical and we encourage you to be present with us on that day. There will be a special time of blessing during the worship service and a celebratory coffee fellowship afterwards, as we wish our Senior Minister our best as he leaves for this summer time of rest and renewal. The Summer of 2016 will also be a time of growth and renewal for our congregation as we welcome fresh perspectives and insights from some of the most dynamic leaders from around the country, who will be preaching each week. Come celebrate this wonderful event with Dr. Colglazier and plan to be with us each Sunday throughout the summer.

Generosity



Many thanks to Roger Hardesty who works tirelessly to maintain our organ in Shatto Chapel. He also assists organ technicians, Brian Sawyers and Scott Clowes, with the maintenance of The Great Organs in our

Sanctuary. Roger recently spent countless hours helping with the rewiring of the Chancel console. He has been an organ technician for over 50 years and has worked on pipe organs in many notable locations such as Davies Symphony Hall in San Francisco, Carnegie Hall in New York and Cultural Arts Center in Caceras, Spain, to name just a few. Roger says, "I love the organ at First Church and feel privileged to assist in the maintenance of such a great instrument." We are truly blessed to have Roger's talents *and* his generosity of spirit.

Celebrate Confirmation!

May 8 will be a great day of celebration for our church as thirteen of our young people come before the congregation, asking to be confirmed as full participants in the life of First Congregational Church of Los Angeles.

Confirmation is the church's way of affirming the grace of God living in all of us and celebrating the ways in which it has come to unique expression in each individual. Some of our students will be reaffirming their baptismal vows from childhood; others will enter into baptism for the first time as they make their vows to love and serve God with our community of faith.

A special reception will be held after worship in the forecourt. Please come and help our students and families celebrate this important day in their lives as we celebrate the continuing growth and vitality of our congregation.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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CONVERSATION OF FAITH: MAY BOEVE

LITURGY OF PRAISE

Organ Prelude Dr. Christoph Bull

Hymn Improvisation
American Organ Music of the 18th & 19th Centuries
Praeludium in A minor *H. Clarence Eddy*
Trumpet Air *James Bremner*
Introductory Voluntary in C major *Francis Linley*
Trumpet Voluntary in C major *Francis Linley*
Presto in C major *John Christopher Moller*
Fuga in 3 Voce *Charles Zeuner*
Introduction and Fugue in D minor *John Zundel*

Call to Worship Dr. R. Scott Colglazier

† **Processional Hymn** – No. 261

“All Creatures of Our God and King” *LASST UNS ERFREUEN*

† **Invocation** Dr. Tom Eggebeen

† **Introit** – “For the Beauty of the Earth” Cathedral Choir
arr. Dan Bird 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.*

Blessing of the Children Ms. Julianne James

LITURGY OF MEDITATION

Meditation Anthem Cathedral Choir

“Earth Song” *Frank Ticheli*

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

Creator God, we confess we have broken
the relationship with your beloved creation.
We have misused the gifts of this earth.
You have asked us, O God, to honor creation,

yet we have used other people and animals
and plant life, only to meet our needs.
Heal us, O God, lest we destroy ourselves,
and send your healing light
to shine brightly among us. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon Rev. Fregin

Silent Prayers

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Fregin

LITURGY OF GUIDANCE

Scripture Reading – Psalm 92:1–5 Ms. Kimberly Cheng

Conversation of Faith Dr. Colglazier
Ms. May Boeve

LITURGY OF DEDICATION

Presentation of Offerings Dr. Eggebeen

Offertory Anthem Cathedral Choir

“The Peace of Wild Things” *Jake Runestad*
When despair for the world grows in me
and I wake in the night at the least sound
in fear of what my life and my children’s lives may be,
I go and lie down where the wood drake rests
in his beauty on the water; and the great heron feeds.
I come into the peace of wild things
who do not tax their lives with forethought of grief.
I come into the presence of still water.
And I feel above me the day-blind stars
waiting with their light.
For a time I rest in the grace of the world,
and am free.

–Text by Wendell Barry

† **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** Cathedral Choir
“April Rain Song” *Jaebon Hwang*

† **Recessional Hymn** – No. 31

“O How Glorious, Full of Wonder” *IN BABILIONE*

Organ Postlude Dr. Bull

“Fugue in D major” *William Selby*

Please silence all cell phones.

For a wireless, enhanced hearing device, please see an usher.

† Please Stand

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!



TODAY'S ALTAR DEDICATIONS

The Altar Flowers and Chancel Flowers are placed today in honor of **May Boeve**, by Jill Hunting and Bob Aicher.



Host a Coffee Fellowship

Sign up at the Welcome Table after worship.



Altar Dedications

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

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 Celebration Ringers Rehearsal
(K-3rd grade)
- 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

*Prelude on
The Great Organs*

Every Sunday at 10:30AM



*Holy
Communion*

Every Sunday after service on
The Chancel. All are welcome!



Seekers Class

Simpler Living, Compassionate Life: A Christian Perspective
Sundays, May 15 to June 26 at 9:30AM – Founders Room

On May 15, the Seekers class will begin a new seven-week study series. We'll discuss essays by John Cobb, Wendell Berry, Henri Nouwen, and others, which explore voluntary simplicity as a path to wholeness and abundance. Join us for a discussion on "The Sacred Journey: Seeking the Abundant Life" on May 15.

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