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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

1 John 4:7-21

10:00

Worship, Marvin K. White, preaching; Amar Khalsa, musician; Derek Tam, Music Director, *Sanctuary*

Musical Highlights, Various pieces by Ancora, Piedmont East Bay Children's Choir, Robert Geary, director; "Higher Love" by Steve Winwood; Greg Beattie, Vicki Crebbin, Julie Greer, Holly Coates-Bash and John Coates

11:15

After Party, *Terrace*

1:00

Berkeley CROP Hunger Walk, *Offsite* (picnic beforehand at Live Oak Park)

New Podcast!

The "First Church Berkeley GodCast" is now up and running!

Podcast fans and newbies to the format



can listen to an audio file of the scripture and sermon from each week's worship online. If you subscribe, the files will be automatically

downloaded to your computer or phone.

Mac/iPhone users can search for the podcast in **iTunes** or in the **Podcast** app. Other users can go to **podcasts.firstchurchberkeley.org** to find the files.

We hope you will enjoy listening to these fresh, inspiring, progressive Christian podcasts.

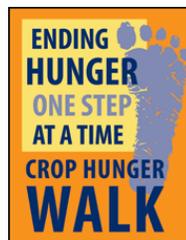
Preaching Schedule

Sunday, May 6, Rachel Bauman

Sunday, May 13, Mike Piazza

Help Get Us to Our CROP Hunger Walk Goal!

This **Sun., April 29**, First Church participants will walk with other Berkeley



congregations at the **CROP Hunger Walk** to raise fund for **Church World Service** projects, addressing poverty and hunger worldwide. You can carry one of

the signs the **YES youth** made or bring your own! (This is a great time to wear your Motly Pew t-shirt! They'll be sold before worship.) Last year, First Church raised over \$8,000; our goal this year is **\$10,000!** We are now at \$5,300, so sign up to walk and/or donate *now* at crophungerwalk.org/berkeleyca, where you can also find a map of the routes



(short and long) and create an online pledge sheet for your child! Or

drop a check (made out to CWS/CROP) in the offering plate or at the CROP walk table after worship.

Families, Children and Youth Ministry (FamChY) invites everyone to gather at **Live Oak Park** (on the Shattuck side) for a **picnic lunch** before the Walk. Please bring your own lunch. If you can't find the group, contact **Carolyn Ash**.

The walk starts at **St. Mary Magdalen Church** (2005 Berryman St., Berkeley) at **1 pm**. For more information, contact FamChY member **Paula Poremba**.

NVC Workshop Sat., May 5

The **Adult Education Ministry** invites you to a **Nonviolent Communication (NVC)** workshop on **Sat., May 5, 9:30 am–12:30 pm** in **Loper Chapel**.



The workshop is an introduction to NVC with plenty of opportunities to explore feelings and

needs and to work with observations/judgments in both small and large groups. This training is suitable for high schoolers and older (middle-school youth may attend with parental consent). Pre-registration is required. We need a minimum of 25 participants to hold the workshop, so please register early. Contact **Judy Huston** or **Louise Halsey** (lhalsey@fccb.org) to sign up or for questions. Childcare is available and refreshments will be served.

Resonance Presents MUSA

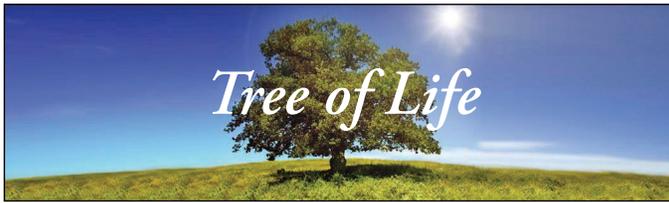
In the final concert of the 2017-18 **Resonance** season, **MUSA** performs "The Birth of the [String] Symphony" on **Sun., May 6** at 7 pm in the **Sanctuary**. This



Resonance favorite showcases works for strings

by C.P.E. Bach, Johann Stamitz and the young Felix Mendelssohn.

Music Director **Derek Tam** will conduct this performance on historically informed instruments. \$25 for general seating/\$20 for seniors (65 and over)/\$15 for students, children under 18 and First Church members.



Continued prayers for **Elizabeth Driver-Bucholtz** as she recovers from knee surgery.

Continued prayers for **Don & Nancy McKay** and their family. Don is in treatment for metastatic cancer.

Continued prayers for **Joanne Brown** who is undergoing cancer treatment in Santa Fe. Cards are welcome.

Continued prayers for **Frankie Wei** and **Laura Burkhauser**, both undergoing cancer treatment.

Rev. Kit to Take Maternity Leave

Young Adult Minister **Kit Novotny** and her husband **Nate Klug** (poet and pastor of First Church Redwood City UCC) are looking forward to welcoming their baby girl at the end of May (due date May 26)!



Kit is planning on taking three months of parental leave, from approximately **May 21–August 27**, in line with our updated NCNC-UCC Conference Guidelines. The

pastoral staff will cover her responsibilities collaboratively during this time. Several young adults in the congregation will also step up to keep up the momentum of young adult ministry opportunities over the summer. Open Chapel young adult worship will take its usual break from June–August.

We will have a **special “After Party”** following worship on **Sun., May 6**, to celebrate and bless baby Klug, organized by First Church member **Tanya Lawrence**.

Sunday Video

View the video from the **Sun., Apr. 22** 10 am service at: www.fccb.org/live-sunday-morning-webcasts.

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The View from Here

Molly Baskette
Senior Minister



Freaky Future

Just one of the many reasons I am so grateful to you, Church, is because you not only tolerate but actually encourage my writing habit. When I met with the search committee during the interview phase, and wondered if my bent toward devotional-writing for the wider UCC and book-publishing would be seen as a conflict with my day job, they fully embraced that vocation as part of the fullness of my role as senior minister “preaching” to a national audience. Your support amplified my joy when I received word two weeks ago that my most recent book manuscript, *Fear Not Parenting*, was accepted for publication by Convergent/Random House. I’m thrilled beyond belief! It means this book will likely reach many more people than it would have in the hands of Pilgrim Press, as good as they’ve been to me.

A friend recently asked me if I see my primary vocation as pastor or writer. I’m not sure I can disentangle the two. But I answered without hesitation, “Pastor.” Pastoring provides me with the deepest and steadiest joy and meaning in life. Writing is my way of putting into the world what I have learned by pastoring. Thanks for being the source of so much of that wellspring of purpose. Now here’s a sneak preview of one of my daily devotionals coming out in May. To sign up to receive the UCC devotionals daily, go to www.ucc.org/daily_devotional.

“I was hiking in the mountains with two sages recently, both age 12 and female. We were remarking on the explosive new trend in t-shirts sporting girl-positive statements, like, ‘I’m all kinds of fabulous!’ ‘You got this!’ ‘Girls can do anything!’ What kind of a world do we live in that we need sparkly axioms to correct the power and worth imbalance—and can a t-shirt really fix what’s broken?

It would be better, said one of the sages, if we could actually put on each other’s lived experiences, rather than a slogan shirt. What if we could live inside of each other’s skin for a while? That might solve everything.

And now there is some hard data to back up that claim.

Scientists have discovered how to make virtual reality headset wearers feel that they are embodying a character on the screen they see. They “embody” perpetrators of partner violence into small female bodies, who are then bullied by larger males. Afterward, the perps feel more empathy toward their partners. White participants spend about ten minutes in the body of a black person who is doing tai chi. Afterward, their scores on a test designed to reveal unconscious bias shift significantly.

Galatians says: there is no longer male or female, Jew or Greek, slave or free, but we still recognize—and judge, abuse and even kill each other based on—these externalities. It’s a future equality to hope for—but maybe the future is arriving? May it be so.”

Disaster Preparedness

Are you prepared for a disaster? If the answer is “no,” “maybe” or “I don’t know,” come to the Adult Education **Learning Hour on Sun., May 6 at 11:45 am** in **Loper Chapel**. **Diana Graham** will help you learn how to be prepared *before* the next big one (earthquake, wildfire, etc.). Diana has been helping people get prepared for the last nine years as a volunteer for the American Red Cross. Since her house burned down in the Oakland fire 26 years ago, she has been eager to help others make a plan and be informed. The time to make a plan is *not* during the disaster. Come and learn how you can get yourself, your family and your pets ready for *anything*.

Help Create a Church Directory in “Realm”

The church has a new database that serves as an online, secure, password-protected **church directory (with**



pictures!) for our community. In order to

make Realm work as a directory, we need to have each individual in the church register.

If you are used to signing up for things online, the process will be easy. **To begin, though, you must contact Louise Halsey (lhalsey@fccb.org)** to let her know you want to be registered. You will then receive an email invitation through the Realm system with easy-to-follow steps. Once you are in, find your profile, add a photo and set your privacy setting to “Everyone in Our Church.” This will allow your contact information (name, address, phone, email or any subset of those) to be shared with other members of the community who are also registered. You will have control of what information is shared!

Being registered in Realm will also provide you with other capabilities down the road. Stay tuned for those!

Here are the “quick steps” to signing up: <http://bit.ly/realmquicksteps>.

Register Now for Spirituality & Stewardship for the New Millennium

Rev. Michael Piazza is coming on **Sat., May 12** for a day-long workshop on the spiritual and financial visioning for the long-term sustainability of our community. Formerly the dean of 4,000-member Cathedral of Hope in Dallas, Texas, Mike will offer the First Church community practical wisdom and strategies related to millennial generosity, the end of paper money and checks, how to never have a pledge drive again and increasing giving by 10% with no additional donors — all while deepening our community spiritually and emotionally.



The workshop is from **9:30 am–3 pm** with lunch provided. **RSVP by Mon., May 7 to Louise Halsey at lhalsey@fccb.org.**

Mike is wise, funny, thought-provoking and deeply faithful. Even if the topic itself does not seem pertinent to you, consider coming as a stakeholder in the future of our church. The more of us who speak a common language around faith and finances, the stronger we will be. As an anchor church in the East Bay, we are also inviting other communities of faith to attend (free of charge for all)! Mike will also be preaching on **Sun., May 6.**

Learning Hour on Human Trafficking

On **Sun., May 20, at 11:45 am**, **Regina Evans** (poet, playwright, social justice performer and a modern-day abolitionist in the fight against sex trafficking) will talk with us about how we can creatively engage in the fight against sex trafficking. Modern-day slavery is a huge problem and we often don’t know how to step into the abolitionist terrain. Information regarding effective strategies will be given and discussed, as well as general information regarding red flags, resources, definitions and tools.

Did You Know...?

...that First Church member **Ruth A. Boerefijn** will be having an art show at **ArtermisSF** at the **Thick House Theater Art Building** (1695 18th Street, #411, San Francisco)? The opening reception will be this **Sun., April 29, 1–5 pm**. For more information, contact **Ruth** at ruthandlori@gmail.com.



...that UCC’s **Caz Junior High Camp** will be **Sun–Sat., July 22–28** and **Caz Senior High Camp** will be **Sun–Sat., July 8–14**? Learn more at <https://ncnuc.org/yomcreg>.

Healing Steps

As part of the Council decision to pause the discussion of affordable housing on campus, the Council supports the intentional use of the next 18 months to heal from wounding discourse, and actual and perceived divisions among church membership. Do you have an idea for an activity to promote healing? If so, we’d like to hear from you. Please send your ideas to Moderator **Kara Korbel-Chinula**, Moderator-Elect **Leonard Ash** or **Rev. Molly (reverendmolly@gmail.com)**.

Coming Up!

NVC Workshop

Sat., May 5, 9:30 am, Loper Chapel

Learning Hour: Disaster Preparedness

Sun., May 6, 11:45 am, Loper Chapel

Spirituality & Stewardship in the New Millennium

Sat., May 12, 9:30 am, Loper Chapel

Learning Hour: Human Trafficking

Sun., May 20, 11:45 am, Loper Chapel

Parenting Workshop: Compassionate Communication

Sun., May 20, 11:45 am, Pillar Room

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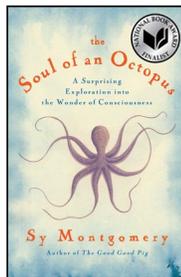
Bits and Pieces

Deckers Walk the Plank!

Come join the **Deckers** for beer and bocce ball on **Wed., May 23 at 4:30 pm** at **The Plank**, located in **Jack London Square** in Oakland. Meet at the courts! (The Deckers is a fellowship group mainly of folks in their 60s and up; but all are welcome!)

FCCB Book Group

Fri., May 11 — *The Soul of an Octopus* by Sy Montgomery at Anne Rowe's house
Fri., Jun. 8 — *Country Driving* by Peter Hessler. Place and leader TBA.



Winthrop & YES News

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YES

- **Sun., Apr. 29, 1 pm**, Crop Hunger Walk, *Offsite*
- **Sun., May 6, 11:45 am**, OWL, *Tower Room*

Winthrop

- **Fri.–Sun., Apr. 27–29**, Confirmation retreat, *Offsite*
- **Sun., May 6, 4 pm**, Confirmation class, *Tower Room*



(above) *Songs of the Soul* sang a soulful rendition of "Lord Have Mercy" during worship; (right, top and bottom) FamChY, under Mary Hvistendahl's leadership, had a variety of Earth Day activities including a ladybug release, ladybug crafts, a story about caring for the earth, a chicken talk (by Mateo Glines) and an assembly line for making compost "lasagna" in our own individual mason jars.



Weekly Calendar

Sunday April 29

SONGS OF THE SOUL REHEARSAL

9 am, Room 4, EBSB

WORSHIP

10 am, Sanctuary

AFTER PARTY

11:15 am, Terrace

PRE-CROP WALK PICNIC

12 pm, Offsite

BERKELEY CROP HUNGER WALK

1 pm, Offsite

Tuesday May 1

REV. MOLLY'S OFFICE HOURS

9-ish–10:30 am, 1951 Coffee Company
2410 Channing Way, Berkeley

STAFF MEETING

1 pm, Durant House

WORSHIP & SPIRITUAL LIFE

7 pm, Durant House

Wednesday 2

OPEN CHAPEL

7 pm, Loper Chapel

BIBLE STUDY

7 pm, Durant House

Thursday 3

BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL

6:45 pm, Pillar Room

SANCTUARY CHOIR REHEARSAL

7 pm, Sanctuary

Saturday 5

NVC WORKSHOP

9:30 am, Loper Chapel

Children & Youth News

• Sat., May 12, Kids' Night In

Parents get a night out the eve of Mother's Day with **Kids' Night In!** First Church kids ages 0–11 are welcome for an evening of socializing and play.

• Sun., May 20, 11:45 am–1:15 pm,

Compassionate Communication for Parenting Children

Pre-verbal Stages through Preschool (Ages 0–4 years), *Pillar Room*.

Childcare will be available. Snacks and seltzer provided.

For more information about either event, contact **Katie Sparks**.

Young Adult News (reverendkit@gmail.com)

• Spring Retreat, Sat., Apr. 28, 10 am–4 pm, Dillon Beach

• **Office Hours, Thurs., May 3, 4–5:30 pm, 1951 Coffee Company 2410 Channing Way, Berkeley**

• **Theological Book Group, Sun., May 5, 2–3:30 pm, Tower Room**