

Subject: What's Happening - Week of August 2, 2020
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FIRST CHURCH TO RESUME IN-PERSON WORSHIP!

Sunday, August 16th - 10 am

After thoughtful study and deliberation, the First Church Council voted to resume in-person worship on August 16th. The Council's decision balances the safety and well-being of members with their needs for a meaningful worship experience. The format is based on the reports of other churches in our area that have successfully resumed in-person worship. The worship environment will look something like this:

- A host in the Narthex will direct you to your seating to ensure social distancing.
- Masks must be worn at all times. (We will provide masks for those without one.)
- Plexiglas will be installed in front of the pulpit and lectern to allow leaders to

• speak without a mask.

- Child care will be available.
- We will not have group hymn singing.
- There is no gathering for fellowship after the worship service.

Look for more details in the days ahead!

WHAT'S HAPPENING SUNDAY - AUGUST 2, 2020

Sunday Online Worship Service
9th Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon

“Compassion, Commitment and More”

Lesson

Matthew 14:13-21

Minister: Rev. William S. Trump



*Go online on to the FCC home page — firstchurchtosa.org —
for the link to the service*

We invite you to participate in Sunday's communion service! Prepare a bit of bread and a small glass of wine or grape juice and we will share communion together.

Saturday Under the Steeple

Aug. 1, 2020, 4 pm online

The Choice to Rejoice!
Peggy Griffith, speaker
Scripture: Philippians 4:1-9

Watch online (firstchurchtosa.org)
Or Join via ZOOM



Saturday Under the Steeple, August 1 at 4 pm

Zoom Invitation/Instructions

You are encouraged to have a Bible available.

[Join our Cloud HD Video Meeting](#)

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Finally! Something to cheer for!

FCC MEN'S SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

August 4 — 7:30 pm.....	Hart Park
August 11 — 7:30 pm.....	Whitman North
August 18 — 7:30 pm.....	Hart Park

We will observe the practice of spectator social distancing.



John Cotton was a Congregationalist

John Cotton (1585-1652), an English clergyman who became the preeminent minister and theologian of the Massachusetts Bay Colony, coined the term Congregationalist. He referred to the unique polity of the New England churches as Congregationalism.

Cotton was educated at Trinity College, Cambridge and Emmanuel College, a training college for Protestant preachers. While vicar at St. Botolph's Church in Lincolnshire he built an impressive reputation as a scholar and preacher. A Puritan, he wanted to rid the Church of England of its ceremonial trappings and adopt a simpler style of preaching and worship. Like other Puritans, he was not a Separatist, hoping to reform the Church of England from within.

The Puritans weren't popular with the English monarchy. For a time, Puritan ministers were simply removed from their churches if they came to the attention of church authorities. Cotton was an accomplished diplomat – good at acknowledging both sides of an argument and able to find a middle way. In fact, he was able to thrive at St. Botolph's for almost 20 years because of his non-combative style and his lenient bishops. By 1632, church authorities had become a lot tougher and were persecuting religious non-conformists. When Cotton was called before them he went into hiding. He, his wife, and his stepdaughter boarded a ship for New England the following year.

Cotton quickly became highly regarded as a minister and scholar in Massachusetts and was accepted as pastor of the Boston church. He generated more religious conversions in his first six months than had been made the previous year. Cotton, like most Puritans, did not embrace the idea of religious freedom as we do now. He wrote, "Democracy, I do not conceive that ever God did ordain as a fit government either for church or Commonwealth. If the people be governors, who shall be governed?" He was instrumental in banishing Roger Williams, Puritan minister and theologian who founded the Colony of Rhode Island, because

Williams was an ardent advocate for religious freedom and tolerance, as well as the separation of church and state.

Cotton was at the center of his own controversy when he challenged the Calvinist theology of the Puritans. Under Calvinism all are sinners and God's redemption is predestined, regardless of one's faith or good works. Cotton promoted good works and advocated Free Grace, in which we receive eternal life when we accept Jesus Christ as the Son of God and our Savior. These conflicting theologies caused great turmoil and led to the banishment of many free grace adherents and ministers mentored by Cotton. Cotton himself survived this new controversy by mending his relationship with his Calvinist peers. He continued to preach at the Boston Church until his death.

Weird fact: According to a genealogical study of my paternal grandmother's side of the family (the Cottons), John is an ancestor. I think we look like twins.

Marianne

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Stay safe and healthy!

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