



WORSHIP AT ELEVEN
FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
 UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

January 19, 2020

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

WELCOME TO FIRST CHURCH!

If you are visiting today and looking for a church home, welcome! *For more than 167 years our Covenant has been: We covenant with the Lord Jesus Christ and one another, and bind ourselves in the presence of God to live together in all God's ways as revealed to us by the Holy Spirit and holy scripture. The church acknowledges that all members have the right of individual interpretation of the principles of the Christian faith and respects them in their honest convictions. In accordance with the teaching of our Lord, the church recognizes two sacraments: Baptism and Holy Communion.* Please silence all electronic devices.

Assistive listening devices and large-print bulletins with hymns of the day are available at the Sanctuary doors. Deacons wearing white roses and Ushers wearing red roses can assist you. Cards requesting prayer are in the Welcome Notebooks and should be placed in the offering plate. (*) Indicates the congregation should stand as they are able.

*Enter to Worship – Depart to Serve. Please use this time for quiet preparation for worship.
 'We have waited in silence on your loving-kindness, O God, in the midst of your temple.'
 (Psalm 48:8)*

PRELUDE Shall We Gather At The River arr. John G. Barr

ENTER TO WORSHIP Francille Firebaugh

Leader: Blessed be God, Light of the world, bright Morning Star, and Spirit of love.

* *Then all stand.*

L: Beautiful are the works of God!

P: Beautiful also are the skins of God's people!

L: Beautiful is the mind of God!

P: Beautiful also are the hopes of God's people!

L: Beautiful is the heart of God!

P: Beautiful also are the souls of God's people!

L: God made the heavens and the earth!

P: To God be the glory for the things God has done.

Adapted: Trinity UCC, Chicago IL

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 563 Lift Every Voice and Sing *Lift Every Voice*

* INVOCATION The Rev. Emily Krause Corzine

L: God be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Let us pray.

P: Almighty God, by the hand of Moses your servant you led your people out of slavery, and made them free at last: Grant that your Church, following the example of your prophet Martin Luther King, Jr., may resist oppression in the name of your love, and may secure for all your children the blessed liberty of the Gospel of Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

* WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE The Rev. Dr. Timothy C. Ahrens
Please find the attendance pad in the Welcome Notebook at the end of each pew, sign it and pass it on to your neighbor.

L: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Let us greet one another with the sign of Christ's peace.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Mark S. Williams

BAPTISM HYMN Hymn of Water and Spirit (*stanzas 1 and 2*)

O Waly, Waly



1. When you were born, our hearts took wing,
 2. Re - mem - ber now this grace, this gift,
 3. Far from this font, your feet will trod,
 4. Hold fast to what is good and true,
 5. When time has passed, and you are old,



to dance and laugh, to love and sing,
 as we our voice, and spi - rits lift.
 in hard times you may ques - tion God.
 Bring hurt to none, for hur - ting you.
 with no one's ba - by left to hold,



You made our lives com - plete in joy,
 We hold you close to shield life's hurt,
 But ne'er for - get this wa - ter gift.
 Streng - then the weak, up - hold the poor,
 thank God and walk your fi - nal mile,



come now re - ceive this wa - ter joy,
 and ce - le - brate your se - cond birth.
 And let God's spi - rit heal all rifts.
 And live your faith for - ev - er more.
 live in E - ter - nal bliss and smile.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM FOR

HARRISON LEE HILLYARD

We welcome Harrison, parents Brittany and David, and Senior Deacon Todd Jacobson. Members and friends are invited to write a prayer and greeting to Harrison on the baptismal cards found in the Welcome Notebooks. Please write his name at the top and today's date on the bottom of the card. Please place the card in the offering plate at the time of the Offertory.

WELCOME

Leader: . . . But when Jesus saw it, Jesus was indignant, and said to them,
People: "Let the children come to me, do not hinder them; for to such belongs the realm of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the realm of God like a child shall not enter it."

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L: . . . the sign and seal of their participation in God's forgiveness, and the beginning of their growth into full Christian faith and discipleship.

P: This is the water of baptism. Out of this water we rise with new life, forgiven of sin and one in Christ, members of Christ's body.

QUESTIONS OF THE CANDIDATE

* CONGREGATIONAL ASSENT

The congregation is invited to stand.

L: . . . Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support, and care to the one about to be baptized, as Harrison lives and grows in Christ?

P: We promise our love, support, and care.

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

L: Let us unite with the church in all times and places in confessing our faith in the triune God.

Do you believe in God?

P: I believe in God.

L: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

P: I believe in Jesus Christ.

L: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

P: I believe in the Holy Spirit.

The congregation may be seated.

PRAYER OF BAPTISM

L: Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Let us pray.

ACT OF BAPTISM

NAMING OF THE CHILD

L: Harrison Lee Hillyard, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Rise from the waters of baptism and give glory to God all the days of your life.

P: Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE BAPTIZED

L: Grant us grace to receive, nurture, and befriend this newest member of the body of Christ.

P: Give to Harrison strength for life's journey, courage in time of suffering, the joy of faith, the freedom of love and the hope of new life; through Jesus Christ, who makes us one. Amen.

* BAPTISM HYMN Hymn of Water and Spirit (*stanzas 3-5*) *O Waly, Waly*

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURE Isaiah 49:1-7 (O.T. p. 679) Mrs. Firebaugh

L: May Light break forth on God's Holy Word.

P: Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE I Corinthians 1:1-9 (N.T. p. 165) Mrs. Firebaugh

L: May Light break forth on God's Holy Word.

P: Thanks be to God.

* GOSPEL HYMN 404 Precious Lord, Take My Hand *Precious Lord*
During the hymn, children in Kindergarten through Second Grade are invited to Worship Connections in the Children's Library on the second floor of the Education Wing. They will return after the meditation. A fully staffed childcare ministry is provided during each Sunday Morning Worship Service and Education Hour for infants through age four. This ministry is located in the Nursery and Toddler Rooms on the first floor of the Education Wing.

THE GOSPEL John 1:29–42 (N.T. p. 92) Rev. Ahrens
 L: May Light break forth on God's Holy Word.
P: Thanks be to God.

BAPTISMAL MEDITATION "A Knock at Midnight" Rev. Ahrens
A time of reflection follows.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Corzine

OUR LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name.
 Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we
 forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us
 from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory
 forever. Amen.**

THE OFFERTORY

MISSION INVITATION Lyn Logan-Grimes
 Cash and designated checks go to **King Arts Complex-Youth Programs**. The King Arts Complex-Youth Programs provide multi-disciplined art and cultural programs for youth ages 5-18. Summer arts camps, afterschool programs, and Spring academies provide exposure to local visual and performing arts. Youth Programs provide a safe, creative, and fun environment for youth in our community. Thank you for your generosity.

ANTHEM I Sing the Mighty Power of God arr. Peter Niedmann

* PRESENTATION HYMN Praise God, from whom all blessings flow
*sung to *Lasst uns erfreuen**
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
 Praise Christ, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore.
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION Rev. Corzine
Please be seated for the Notices.

COMMUNITY NOTICES – DEPART TO SERVE Mr. Williams
 L: Let us depart with a heart to serve.
P: Thanks be to God.

* CLOSING HYMN 314 Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song *Bridegroom*

* BENEDICTION Rev. Ahrens

POSTLUDE *Allegro maestoso e vivace* (Sonata in C Minor) Felix Mendelssohn
Please be seated for the Postlude.

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Thank you for attending worship this morning. We hope that you have found welcome, peace and grace here, and invite you to return often. If you would like more information or have any questions about First Church, please ask anyone wearing a nametag. We'd be delighted to assist you. Please join us for Fellowship Hour in the Parish Hall immediately following the service.

† ACOLYTES: Erin Dean and Maggie Myers

† CRUCIFER: Mia Provenzano

† MUSIC: The Exultate Choir, Jamie Blair, *co-director*; Kevin Jones, *organist and co-director*

† THE FLOWERS THIS MORNING are given to the glory of God and in memory of Hugh and Douglas Stephens by Gleva Stephens.

† GREETING AT THE EXITS TODAY:

Broad Street – Rev. Ahrens
 Ninth Street – Rev. Corzine
 Education Wing – Mr. Williams

ANNUAL MEETING IS SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

A reminder that next Sunday, January 26, there will be **one service at 10 a.m.** in order to accommodate the Annual Meeting at 11 a.m. Please make every effort to attend this important event in the life of the Congregation. Please see the *Depart to Serve* leaflet for the nominations slate.

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Welcome Statement

You are welcomed, affirmed, and loved here; our faith informs us that you are a child of a loving God. Your characteristics and gifts will enrich our congregation. In this community, you will be celebrated, embraced, and honored, no matter how you identify or how your identity may evolve. Wherever you are on your faith journey, we invite you to join us in our diverse yet united experience.

First Church is a Faith Community

† Called together by God, the Creator and Sustainer of life, to worship, pray and serve;
 † Led by Jesus Christ, our Teacher and Savior, to learn the faith and welcome all God's children;
 † Empowered by the Holy Spirit to witness to God's love and justice between ourselves, and throughout the world.

Open and Affirming Statement

We, the members of First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, Columbus, Ohio, welcome and affirm all. We believe we are all created in God's image and called to love our neighbors as Jesus loves us. We believe we are many members, but one body in Christ, called to unite all people in God's love. We are a community seeking God's presence and love in our lives. We seek to unite persons of all ages, races, nationalities, ethnicities, sexual orientations, sexes, gender identities and expressions, family structures, mental, intellectual and physical conditions, economic circumstances, political, theological and faith backgrounds. Together in our diversity, and being empowered and directed by the Holy Spirit, we will "do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God." (Micah 6:8)

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