



**WORSHIP AT TEN**  
**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
**UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

January 26, 2020

The Third 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      How Brightly Beams the Morningstar      Helmut Walcha

CHORAL INTROIT      Hide Not Thou Thy Face      Richard Farrant  
 Hide not thou thy face from us, O Lord, and cast not off thy servant in thy displeasure:  
 For we confess our sins unto thee, and hide not our unrighteousness. For thy mercy sake  
 deliver us from all our sins.  
 —Psalm 27:10

ENTER TO WORSHIP      Alec Deitz  
 Leader: Blessed be God, Light of the world, bright Morning Star, and  
 Spirit of love.  
 \* *Then all stand.*

L: The God of New Beginnings has called us to this place.  
**P: We come celebrating the new life that is ours as God's faithful people.**  
 L: Let your joy ring through the universe, and let your vision see to the depths of every soul.  
**P: We will be shouters of joy and seekers of God's light wherever we go!**  
**All: Praise God for this amazing day! Let us worship God!**  
 —Sandra E. Graham, from *Flames of the Spirit*, ed. Ruth C. Duck

\* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 69      O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright  
*Wie schön leuchtet*

\* INVOCATION      The Rev. Emily Krause Corzine  
 L: God be with you.  
**P. And also with you.**  
 L: Let us pray.  
**P: Give us grace, O God, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the good news of salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of Christ's marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and 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

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURE      Isaiah 9:1–4 (O.T. p. 638)      Mr. Deitz  
 L: May Light break forth on God's Holy Word.  
**P: Thanks be to God.**

THE EPISTLE      1 Corinthians 1:10–18 (N.T. p. 166)      Mr. Deitz  
 L: May Light break forth on God's Holy Word.  
**P: Thanks be to God.**

\* GOSPEL HYMN 377      You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore  
*Pescador de Hombres*  
*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 sermon. 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      Matthew 4:12–23 (N.T. p. 3)      Rev. Ahrens  
 L: May Light break forth on God's Holy Word.  
**P: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON      "Move"      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      Rev. Ahrens  
 Cash and designated checks go to **Knight Perry Fund**. The Knight-Perry Fund, through the Board of Trustees, provides support for persons in the church in financial need. The Senior Minister, in strict confidence, approves all loan requests. Thank you for your generosity.

ANTHEM      Little Innocent Lamb  
Spiritual, arr. Marshall Bartholomew  
*Little Lamb, little Lamb, little innocent lamb,  
 I'm a-gonna serve God till I die.  
 Little Lamb, little Lamb, little innocent lamb,  
 I'm a-gonna serve God till I die.*

Devil, he's got a slippery shoe.  
 I'm a-gonna serve God till I die.  
 Now, if you don't mind, he's gonna slip it on you.  
 I'm a-gonna serve God till I die.

'Cause there ain't no dyin' over there,  
 In that Heavenly Land,  
 There'll be joy, joy, joy.

Just take one brick from Satan's wall,  
 I'm a-gonna serve God till I die.  
 Satan's wall, gonna tumble and fall.  
 I'm a-gonna serve God till I die.

\* 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 442      The Church's One Foundation      *Aurelia*

\* BENEDICTION      Rev. Ahrens  
*There is no Postlude today because of the Annual Congregational Meeting that follows immediately. You are invited to move forward and sit in the front section of the Nave.*

*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 stay for the Annual Meeting held in the Nave immediately following worship.*

† ACOLYTES: Maya Haslett and Sebby Kulwicki

† CRUCIFER: Erin Murray

† MUSIC: The First Church Choir; Kevin Jones, *director and organist*

† THE FLOWERS THIS MORNING are given to the glory of God and in dedication to the staff, council, and committees of First Church for their love and tenacity in moving the church forward, by Lynn Wallich.

† GREETING AT THE BROAD STREET EXIT TODAY: Rev. Corzine

**ANNUAL MEETING IS TODAY, JANUARY 26**  
A reminder that today, January 26, is the Annual Meeting immediately following 10 a.m. worship.  
Please make every effort to stay for this important event in the life of this Congregation.

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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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