

Concerts at First Church

presents

Choral Evensong

October 18, 2020 4 o'clock p.m.
The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 24

All choral pieces and hymns were pre-recorded.

Voluntary

Symphonie I, Op. 14
iii. Pastorale

Louis Vierne
(1870–1937)

Please stand at the Entrance of the Choir and Clergy.

Preces

Herbert Sumsion
(1899–1995)

Precentor O Lord, open thou our lips.

Choir And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Precentor O God, make speed to save us.

Choir O Lord, make haste to help us.

Precentor Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

Choir As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Precentor Praise ye the Lord.

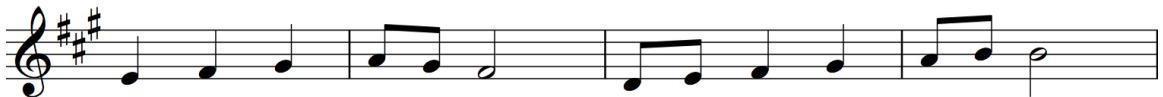
Choir The Lord's name be praised.



1. Christ, might - y Sa - vior, Light of all cre - a - tion,
 2. Now comes the day's end as the sun is set - ting;
 3. There - fore we come now eve - ning rites to of - fer,
 4. Give heed, we pray you, to our sup - pli - ca - tion:
 5. Though bo - dies slum - ber, hearts shall keep their vi - gil,



you make the day - time ra - diant with the sun - light
 mir - ror of day - break, pledge of re - sur - rec - tion;
 joy - ful - ly chant - ing ho - ly hymns to praise you,
 that you may grant us par - don for of - fens - es,
 for ev - er rest - ing in the peace of Je - sus,



and to the night give glit - ter - ing a - dorn - ment,
 while in the hea - vens choirs of stars ap - pear - ing
 with all cre - a - tion join - ing hearts and voic - es
 strength for our weak hearts, rest for ach - ing bo - dies,
 in light or dark - ness wor - ship - ing our Sa - vior



stars in the hea - vens,
 hal - low the night - fall.
 sing - ing the glo - ry.
 sooth - ing the wear - y.
 now and for ev - er.

Welcome

The Rev. Dr. Nancy Livingston

Please be seated as the Choir chants the psalm appointed for this day.

- 1 Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy Name give the praise *
for thy loving mercy, and for thy truth's sake.
- 2 Wherefore shall the heathen say *
Where is now their God?
- 3 As for our God, he is in heaven *
he hath done whatsoever pleased him.
- 4 Their idols are silver and gold *
even the work of men's hands.
- 5 They have mouths, and speak not *
eyes have they, and see not.
- 6 They have ears, and hear not *
noses have they, and smell not.
- 7 They have hands, and handle not; feet have they, and walk not *
neither speak they through their throat.
- 8 They that make them are like unto them *
and so are all such as put their trust in them.
- 9 But thou, house of Israel, trust thou in the Lord *
he is their succour and defence.
- 10 Ye house of Aaron, put your trust in the Lord *
he is their helper and defender.
- 11 Ye that fear the Lord, put your trust in the Lord *
he is their helper and defender.
- 12 The Lord hath been mindful of us, and he shall bless us *
even he shall bless the house of Israel, he shall bless the house of Aaron.
- 13 He shall bless them that fear the Lord *
both small and great.
- 14 The Lord shall increase you more and more *
you and your children.
- 15 Ye are the blessed of the Lord *
who made heaven and earth.
- 16 All the whole heavens are the Lord's *
the earth hath he given to the children of men.
- 17 The dead praise not thee, O Lord *
neither all they that go down into silence.
- 18 But we will praise the Lord *
from this time forth for evermore. Praise the Lord.

At the end of the psalm, please stand as the Choir sings:
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.

Please be seated.

The First Reading

Ecclesiasticus 4:1–10

My child, do not cheat the poor of their living,
and do not keep needy eyes waiting.
Do not grieve the hungry,
or anger one in need.
Do not add to the troubles of the desperate,
or delay giving to the needy.
Do not reject a suppliant in distress,
or turn your face away from the poor.
Do not avert your eye from the needy,
and give no one reason to curse you;
for if in bitterness of soul some should curse you,
their Creator will hear their prayer.
Endear yourself to the congregation;
bow your head low to the great.
Give a hearing to the poor,
and return their greeting politely.
Rescue the oppressed from the oppressor;
and do not be hesitant in giving a verdict.
Be a father to orphans,
and be like a husband to their mother;
you will then be like a son of the Most High,
and he will love you more than does your mother.

Officiant Here ends the reading.

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Magnificat (The Song of Mary)

for St. Paul's Cathedral

Herbert Howells

(1892–1983)

MY soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden. For behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified me, and holy is his Name. And his mercy is upon them throughout all generations. He hath showed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he hath sent empty away. He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

As it was in the beginning, &c..

Please be seated.

The Second Reading

Matthew 16:13–20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Officiant Here ends the reading.

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Nunc dimittis (The Song of Simeon)

Howells

LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word; For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people, To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

As it was in the beginning, &c..

The Apostles' Creed, *said together, standing*

I BELIEVE IN GOD the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy Catholick Church, the Communion of Saints, the Forgiveness of sins, the Resurrection of the body, and the Life everlasting. Amen.

The Responses

Sunsion

Precentor The Lord be with you.

Choir And with thy spirit.

Precentor Let us pray.

Please be seated during the slight pause.

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Then the Choir will sing the Lord's Prayer.

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.

Precentor O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

Choir And grant us thy salvation.

Precentor O Lord, save the State.

Choir And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Precentor Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

Choir And make thy chosen people joyful.

Precentor O Lord, save thy people.

Choir And bless thine inheritance.

Precentor Give peace in our time, O Lord.

Choir Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

Precentor O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Choir And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, who in Christ hast revealed thy glory among the nations: Preserve the works of thy mercy, that thy Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of thy Name; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Collect for Peace

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Collect for Aid against all Perils

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Anthem

Abendlied

Josef Rheinberger
(1839–1901)

Bleib bei uns, denn es will Abend werden, und der Tag hat sich geneiget.

Stay with us, for evening comes, and the day will soon be over.

—Luke 24:29

Prayers of Intercession

Rev. Livingston

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom, *said together*

ALMIGHTY GOD, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise, that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests; Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.

Welcome and Offering Invitation

The Grace, *said together*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.

Please stand.

Closing Hymn

Lord, You Give the Great Commission
(The closing hymn is found on the next page)

Abbot's Leigh

During the singing of the Closing Hymn, we invite you to support the First Church Choir's 2022 Winchester Cathedral Tour Fund. To give electronically, please use this QR code for the link, or www.first-church.org/give.aspx, and choose "Choir Tour Fund" for your donation. Thank you for your generosity.



Voluntary

Toccata in D Minor, BuxWV 155

Dietrich Buxtehude
(c. 1637–1707)

1. Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the sick and preach the word."
 2. Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: "In my name bap - tize and teach."
 3. Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my bod - y, this my blood."
 4. Lord, you show us love's true mea - sure: "Fa - ther, what they do, for - give."
 5. Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing: "I am with you to the end."

Lest the church ne - glect its mis - sion: and the gos - pel go un - heard,
 That the world may trust your pro - mise, life a - bun - dant meant for each,
 Let us all, for earth's true glo - ry, dai - ly lift life hea - venward,
 Yet we heard as pri - vate trea - sure all that you so free - ly give.
 Faith and hope and love re - stor - ing, may we serve as you in - tend,

help us wit - ness to your purpose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty;
 give us all new fer - vor, draw us clo - ser in com - mu - ni - ty;
 ask - ing that the world a - round us share your chil - dren's li - ber - ty;
 May your care and mer - cy lead us to a just so - ci - e - ty;
 and, a - mid the cares that claim us, hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty;

With the Spir - it's gifts em - power us for the work of min - is - try.

Leadership in the Liturgy

The Reverend Dr. Nancy Livingston, *officiant*

Mark S. Williams, *verger*

Christopher Humbert, *precentor*

The First Church Choir

Kevin Jones, *conductor/voluntary organist*

Tyler W. Robertson, *organist*

Peter Murray, *livestream engineer*

The First Church Choir

Kevin Jones, *Minister of Music*

Soprano: Marti Baumer, Brianna Burkett, Candace Cummings,
Jennifer Fry, Melissa Lawson, Joan Lombardi, Susan Pusecker,
Megan Smith, Lissa Wade, Margaret Wells, Lexi White

Alto: Janet Axt, Jamie Blair, Cari Brackett, Susan Brooks,
Cindy Deliman, Allison Ellenberger, Marcia Essig, Brad Findell, Cheryl Hoskinson,
Mary Anne Jacobson, Sarah Lange, Nancy Loy, SallyJane Mathias,
Dora Paolucci, Cathy Redenbarger, Jan Wade

Tenor: Bill Catus, Kevin Cubick, Jim Griffin, Dustin Jarred,
Bill Lange, Justin Meyer, Pavan Peter, Rick Sayre

Bass: Joseph Bellissimo, Jonathan Bethke, Jeff Corzine,
John Deliman, Jim Gieseke, Christopher Humbert,
Ryan Jones, Sebastian Knowles, David Stang

Please join us next Sunday, Oct. 25, at
4 p.m. as Concerts presents organists

Michael Messina
and
Kevin Jones

playing music for two organs!

See the webcast of this event at:

www.concertsatfirstchurch.org/webcasts

About First Congregational Church...

WELCOME TO FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH. As you can see and hear from the soaring Gothic Revival architecture, the stained glass windows, and the sound of music in this space, beauty is truly a multi-media encounter here.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES are held at 9:00 a.m. (Morning Prayer and Holy Communion, Parish Hall) and 11:00 a.m. (Sanctuary). Following in the tradition of Washington Gladden, minister of this church from 1882 to 1914, First Congregational Church welcomes all people and extends its mission and witness into the community.

THIS BUILDING was designed by renowned architect John Russell Pope, dedicated in 1931 and renovated in 1997.

THE BRUSSELS TAPESTRIES were woven in 1575 in Belgium, embodying the artistic ideals of the Renaissance. Part of a larger series, they depict events in the life of Abraham.

ABOUT THE STAINED GLASS WINDOWS: Seven studios have placed their work in this church. Above the Chancel, the Jeffrey window (Nicola d'Ascenzo Studios, 1931) depicts Christ's earthly life and ministry, and the East Chancel window (Charles J. Connick Studios, 1937) honors Mary, the Mother of Jesus. The Friendship window (East wall, East Transept, Charles J. Connick Studios, 1931) represents Christ and Saint John, and in the South bay, two lancet windows portray the Good Samaritan (Connick Associates Studio, 1966); while the Gladden window (West wall, West Transept, Oliver Smith, 1931) honors the social justice conscience of Washington Gladden, and in the South bay, two lancet windows represent the Resurrection and the New Jerusalem (Gabriel Loire Built by Jacques Loire Vitraux 1984). High above the nave, the eight Clerestory windows (designed by Francis Deck, built by Emil Frei Studios, 1976-1983) depict the story of Creation, and the Fall of Adam and Eve. Below, the Aisle windows (Gabriel Loire, 1988) illustrate parables of Jesus from the Gospels. The Rose window (designed by Wilbert C. Ronan, built by Oliver Smith, 1931) above and behind the Beckerath organ case portrays Christian cardinal virtues. The Barnard window (Ellen Miret, the Willet Stained Glass Studio, 2004) in the East Narthex, that celebrates music, was inspired by Bach's Fantasia and Fugue in G minor and honors G. Dene Barnard, who served First Church as Organist/Choirmaster for 30 years.

THE BANNER STAND is rolled steel and made by Albert Paley, sculptor, in 2003.

THE COLLECTION OF LITURGICAL BANNERS is made by artist Deb Anderson.

THE CHANCEL CROSS is made of red enameled copper facets on Brazilian rosewood, by William J. Thompson, sculptor, in 1963.

We are grateful for your free will offering today. If you would like to make an additional donation to the Concert Fund, please fill out the donor information below. Make checks out to First Church and mark them Concert Fund. You may place the card and your check in the offering plate. Thank you!

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Leslie Huntington
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S. J. Lasure
Carolyn Moore
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Andy and Geoff Smith-VerHage

Friend

Anonymous
Ronald Betz and Richard Horton

This list was accurate as of October 12, 2020. If anything is in error, please accept our apologies. To correct any errors or omissions, please contact Amy Wagner (awagner@first-church.org) right away.

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.

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)

—Adopted September 8, 2002 by the congregation
Revisions adopted January 27, 2019 by the congregation

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.



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