

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heaven_ and earth_ are full_ of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the name_ of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est, Ho-san-na in the high-est.

The congregation may be seated.

L: ...Therefore we proclaim the mystery of our faith:
P: Christ has died. Christ is Risen. Christ will come again.

(The Communion Prayer continues)

L: ...Restore the earth with your grace that is able to make all things new.
P: Be present with us as we share this meal, and throughout all our lives, that we may know you as the Holy One, who with Christ and the Holy Spirit, lives for ever. Amen.

L: Let us pray as Christ our Savior has taught us.
P: 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.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

ANTHEM The Holy Eucharist William H. Harris
Him holy In him abide Eternal soul In him you hide All your sin On God laid bare
Receiving life He longs to share.
Him holy In him abide O Christian souls His body live Who in him To Father make
The sacrifice Of Incarnate.
Him holy In him abide Heaven home In him alive Holy love One body make
Joying souls New blessing wake.
—Douglas J. L. Bean

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Please remain seated for the Prayer of Thanksgiving

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Madalyn Dean

L: Let us pray.
All: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

COMMUNITY NOTICES - DEPART TO SERVE

Eddie Anderson IV

L: Let us depart with a heart to serve.
P: Thanks be to God.

* CLOSING HYMN 422 God, whose giving knows no ending *Beach Spring*

* BENEDICTION Alyssia Palmer

POSTLUDE Prelude in A Minor, BWV 543 J.S. Bach

Please be seated for the postlude

Thank you for attending worship this morning. We hope that you have found 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 name-tag. We'd be delighted to assist you. Please join us for a time of fellowship in the Parish Hall.

ACOLYTES: Finnegan Miller & Ruby Holt

CRUCIFER: Will Zimmerman

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

THE FLOWERS THIS MORNING are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Kay and Tom Carter and Elmer and Leora Monahan by Jane Carter & Bob Monahan.

COMMUNION SERVERS: Finnegan Miller, Hannah Brooks, Ethan Murray, Sammy Myers, Miriam Myers, and Nick Boriin

OFFERING PLATES: Trenton Helmer and Sammy Myers

GREETING AT THE EXITS TODAY

Rev. Corzine – Broad Street
Mr. Williams – Christian Education wing
Rev. Ahrens – Ninth Street

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.

Our Open and Affirming Statement

We, the members of First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, Columbus, Ohio, believe the following represents our commitment and desire to reach out and welcome all those in need of and searching for God's love: We believe that we are all created in God's image, female and male, and we are called to love our neighbors as Jesus loves us. We believe we are many members, but one body in Christ, and called to unite all people in God's love. We welcome and affirm all people. We invite those who are seeking God's presence in their lives to join us on our common journey. Our faith community seeks to unite persons of all ages, races, nationalities, ethnicities, sexual orientations, mental and physical abilities, socioeconomic levels and political and theological 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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