



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

February 9, 2020

The Fifth 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 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say arr. Cathy Moglebust

ENTER TO WORSHIP Jim Griffin

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

\* *Then all stand.*

L: God said, "Let there be light."

**P: And there was light.**

L: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world."

**P: And the light shone in the darkness.**

L: Jesus said, "You are the light of the world."

**P: And the light shall not be quenched.**

\* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 411 Arise, Your Light Has Come *Festal Song*

\* INVOCATION The Rev. Dr. Nancy Livingston

L: God be with you.

**P: And also with you.**

L: Let us pray.

**P: Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

\* WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE The Rev. Emily Krause Corzine

*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 58:1–12 (O.T. p. 688) Mr. Griffin

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

**P: Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM The Gift to Be Simple Shaker tune, arr. Bob Chilcott

'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free,  
 'Tis the gift to come down where we ought to be,  
 And when we find ourselves in the place just right,  
 'Twill be in the valley of love and delight.  
 When true simplicity is gained,  
 To bow and to bend we shant be ashamed,  
 To turn, turn will be our delight,  
 Till by turning, turning we come round right.  
 —Elder Joseph (Shaker), 1848

THE EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 2:1–12 (N.T. p. 166) Mr. Griffin

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

**P: Thanks be to God.**

\* GOSPEL HYMN Where Charity and Love Prevail *Resignation*

*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.*



1. Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;  
 2. For - give we now each oth - er's faults as we our faults con - fess;



brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love are we thus bound.  
 and let us love each oth - er well in Chris - tian ho - li - ness.



With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear true char - i - ty we learn;  
 Let strife a - mong us be un - known, let all con - ten - tion cease;



let us with heart and mind and strength now love Christ in re - turn.  
 be Christ the glo - ry that we seek, be ours his ho - ly peace.

THE GOSPEL Matthew 5:13–20 (N.T. p. 4) Rev. Corzine

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

**P: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Salt and Light" Rev. Corzine

*A time of reflection follows.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Livingston

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. Corzine

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ANTHEM Now There Lightens Upon Us Leo Sowerby

Now there lightens upon us a holy daybreak. Alleluia, Alleluia. Come, come, all good people, and praise the Lord with gladness. For the star which we have looked for shines forth a sign to all people. Alleluia, Alleluia.  
 — The Rt. Rev. George Craig Stewart (1879–1940)

\* 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. Livingston

*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 425 Lord of Light, Your Name Outshining *Abott's Leigh*

\* BENEDICTION Rev. Corzine

POSTLUDE Praeludium and Fugue in F Major Vincent Lübeck

*Please be seated for the postlude*

*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 Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall immediately following the service.*

† ACOLYTES: Erin Dean and Grace Glaros

† CRUCIFER: Peter Spofforth

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

† THE FLOWERS THIS MORNING are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the 88th birthday of the Rev. Glen Halbe, given by son Greg Halbe.

† GREETING AT THE EXITS TODAY:

Rev. Corzine – Broad Street

Rev. Livingston – Ninth Street

Mr. Williams – Christian Education wing

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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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