



WORSHIP AT ELEVEN
FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
 UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

February 11, 2018 The Last Sunday after the Epiphany/Transfiguration

WELCOME TO FIRST CHURCH!

If you are visiting today and looking for a church home, welcome! *For more than 165 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 can assist you.

Cards requesting prayer are in the pew racks and 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 Appassionata Michael W. Joy

INTROIT *O nata lux* Thomas Tallis

*O nata lux de lumine,
 Jesu redemptor saeculi,
 dignare clemens supplicum
 laudes precesque sumere.
 Qui carne quondam contegi
 dignatus es pro perditis.
 Nos membra confer effici
 tui beati corporis.*

—Hymn for Lauds on the Feast of the Transfiguration (10th century)

ENTER TO WORSHIP Jane Werum

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

* *Then all stand.*

L: The Lord has called you here this day.

P: Lord, reveal to us your purposes for us.

L: Open your hearts to receive God's good news.

P: Lord, make us ready to serve you.

L: Come, let us worship God!

P: Let us sing our praises to the Almighty One. Amen.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 75 O wondrous sight, O vision fair *Deo Gracias*

* INVOCATION The Rev. Dr. Timothy C. Ahrens

L: God be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Let us pray.

P: O God, who on the holy mount revealed to chosen witnesses your well-beloved Child, wonderfully transfigured, in raiment white and glistening: Mercifully grant that we, being delivered from the disquietude of this world, may be faith behold the Christ in beauty; who with you, O Creator, and you, O Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

* SONG OF PRAISE 411 Arise, your light is come! *Festal Song*

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

Please find the attendance pad at the end of the 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 Rev. Ahrens

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURE 2 Kings 2:1–12 (O.T., p. 332) Mrs. Werum

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

P: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM I know I've been changed Spiritual, arr. Damon Dandridge

Christopher Humbert, *soloist*

I know I've been changed, 'cause the angels in heaven done signed my name.

I prayed all night and I prayed all day too...I'll keep on praying till I come through.

I stepped in the water and the water was cold...It chilled my body but not my soul.

If you don't believe that I've been redeemed...then follow me down to that Jordan stream.

THE EPISTLE 2 Corinthians 4:3–6 (N.T., p. 180) Mrs. Werum

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

P: Thanks be to God.

* GOSPEL HYMN 73 Swiftly pass the clouds of glory *Geneva*

During the hymn, Children, Kindergarten through 2nd grade, are invited to the Worship Connections in the Children's Library on the 2nd floor of the Education Wing. They will return after the baptismal meditation. A fully staffed childcare ministry is provided during each Sunday Morning Worship Service and Education Hour for infants through age 4. This ministry is located in the nursery and toddler rooms on the first floor of the Education Wing.

THE GOSPEL Mark 9:2–9 (N.T., p. 44) Rev. Corzine

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

P: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Light Breaking Forth" Rev. Corzine

A time of reflection follows.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Ahrens

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

Want to give online? Please see the Depart to Serve leaflet for more information and a QR link.

MISSION INVITATION Rev. Ahrens

Cash and designated checks go to **Back Bay Mission**, founded in 1922 as an outreach effort of the First Evangelical Church of Biloxi, Mississippi (later UCC), whose members responded with compassion and service to the needs of the poor living in deplorable conditions along the Back Bay of Biloxi. Since then, Back Bay Mission has continually grown its services and ministries, always keeping the impoverished and marginalized at the center of its concern. Thank you for your generosity.

ANTHEM And then shall your light (Elijah) Felix Mendelssohn

And then shall your light break forth as the light of morning breaketh: and your health shall speedily spring forth then: and the glory of the Lord ever shall reward you. Lord, our Creator, how excellent Thy Name is in all the nations! Thou fillest heaven with Thy glory. Amen.

* PRESENTATION HYMN Praise God, from whom all blessings flow sung to *Duke Street*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
 Praise Christ, all creatures here below.
 Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
 Praise Triune God, whom we adore.**

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION Rev. Ahrens

Please be seated for the Notices.

COMMUNITY NOTICES - DEPART TO SERVE Mark S. Williams

L: Let us depart with a heart to serve.

P: Thanks be to God.

* CLOSING HYMN 455 All creatures of our God and King *Lasst uns erfreuen*

Please be seated for the Commissioning.

COMMISSIONING OF 2018 OFFICERS OF THE CHURCH Rev. Ahrens

BENEDICTION Rev. Corzine

POSTLUDE Prelude on the Introit for Epiphany, Op. 13 Maurice Duruflé

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 Fellowship Hour in the Parish Hall immediately following worship.

CRUCIFER: Joe Spofforth

ACOLYTES: Matty Provenzano and Mae Hubbard

MUSIC: The First Church Ringers; The First Church Choir, Kevin Jones, organist & director

THE FLOWERS THIS MORNING are given to the glory of God in honor of the First Church Youth by Laurie Maynell.
If you would like to dedicate flowers for Sunday 11 a.m. worship, please sign up on the flower chart located on the bulletin board outside the church office, or you can contact Marty Worth (mworth@first-church.org) and specify date or dates requested.

GREETING AT THE EXITS TODAY

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

OFFICERS BEING COMMISSIONED TODAY

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TRUSTEE (2), 4-YEAR TERM	BRIAN CAVE JOHN MARTIN

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)

(adopted September 8, 2002 by the congregation)

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