

# GOOD FRIDAY



Friday, March 30, 2018  
7:30 p.m.



*Please be seated.*

HEBREW SCRIPTURE Isaiah 52:13—53:12 (O.T., p. 683) The Rev. Dr. Timothy C. Ahrens

L: The Word of God for the people of God.

**P: Thanks be to God.**

*Silence*

*Please stand.*

\* HYMN 98

O sacred head, now wounded

*Passion Chorale*

*Please be seated.*

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD ACCORDING TO JOHN

Victoria

*The Passion is sung in English. If you wish, you may follow a translation of it in the pew bible,  
John 18—19:30 (N.T., pp. 112–114)*

MEDITATION

“It Is Finished”

Rev. Corzine

*A time of reflection follows.*

#### OFFERTORY

MISSION INVITATION

Rev. Ahrens

*During the singing of the hymn, an offering will be taken. All monies collected will be given to Amethyst House, a long-term, gender-competent addiction and trauma treatment leader for homeless women and their families. Checks should be made out to First Congregational Church, noting “Amethyst House” in the memo line. Thank you for your generosity.*

HYMN 76

My song is love unknown

*Love Unknown*

*Please stand, as you are able.*

\* THE SOLEMN PRAYERS

Rev. Ahrens

L: Let us pray, sisters and brothers, for the holy church of God throughout the world that God may guide it and gather it together so that we may worship God in peace and tranquility.

*Silent prayer.*

L: Almighty and eternal God, you have shown your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ. Guide the work of the church. Help it to persevere in faith, to proclaim your name, and to offer salvation, justice, and peace to people everywhere. We ask this through Christ our Savior.

**P: Amen.**

Rev. Corzine

L: Let us pray for our pastors and other ordained and commissioned ministers, for all servants of the church, and for all the people of God.

*Silent prayer.*

L: Almighty and eternal God, your Spirit guides the church and makes it holy. Strengthen and uphold our pastors and our leaders; keep them in health and safety for the good of the church, and help each of us to do faithfully the work to which you have called us. We ask this through Christ our Savior.

**P: Amen.**

Rev. Ahrens

L: Let us pray for those preparing for baptism and confirmation, that God may make them responsive to God's love and give them new life in Jesus Christ.

*Silent prayer.*

L: Almighty and eternal God, you continually bless the church with new members. Increase the faith and understanding of those preparing for baptism and confirmation. Give them a new birth as your children. Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy church. We ask this through Christ our Savior.

**P: Amen.**

Rev. Corzine

L: Let us pray for those who do not believe, that the light of the Holy Spirit may show them the way of salvation and faith.

*Silent prayer.*

L: Almighty and eternal God, enable those who do not yet know the love of Christ to receive the good news of his love for all people. Help us, your people, to grow in love for one another, to grasp more fully the mystery of your Godhead, and so to become more perfect witnesses of your love in the sight of all people. We ask this through Christ our Savior.

**P: Amen.**

Rev. Ahrens

L: Let us pray for those who do not believe in God, that they may find the God who is the author and goal of our existence.

*Silent prayer.*

L: Almighty and eternal God, you created humanity so that all might long to know you and have peace in you. Grant that, in spite of the hurtful things that stand in their way, all may recognize in the lives of Christians the tokens of your love and mercy and gladly acknowledge you as the one true God of us all. We ask this through Christ our Savior.

**P: Amen.**

Rev. Corzine

L: Let us pray for those who serve in public office, that God may guide their minds and hearts, so that all of us may live in true peace and freedom.

*Silent prayer.*

L: Almighty and eternal God, you are the champion of the poor and oppressed. In your goodness, watch over those in authority so that people everywhere may enjoy justice, peace, freedom, and a share in the goodness of your creation. We ask this through Christ our Savior.

**P: Amen.**

Rev. Ahrens

L: Let us pray that the almighty and merciful God may heal the sick, comfort the dying, give safety to travelers, free those unjustly deprived of liberty, and rid the world of falsehood, hunger, and disease.

*Silent prayer.*

L: Almighty and eternal God, you give strength to the weary and new courage to those who have lost heart. Hear the prayers of all who call on you in any trouble that they may have the joy of receiving your help in their need. We ask this through Christ our Savior.

**P: Amen.**

OUR LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Ahrens

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

MOTET

*O vos omnes*

Victoria

*O vos omnes qui transitis per viam, attendite et videte:*

*Si est dolor similis sicut dolor meus.*

*V. Attendite, et videte dolorem meum.*

*Si est dolor similis sicut dolor meus.*

O all you who walk by on the road, pay attention  
and see: if there be any sorrow like my sorrow.

V. Pay attention, all people, and look at my sorrow:  
if there be any sorrow like my sorrow.

—Lamentations 1:12

*Silence.*

BENEDICTION

Rev. Corzine

L: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

**P: By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

HYMN 102

Were you there?

*Were You There*

*Sung unaccompanied.*

*A bell is rung 33 times, once for each year of Jesus' earthly life.*

*We then depart in silence.*

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*The holy vigil of the great three days (Triduum) continues until the time of the Resurrection.*

*You are invited to walk the labyrinth in Room B.*

## LEADERSHIP

The Reverend Dr. Timothy C. Ahrens, *Senior Minister*

The Reverend Emily Krause Corzine, *Associate Minister*

Mark S. Williams, *Crucifer*

Kevin Jones, *Minister of Music*

The Chamber Choir of First Church

Elizabeth McConnaughey, Brad Findell, Kevin Cubick, Christopher Humbert,  
Kevin Jones

## EASTER DAY, APRIL 1

7 a.m. – Sunrise Service – Broad Street entrance steps

8:45 and 11 a.m. – Holy Communion Services – Nave

10 a.m. – Congregational Brunch – Parish Hall

*(Bring a dish to share)*

# CHRIST YESTERDAY & TODAY

## 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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