



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

April 8, 2018

The Second Sunday of Easter

**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 Partita on *O filii et filiae* Wilbur Held

ENTER TO WORSHIP Joe Spofforth

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**People: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

*\* Then all stand.*

L: This is the good news which we proclaim to you.

**P: Jesus Christ is raised from the dead!**

L: Walk in the light of his love.

**P: Live in the light of his teachings and healing mercies.**

L: Come, let us worship the One Who overcame death.

**P: Let us celebrate the triumph of our Lord. Amen.**

\* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 117 O sons and daughters *O filii et filiae*  
*(Please use the stanzas for #117)*

\* INVOCATION The Rev. Dr. Timothy C. Ahrens

L: God be with you.

**P. And also with you.**

L: Let us pray.

**P: Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the community of Christ's body, may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

\* WELCOME & INTRODUCTION OF CONFIRMAND HANNAH BROOKS

Rev. Ahrens

\* PASSING OF THE PEACE

Ms. Brooks

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.

*Please find the attendance pad at the end of the pew, sign it and pass it on to your neighbor.*

CHILDREN'S TIME Mark S. Williams

BAPTISM HYMN 495 We know that Christ is raised (stanzas 1–2) *Engelberg*

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM FOR

JACK HARRISON BYRNES

*We welcome Jack, parents Kathleen & Daniel, godparents Ryan & Kimberly Ripley, and Senior Deacon Janet Newcity. Members and friends are invited to write a prayer and greeting to Jack on the baptismal cards found in the pew pads. Please write Jack's name at the top and today's date on the bottom of the card. Please place the cards in the offering plate at the time of the Offertory.*

WELCOME

Leader: . . . But when Jesus saw it, Jesus was indignant, and said to them,

**People: "Let the children come to me, do not hinder them; for to such belongs the realm of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the realm of God like a child shall not enter it."**

ADDRESS

L: . . . the sign and seal of their participation in God's forgiveness, and the beginning of their growth into full Christian faith and discipleship.

**P: This is the water of baptism. Out of this water we rise with new life, forgiven of sin and one in Christ, members of Christ's body.**

QUESTIONS OF THE CANDIDATE

\* CONGREGATIONAL ASSENT

*The congregation is invited to stand.*

L: . . . Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support, and care to the one about to be baptized, as Jack lives and grows in Christ?

**P: We promise our love, support, and care.**

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

L: Let us unite with the church in all times and places in confessing our faith in the triune God.

Do you believe in God?

**P: I believe in God.**

L: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**P: I believe in Jesus Christ.**

L: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**P: I believe in the Holy Spirit.**

*The congregation may be seated.*

PRAYER OF BAPTISM

L: Christ be with you.

**P: And also with you.**

L: Let us pray.

ACT OF BAPTISM

NAMING OF THE CHILD

L: Jack Harrison Byrnes, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Rise from the waters of baptism and give glory to God all the days of your life.

**P: Amen.**

PRAYER FOR THE BAPTIZED

L: Grant us grace to receive, nurture, and befriend this newest member of the body of Christ.

**P: Give to Jack strength for life's journey, courage in time of suffering, the joy of faith, the freedom of love and the hope of new life; through Jesus Christ, who makes us one. Amen.**

BAPTISM HYMN 495 We know that Christ is raised (stanzas 3–4) *Engelberg*

THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES Acts 4:32–35 (N.T., p. 122) Mr. Spofforth

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

**P: Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM Alleluia Henry Purcell

THE EPISTLE 1 John 1:1—2:2 (N.T., p. 238) Mr. Spofforth

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

**P: Thanks be to God.**

\* GOSPEL HYMN 399 We walk by faith and not by sight  
*Dunlap's Creek*

*During the hymn, children, Kindergarten through second grade, are invited to the 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.*

THE GOSPEL John 20:19–31 (N.T., p. 115)  
 The Rev. Emily Krause Corzine

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

**P: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Resurrection, Continued" Rev. Corzine  
*A time of reflection follows.*

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

Cash and designated checks go to **Summer Church Camp Scholarships** that help those children and youth of First Church who need additional financial help to attend our summer church camps. Thank you for your generosity.

ANTHEM

For the beauty of the earth

John Rutter

For the beauty of the earth  
For the beauty of the skies  
For the love which from our birth  
Over and around us lies  
*Lord of all, to thee we raise  
This our joyful hymn of praise.*

For the joy of human love  
Brother, sister, parent, child  
Friends on earth and friends above  
For all gentle thoughts and mild  
*Lord of all, to thee we raise  
This our joyful hymn of praise.*

For the beauty of each hour  
Of the day and of the night  
Hill and vale and tree and flower  
Sun and moon and stars of light  
*Lord of all, to thee we raise  
This our joyful hymn of praise.*

For each perfect gift of thine  
To our race so freely given  
Graces human and divine  
Flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n  
*Lord of all, to thee we raise  
This our joyful hymn of praise.*  
—Folliot S. Pierpoint

\* PRESENTATION HYMN Praise God, from whom all blessings flow

*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

COMMUNITY NOTICES - DEPART TO SERVE

Mark S. Williams

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

\* CLOSING HYMN 118

The day of resurrection

*Lancashire*

\* BENECTION

Rev. Corzine

*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 the service.*

ACOLYTES: Ruby Holt and Caroline Thompson

CRUCIFER: Peter Spofforth

MUSIC: The Jubilate Choir, Sandra Mathias, *director*; The Exultate Choir, Kevin Jones, *director and organist*

THE FLOWERS THIS MORNING are given to the glory of God and in memory of J. Ralston Werum by Jane Werum.

GREETING AT THE EXITS TODAY

Rev. Corzine – Broad Street

Rev. Ahrens – Ninth Street

Mr. Williams – Christian Education wing



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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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