



WORSHIP AT ELEVEN
FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
 UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

April 28, 2019

The Second Sunday of Easter

WELCOME TO FIRST CHURCH!

If you are visiting today and looking for a church home, welcome! *For more than 166 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 Partita on "O Sons and Daughters" Wilbur Held

ENTER TO WORSHIP Frank Cook

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

** Then all stand.*

L: Today is the first day of our week.

P: Lord, help us to find peace and joy in this week.

L: Open your hearts and receive God's breath of new life.

P: Lord, help us to be ready to hear your words of life.

L: Come, let us worship the Lord with great joy!

P: Praise be to God. Amen.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 117 O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing
O filii et filiae

* INVOCATION The Rev. Emily Krause Corzine

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 AND PASSING OF THE PEACE Rev. 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

* BAPTISM HYMN Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters (*stanza 1*)
Beach Spring

1. Wash, O God, your sons and daugh- ters, new-born crea - tures of your womb.
 2. Ev - ery day we need your nur - ture; by your milk may we be fed.
 3. O how deep your ho - ly wis - dom! Un - i - mag - ined, all your ways!

Num-ber them a - mong your peo - ple, raised like Christ from death and tomb.
 Let us join your feast, par - tak - ing cup of bless - ing, liv - ing bread.
 To your name be glo - ry, hon - or! With our lives we wor-ship, praise!

Weave them gar - ments bright and spark - ling; com- pass them with love and light.
 God, re - new us; guide our foot - steps, free from sin and all its snares,
 We your peo - ple stand be - fore you, wa - ter-washed and spir - it- born.

Fill, a - noint them; send your Spir - it, ho - ly dove and heart's de - light.
 one with Christ in liv - ing, dy - ing, by your Spir - it, chil - dren, heirs.
 By your grace, our lives we of - fer. Re - cre - ate us; God, trans - form!

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM FOR
 MICHAEL ANDREW GRICE

We welcome Michael Andrew Grice, parents Andrew and Kuleni Grice, godparents Jacob Grice and Freslam Beyene, and Deacon Janet Newcity. Members and friends are invited to write a prayer and greeting to Michael on the baptismal cards found in the Welcome Notebooks. Please write his 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 Michael 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: Michael Andrew Grice, 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 Michael 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 Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters (*stanzas 2 and 3*)
Beach Spring

THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 5:27–32 (N.T. p. 123) Mr. Cook
 L: The Word of God for the people of God.
P: Thanks be to God.

SOLO Alleluia (*Exultate, Jubilate*) W.A. Mozart

THE REVELATION TO JOHN 1:4–8 (N.T. p. 245) Mr. Cook
 L: The Word of God for the people of God.
P: Thanks be to God.

* GOSPEL HYMN 267 All Things Bright and Beautiful *Royal Oak*
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 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 John 20:19–31 (N.T. p. 115) Rev. Corzine
 L: The Word of God for the people of God.
P: Thanks be to God.

SERMON “One Last Time” Rev. Corzine
A time of reflection follows.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Corzine

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
 Cash and designated checks go to **Sacred Earth-Local Community Gardens.**
 In recognition of Earth Day (April 22), donations today will go to support four neighborhood community gardens: Highland Youth Garden, Stoddart Avenue Community Garden, South Central Commons, Fourth Street Farms. Each garden supports its local community with teaching, hands-on activities, and feeding local community neighbors with the produce from each garden. Thank you for your generosity.

SOLO I Know That My Redeemer Liveth (Messiah) G.F. Handel
 Melissa Lawson, *soprano*

* 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. Corzine

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 399 We Walk By Faith and Not By Sight *Dunlap's Creek*

* BENEDICTION Rev. Corzine

POSTLUDE Prelude in G Major, BWV 541 J.S. Bach

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 Fellowship Hour in the Parish Hall immediately following the service.

† ACOLYTES: Jack Patterson and Erin Dean

† CRUCIFER: Erin Murray

† MUSIC: Melissa Lawson, *soprano*; Kevin Jones, *organist*

† THE FLOWERS THIS MORNING are given to the glory to God and in remembrance and honor of Wally Giffen's birthday by Sarah, Malcolm and Heather Giffen.

† GREETING AT THE EXITS TODAY:

Broad Street – Rev. Corzine
 Ninth Street – Mr. Williams
 Education Wing – Martha Fulleman

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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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