



WORSHIP AT ELEVEN
FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
 UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

May 5, 2019

The Third 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 Prelude Gerald Finzi, arr. Alan Ridout

ENTER TO WORSHIP Dr. Lynn Wallich

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
People: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
 * Then all stand.

L: Christ asked Peter if he loved him.
P: Peter affirmed his love of the Lord three times.
 L: Christ asks us if we love him.
P: We affirm our love of the Lord in our worship.
 L: Christ calls us to demonstrate our love in service.
P: Lord, help us to witness to your love in the ways in which we care for others. Amen.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 113 Christ the Lord is Risen Today! *Llanfair*

* INVOCATION The Rev. Emily Krause Corzine

L: God be with you.
P. And also with you.
 L: Let us pray.
P: O God, whose blessed One was made known to the disciples in the breaking of bread; Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold the redeeming work of Christ; who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

* WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF CONFIRMAND, AARON HUNT
 The Rev. Dr. Timothy C. Ahrens

* PASSING OF THE PEACE Rev. Ahrens
 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 in the Welcome Notebook at the end of each pew, sign it and pass it on to your neighbor.

CHILDREN'S TIME Mark S. Williams

THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 9:1-6 (N.T. p. 127) Dr. Wallich
 L: The Word of God for the people of God.
P: Thanks be to God.

THE REVELATION TO JOHN 5:11-14 (N.T. p. 248) Dr. Wallich
 L: The Word of God for the people of God.
P: Thanks be to God.

* GOSPEL HYMN They Cast Their Nets in Galilee *Georgetown*
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 meditation. 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. They cast their nets in Gal - i - lee just
 2. Con - tent - ed, peace - ful fish - er - men, be -
 3. Young John who trimmed the flap - ping sail, home -
 4. The peace of God, it is no peace, but



off the hills of brown; such hap - py,
 fore they ev - er knew the peace of
 less, in Pat - mos died. Pe - ter, who
 strife closed in the sod. Yet let us



sim - ple fish - er - folk, be - fore the Lord came down.
 God that filled their hearts brim - ful, and broke them too.
 hauled the teem - ing net, head down was cru - ci - fied.
 pray for but one thing - the mar - velous peace of God.

THE GOSPEL John 21:1-19 (N.T. p. 115) Rev. Corzine
 L: The Word of God for the people of God.
P: Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION MEDITATION "Let's Get to Work!" Rev. Corzine

A time of reflection follows.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Ahrens
(Today, the Lord's Prayer will be prayed as part of the Communion liturgy.)

THE OFFERTORY

MISSION INVITATION Rev. Ahrens
 Cash and designated checks go to **BREAD (Building Responsibility, Equality, and Dignity)**. BREAD is the organization through which our congregation works for social justice. BREAD has a 22-year history of improving the quality of life in Central Ohio by researching serious community problems and gathering the power of people in nearly 40 congregations to press public officials to implement proven solutions to those problems. BREAD rises! Thank you for your generosity.

ANTHEM *Surrexit Christus Hodie* Samuel Scheidt

1. *Surrexit Christus hodie. Alleluia!* 1. Christ is risen today Alleluia!
Humano pro solamine. Alleluia! For the comfort of all people. Alleluia!
 2. *In hoc Paschali gaudio Alleluia!* 2. Rejoice in this Easter Day. Alleluia!
Benedicamus Domino, Alleluia! Let us give thanks to God. Alleluia!
 3. *Mortem qui passus pridie, Alleluia!* 3. He suffered death the day before. Alleluia!
Miserrimo pro homine, Alleluia! He suffered for us all. Alleluia!
 4. *Laudetur sancta trinitas, Alleluia!* 4. Praise the Holy Trinity. Alleluia!
Deo dicamus gratias, Alleluia! Give thanks to God. Alleluia!
 —St. Albinus, 14th century

* 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!

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

We practice open communion: Wherever you are on your faith journey, you are welcome at the Lord's table. Please come forward down the center aisle and return to your seat by the side aisle. (Wheat-free rice flour bread is available on the trays, cut into circles.) Cups with the purple ribbon around them are filled with wine.

* INVITATION

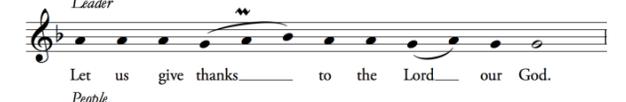
* SURSUM CORDA Plainsong



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give our thanks and praise.

* COMMUNION PRAYER

* SANCTUS

Richard Proulx

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-
 san-na in the high-est. Ho-san-na in the high-est.
 Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-
 san-na in the high-est, Ho-
 san-na in the high-est.

The congregation may be seated.

L: ...Therefore we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

P: Christ has died. Christ is Risen. Christ will come again.

(The Communion Prayer continues)

L: ...Restore the earth with your grace that is able to make all things new.

P: Be present with us as we share this meal, and throughout all our lives, that we may know you as the Holy One, who with Christ and the Holy Spirit, lives for ever. Amen.

L: Let us pray as Christ our Savior has taught us.

P: 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.

L: ...Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

P: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

ANTHEM Rise Up, My Love, My Fair One Healey Willan

Rise up my love, my fair one, and come away. For lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear upon the earth. The time of singing of birds is come. Arise my love, my fair one, and come away.

—Song of Songs 2:10

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Please remain seated for the Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Notices.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

L: Let us pray.

All: We give you thanks, Almighty God, that you have brought us from darkness to light, from slavery to freedom, from death to rebirth. Transform our lives with this heavenly food, that we may shine with your love and take to the world the risen life of your Son Jesus Christ. Amen.

COMMUNITY NOTICES - DEPART TO SERVE

Mr. Williams

L: Let us depart with a heart to serve.

P: Thanks be to God.

* CLOSING HYMN 101 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Hamburg

* PRAYER OF SENDING AND PROMISE OF RETURN OF THE REV. EMILY KRAUSE CORZINE

Rev. Ahrens

Rev. Ahrens: As Rev. Corzine goes forth on her sabbatical, we offer our blessings and our prayers of thanksgiving. We trust the Holy Spirit will guide her, her family and us, while we are apart one from the other.

During this period of refreshment, we will include Emily in our weekly Prayers of the People, and we commend her to all of you for your daily prayers. Let us come together now as a covenant people, sharing our commitment to the grace of God; praying for God's strength and guidance for the journey.

People: We pray for refreshment of spirit, by the power of God's Holy Spirit.

Rev. Corzine: God's blessing be upon you all as I seek renewal of God's calling to ministry.

People: God be with you while we are away from one another. God fill you with a light spirit as you study, reflect, and visit new surroundings.

Rev. Corzine: I thank God for my ministry among you and the gift of this time you've given me. As you will be praying for me, I, too, will be holding you all in prayer.

People: May you experience the gift of spiritual growth in your journey. We will pray that you return renewed and energized for ministry. We send you with our blessing.

Rev. Ahrens: Let us pray. Spirit of God, we pray for Rev. Corzine's renewal and refreshment during this time of Sabbath rest. Renew her for ministry through this time set aside for reflection and study, the refreshment of a break from daily tasks and routine, and the excitement of new learning and direction. Grace her with your presence and keep her steadfast in the faith while we are gone one from another.

All: Amen.

* BENEDICTION

Rev. Corzine

POSTLUDE

Scherzo

Ridout

Please be seated for the Postlude.

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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 nametag. We'd be delighted to assist you. You are invited to remain in the Sanctuary for the safety presentation and severe weather drill. Fellowship Hour in the Parish Hall will be held following the drill.

† ACOLYTES: Matty Provenzano and Carmen Axt

† CRUCIFER: Mia Provenzano

† MUSIC: The First Church Choir, Dr. James Gallagher, *guest conductor*; G. Dene Barnard, *guest organist*

† THE FLOWERS THIS MORNING are given to the glory of God and in celebration of Grace Gelpi's graduation from Michigan State University by Janet Newcity and Chris Gelpi.

† GREETING AT THE EXITS TODAY:

Broad Street – Rev. Corzine

Ninth Street – Rev. Ahrens

Education Wing – Mr. Williams

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.

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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