



WORSHIP AT ELEVEN
FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
 UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

May 12, 2019

The Fourth 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 Rondo-Passacaglia Cynthia Dobrinski

ENTER TO WORSHIP Joel Mathias

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

** Then all stand.*

L: Come! Let us worship and praise God.

P: The Lord is our shepherd, our guardian and our guide.

L: Celebrate the many ways in which God cares for our lives.

P: Green pastures and silent still waters beckon us and comfort us.

L: Even though difficulties happen in our lives, still God is with us.

P: Even when it seems that the world has nothing to offer but

suffering and pain, God surrounds us with God's love and bounty.

L: Surely God's mercy accompanies us on our journey.

P: And we will dwell in God's house forever. Amen.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 479 Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven
Lauda anima

* INVOCATION Anthony Brown

L: God be with you.

P. And also with you.

L: Let us pray.

P: O beloved Jesus, you are the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear your voice we may know you who call us each by name and follow where you lead; this we pray in the name of the holy and undivided Trinity, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

* WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF CONFIRMAND LINCOLN GLAROS
 The Rev. Dr. Timothy C. Ahrens

* PASSING OF THE PEACE Mr. Glaros
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.

2019 SCHUMACHER AWARDS Laurie Maynell
 Gabbrila Johnson
 Jazmyne Robinson
 Brittney Valentine

CHILDREN'S TIME Mark S. Williams

* BAPTISM HYMN Hymn of Water and Spirit (stanzas 1–2) *O Waly, Waly*

1. When you were born, our hearts took wing,
 2. Re - mem - ber now this grace, this gift,
 3. Far from this font, your feet will trod,
 4. Hold fast to what is good and true,
 5. When time has passed, and you are old,

to dance and laugh, to love and sing,
 as we our voice, and spi - rits lift.
 in hard times you may ques - tion God.
 Bring hurt to none, for hur - ting you,
 with no one's ba - by left to hold,

You made our lives com - plete in joy,
 We hold you close to shield life's hurt,
 But ne'er for - get this wa - ter gift.
 Streng - then the weak, up - hold the poor,
 thank God and walk your fi - nal mile,

come now re - ceive this wa - ter joy,
 and ce - le - brate your se - cond birth.
 And let God's spi - rit heal all rifts.
 And live your faith for - ev - er - more.
 live in E - ter - nal bliss and smile.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM FOR
 AUDREY ALBERTA BOHNERT

We welcome Audrey Alberta Bohnert, parents Stefanie and Christopher, and Senior Deacon Todd Jacobson. Members and friends are invited to write a prayer and greeting to Audrey on the baptismal cards found in the Welcome Notebooks. Please write her 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 Audrey 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: Audrey Alberta Bohnert, 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 Audrey 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 Hymn of Water and Spirit (stanzas 3–5) *O Waly, Waly*

THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 9:36–43 (N.T. p. 128) Mr. Mathias

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

P: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM My Shepherd Will Supply My Need Virgil Thomson
The text for this anthem may be found in the hymnal, #172.

THE REVELATION TO JOHN 7:9–17 (N.T. p. 249) Mr. Mathias

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

P: Thanks be to God.

* GOSPEL HYMN 170 The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want *Crimond*
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 10:22–30 (N.T. p. 104) Rev. Ahrens
 L: The Word of God for the people of God.
P: Thanks be to God.

BAPTISMAL MEDITATION “Get Up and Move” Rev. Ahrens
A time of reflection follows.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Mr. Brown

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 Antoinette Beynen
 Cash and designated checks go to **The Well**. The Well is a weekly drop-in center for women formerly or currently trafficked in the sex industry in Central Ohio. The Salvation Army houses this center, which is part of its larger Anti-Human-Trafficking Program, serving as a primary victim service provider in the area. The Well offers women a network of resources for support and assistance. Each week women gather for a hot meal, group therapy, activities, Bible study, friendship and to make necklaces that provide the weekly \$10 stipend they receive. Thank you for your generosity.

ANTHEM The Lord is my shepherd (Requiem) Herbert Howells
 The Lord is my shepherd: therefore can I lack nothing.
 He shall feed me in a green pasture: and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.
 He shall convert my soul: and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness,
 for his name's sake.
 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;
 thy rod and thy staff comfort me.
 Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me:
 thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.
 But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
 and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.
 —Psalm 23

* 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 Mr. Glaros

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 144 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! *Hyfrydol*

* BENECTION Rev. Ahrens

POSTLUDE *Final (Symphonie Romane, Op. 73)* Charles-Marie Widor

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: Grace Glaros and Lincoln Glaros

† CRUCIFER: Samantha Myers

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

† THE FLOWERS THIS MORNING are given to the glory to God and in memory of Jon Mac Anderson by Deb Anderson.

† GREETING AT THE EXITS TODAY:
 Broad Street – Rev. Ahrens
 Ninth Street – Mr. Williams
 Education Wing – Mr. Brown

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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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