



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

May 13, 2018 The Seventh Sunday of Easter/Sunday after Ascension

**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 *Chant de Mai*, Op. 58 Joseph Jongen

INTROIT *Non vos relinquam orphanos* William Byrd  
*Alleluia. V. Non vos relinquam orphanos: vado, et venio, ad vos, et gaudebit cor vestrum.*  
 Alleluia. V. I will not leave you comfortless: I go, and come again to you, and your heart shall rejoice.  
 —Alleluia for The Sunday After the Ascension

ENTER TO WORSHIP Joel Mathias

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

*\* Then all stand.*

L: Jesus prayed for his disciples, giving them into God's eternal care.

**P: Jesus prays for us, giving us into God's care.**

L: Know that you have been blessed with the love of the Savior.

**P: We live in that love and seek to serve God.**

L: Open your hearts and spirits now to hear God's word.

**P: May our lives be open to God's Spirit and reflect God's love. Amen.**

\* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 423 Jesus shall reign *Duke Street*

\* INVOCATION The Rev. Dr. Nancy Livingston

L: God be with you.

**P: And also with you.**

L: Let us pray.

**P: O God, the Mighty One of glory, you have exalted Jesus Christ with great triumph to your dominion in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and bring us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.**

\* SONG OF PRAISE Hail the day that sees Christ rise *Llanfair*

Hail the day that sees Christ rise, Al - le - lu - ia!

To a throne in par - a - dise; Al - le - lu - ia!

Christ, the Lamb for sin - ners given, Al - le - lu - ia!

En - ters now the high - est heaven. Al - le - lu - ia!

\* WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE The Rev. Emily Krause Corzine

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.*

2018 SCHUMACHER AWARDS

Kendall Carter

Emma Scritchfield

Zoe Tyler

CHILDREN'S TIME Mark S. Williams

THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 1:15–17, 21–26 (N.T., p. 118) Mr. Mathias

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

**P: Thanks be to God.**

MOTET *Ascendit Deus* Peter Phillips

*Ascendit Deus in jubilatione, et Dominus in voce tubae. Alleluia.*

God is gone up with a merry noise, and the Lord with the sound of the trumpet.

Alleluia.

—Psalm 47:5

THE EPISTLE 1 John 5:9–13 (N.T., p. 241) Mr. Mathias

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

**P: Thanks be to God.**

\* GOSPEL HYMN 434 Today we all are called to be disciples *Kingsfold*

*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 17:6–19 (N.T., p. 111) Rev. Corzine

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

**P: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "RE-planted!" Rev. Corzine

*A time of reflection follows.*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Livingston

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 Vaya M. Fraley

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 Jesu, the very thought of Thee Paul Halley

*The text to this anthem can be found in the hymnal, #310*

\* 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 Rev. Livingston

COMMUNITY NOTICES - DEPART TO SERVE Mark S. Williams  
L: Let us depart with a heart to serve.  
**P: Thanks be to God.**

\* CLOSING HYMN 429 Christ is made the sure foundation  
*Westminster Abbey*

\* BENEDICTION Rev. Corzine

POSTLUDE Ascension Day Overture J.S. Bach, arr. Moore  
*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 in the Parish Hall for Fellowship Hour to greet and honor the Schumacher Award participants.*

ACOLYTES: Mae Hubbard and Ethan Murray

CRUCIFER: Dylan Hopcraft

MUSIC: The First Church Choir, Kevin Jones, *director and organist*

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

GREETING AT THE EXITS TODAY  
Rev. Corzine – Broad Street  
Rev. Livingston – Ninth Street  
Mr. Williams – Christian Education wing



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FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

## 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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