



WORSHIP AT ELEVEN
FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
 UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

May 27, 2018

Trinity Sunday

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 Psalm-Prelude, Set 1, No. 1 Herbert Howells
*"This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord, and was saved from every trouble."
 —Psalm 34:6*

ENTER TO WORSHIP Lyle Barkhymer
 Leader: The grace of our Savior Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
People: And also with you.
** Then all stand.*
 L: God the Creator is in this place.
P: The love of God is with us.
 L: Jesus our Redeemer is in this place.
P: The grace of our Lord is with us.
 L: The Holy Spirit is in this place.
P: The communion of the Spirit is with us.
 L: We welcome the fullness of God's presence.
P: God the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer be with us now and forever. Amen.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 138 Holy, Holy, Holy *Nicaea*

* 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, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, for you live and reign, one God in three Persons, for ever and ever. Amen.

* SONG OF PRAISE Let all creation praise the Lord *Whitehead*

1. Let all cre - a - tion, bless the Lord, till heav'n with praise is ring - ing, Sun,
 2. All liv - ing things up - on the earth, green fer - tile hills and moun-tains, sing-
 3. O men and wo- men, ev - ery-where, lift up a hymn of glo - ry; let
 moon, and stars, peal out a chord, stir up the an - gels' sing - ing, Sing,
 to the God who gave you birth; be joy - ful, springs and foun-tains, Lithe
 all who know God's stead - fast care tell our sal - va - tion's sto - ry. No
 wind and rain! Sing, snow and sleet! Make mu - sic, day, night, cold and heat: ex -
 wa - ter life, bright air - borne birds, wild rov - ing beasts, tame flocks and herds: ex -
 tongue be - si - lent; sing your part, you hum - ble souls and meek of heart: ex -
 - alt the God who made you.
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* WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE Rev. 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.

CHILDREN'S TIME Dr. Karen Mozingo

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURE Isaiah 6:1–8 (O.T., p. 635) Mr. Barkhymer
 L: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.
P: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM God so loved the world John Stainer
 God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoso believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved.
 —John 3:16–17

THE EPISTLE Romans 8:12–17 (N.T., p. 158) Mr. Barkhymer
 L: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.
P: Thanks be to God.

* GOSPEL HYMN 325 Spirit divine, attend our prayers
Nun danket all' und bringet Ehr'
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 3:1–17 (N.T., p. 93) Rev. Corzine
 L: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.
P: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "But If We Hope" Rev. Corzine
A time of reflection follows.

THE 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
Want to give online? Please see the Depart to Serve leaflet for more information and a QR link.

MISSION INVITATION Dayna McCrary
 Cash and designated checks go to **Community Mediation Services of Central Ohio (CMS)**. Since 1989, CMS has been devoted to reducing the harmful physical, emotional, and economic effects of unmanaged or mismanaged conflict on culturally diverse individuals, families, organizations and communities. Each year, they help more than 3,500 very low-income individuals and families avoid losing their homes because of serious tenant/landlord situations, most especially eviction. They focus on four areas: housing stabilization and homelessness prevention, and family, neighborhood, and workplace stabilization. More information can be found at www.communitymediation.com. Thank you for your generosity.

ANTHEM *Tè Deum* in C Benjamin Britten
 Elizabeth McConnaughey, *soloist*

We praise thee, O God : we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.
 All the earth doth worship thee : the Father everlasting.
 To thee all Angels cry aloud : the Heavens, and all the Powers therein.
 To thee Cherubim and Seraphim : continually do cry,
 Holy, Holy, Holy : Lord God of Hosts;
 Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty : of thy glory.
 The glorious company of the Apostles : praise thee.
 The goodly fellowship of the Prophets : praise thee.
 The noble army of Martyrs : praise thee.
 The holy Church throughout all the world : doth acknowledge thee;
 The Father : of an infinite Majesty;
 Thine honourable, true : and only Son;
 Also the Holy Ghost : the Comforter.
 Thou art the King of Glory : O Christ.
 Thou art the everlasting Son : of the Father.
 When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man : thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.
 When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death :
 thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers.
 Thou sittest at the right hand of God : in the glory of the Father.
 We believe that thou shalt come : to be our Judge.
 We therefore pray thee, help thy servants :
 whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.
 Make them to be numbered with thy Saints : in glory everlasting.
 O Lord, save thy people : and bless thine heritage.
 Govern them : and lift them up for ever.
 Day by day : we magnify thee;
 And we worship thy Name : ever world without end.
 Vouchsafe, O Lord : to keep us this day without sin.
 O Lord, have mercy upon us : have mercy upon us.
 O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us : as our trust is in thee.
 O Lord, in thee have I trusted : let me never be confounded.
 —attributed to Nicetas, bishop of Remesiana; (4th century)

* PRESENTATION HYMN 591 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow
Old Hundredth

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow
Praise Christ, all creatures here below
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION Rev. Corzine

COMMUNITY NOTICES - DEPART TO SERVE Dr. Mozingo
L: Let us depart with a heart to serve.
P: Thanks be to God.

* CLOSING HYMN 309 Of the Father's love begotten
Divinum mysterium

* BENEDICTION Rev. Corzine

POSTLUDE *Hymne d'Action de grâce: 'Te Deum'* Jean Langlais
Please be seated for the postlude

You are invited to sign the Memorial Book for a loved one in honor of Memorial Day. This Book is located in the West aisle at the rear of the Sanctuary.

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.

ACOLYTES: Grace Glaros and Lincoln Glaros

CRUCIFER: Eddie Anderson

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

THE FLOWERS THIS MORNING are given by Cindy Conn to the glory of God, and in honor of Joyce Marcum as she struggles every day with the effects of brain cancer.

GREETING AT THE EXITS TODAY
Rev. Corzine – Broad Street
Dr. Mozingo – Ninth Street
Dr. James Velo – Christian Education wing

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)

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