

1. Light of glad-ness, shin-ing ra-diance Of the heavenly Fa-ther's face;—
 2. As the day draws near its end-ing Sun-light dims with fad-ing rays;—
 3. Son of God, the world's re-deem-er, End-less prais-es are your due;—

Je - sus Christ, we greet you, bless you, Ho - ly Lord of sav - ing grace.
 To the Fa - ther, Son and Spir - it Now we sing our song of praise.
 Lord of life, may all cre - a - tion Bring its joy - ful thanks to you.

Welcome

The Rev. Dr. Nancy Livingston

Please be seated as the Choir chants the psalm appointed for this day.

Psalm 145, sung in the Myles Coverdale translation

chant: Joseph Barnby
(1838–1896)

- 1 I will magnify thee, O God, my King : and I will praise thy Name for ever and ever.
- 2 Every day will I give thanks unto thee : and praise thy Name for ever and ever.
- 3 Great is the Lord, and marvellous worthy to be praised :
there is no end of his greatness.
- 4 One generation shall praise thy works unto another and declare thy power.
- 5 As for me, I will be talking of thy worship : thy glory, thy praise, and wondrous works;
- 6 So that men shall speak of the might of thy marvellous acts :
and I will also tell of thy greatness.
- 7 The memorial of thine abundant kindness shall be shewed :
and men shall sing of thy righteousness.
- 8 The Lord is gracious, and merciful : long-suffering, and of great goodness.
- 9 The Lord is loving unto every man : and his mercy is over all his works.
- 10 All thy works praise thee, O Lord : and thy saints give thanks unto thee.
- 11 They shew the glory of thy kingdom : and talk of thy power;

- 12 That thy power, thy glory, and mightiness of thy kingdom :
might be known unto men.
- 13 Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom :
and thy dominion endureth throughout all ages.
- 14 The Lord upholdeth all such as fall : and lifteth up all those that are down.
- 15 The eyes of all wait upon thee, O Lord :
and thou givest them their meat in due season.
- 16 Thou openest thine hand : and fillest all things living with plenteousness.
- 17 The Lord is righteous in all his ways : and holy in all his works.
- 18 The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him :
yea, all such as call upon him faithfully.
- 19 He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him :
he also will hear their cry, and will help them.
- 20 The Lord preserveth all them that love him : but scattereth abroad all the ungodly.
- 21 My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord :
and let all flesh give thanks unto his holy Name for ever and ever.

At the end of the psalm, please stand as the Choir sings:

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.

Please be seated.

The First Reading

Jeremiah 23:16–32

Thus says the LORD of hosts: Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you; they are deluding you. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the LORD. They keep saying to those who despise the word of the LORD, "It shall be well with you"; and to all who stubbornly follow their own stubborn hearts, they say, "No calamity shall come upon you." For who has stood in the council of the LORD so as to see and to hear his word? Who has given heed to his word so as to proclaim it? Look, the storm of the LORD! Wrath has gone forth, a whirling tempest; it will burst upon the head of the wicked. The anger of the LORD will not turn back until he has executed and accomplished the intents of his mind. In the latter days you will understand it clearly. I did not send the prophets, yet they ran; I did not speak to them, yet they prophesied. But if they had stood in my council, then they would have proclaimed my words to my people, and they would have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their doings. Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit

of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces? See, therefore, I am against the prophets, says the LORD, who steal my words from one another. See, I am against the prophets, says the LORD, who use their own tongues and say, "Says the LORD." See, I am against those who prophesy lying dreams, says the LORD, and who tell them, and who lead my people astray by their lies and their recklessness, when I did not send them or appoint them; so they do not profit this people at all, says the LORD.

Officiant Here ends the reading.
People Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

The Magnificat (The Song of Mary, Luke 1:46–55)

Ēriks Ešenvalds
(b. 1977)

Merton College (2013)

sung in Latin

MY soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden. For behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified me, and holy is his Name. And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations. He hath showed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he hath sent empty away. He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

As it was in the beginning, &c

Please be seated.

The Second Reading

Mark 8:31—9:1

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." And he said to them, "Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see that the kingdom of God has come with power."

Officiant Here ends the reading.

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

The Nunc dimittis (The Song of Simeon, Luke 2:19–32)

Ešenvalds

sung in Latin

LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word; For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people, To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

As it was in the beginning, &c.

Please remain standing.

The Apostles' Creed, *said together, standing*

I BELIEVE IN GOD the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy Catholic Church, the Communion of Saints, the Forgiveness of sins, the Resurrection of the body, and the Life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

Byrd

Precentor The Lord be with you.
Choir And with thy spirit.
Precentor Let us pray.

Please be seated during the slight pause.

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Then the Choir and congregation will sing the Lord's Prayer on a monotone.

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.

Precentor O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

Choir And grant us thy salvation.

Precentor O Lord, save the State.

Choir And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Precentor Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

Choir And make thy chosen people joyful.

Precentor O Lord, save thy people.

Choir And bless thine inheritance.

Precentor Give peace in our time, O Lord.

Choir Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

Precentor O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Choir And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collect of the Day

O Almighty God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful people: Grant unto thy people that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Collect for Peace

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Collect for Aid against all Perils

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Anthem

Agnus Dei (Requiem)

Gabriel Fauré
(1845–1924)

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona eis requiem.
Lux aeterna luceat eis, Domine, Cum sanctis tuis in aeternum, quia pius es.
Requiem aeternam dona eis Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis.*

Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, grant them rest.
Let light eternal shine on them, Lord, with your saints for eternity, for you are merciful.
Rest eternal grant them, Lord, and let light perpetual shine on them.

Prayers of Intercession

Rev. Livingston

ending with

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom, *said together*

ALMIGHTY GOD, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise, that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests; Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.

Offering Invitation

The Grace, *said together*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.
Please stand.

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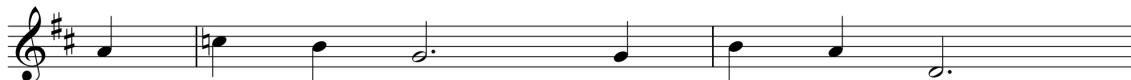
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1. My song is love un - known, My Sav - ior's love to me,
 2. Christ came from heav - en's throne Sal - va - tion to be - stow,
 3. Some - times they strew His way, And His sweet prais - es sing,
 4. They rise, and needs will have My dear Lord made a - way;
 5. Here might I stay and sing, No sto - ry so di - vine:



Love to the love - less shown That they might love - ly be.
 But peo - ple scorned and none The longed - for Christ would know.
 Re - sound - ing all the way Ho - san - nas to their King.
 A mur - der - er they save, The Prince of life they slay.
 Nev - er was love, dear King, Nev - er was grief like Thine.



O who am I That for my sake
 But O my Friend, My Friend in - deed,
 Then "Cru - ci - fy!" Is all their breath,
 Yet stead - fast He To suf - fering goes,
 This is my Friend, In whose sweet praise



My Lord should take Frail flesh, and die?
 Who at my need His life did spend!
 And for His death They thirst and cry.
 That He His foes From thence might free.
 I all my days Could glad - ly spend.

Leadership in the Liturgy

The Reverend Dr. Nancy Livingston, *officiant*
Mark S. Williams, *verger*
Justin Meyer, *precentor*
Margaret Wells, *soprano soloist (canticles)*
The First Church Choir
Kevin Jones, *conductor, voluntary organist*
Tyler W. Robertson, *organist*

The First Church Choir

Kevin Jones, conductor

Soprano: Marti Baumer, Brianna Burkett, Candace Cummings, Rose Kandel,
Melissa Lawson, Joan Lombardi, Liz McConnaughey, Emily Noël, Dora Paolucci,
Susan Pusecker, Megan Smith, Lissa Wade, Margaret Wells, Lexi White

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Bass: Joseph Bellissimo, Jonathan Bethke, Jeff Corzine,
John Deliman, Jim Gieseke, Christopher Humbert,
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Please mark your calendars for our next concert event, **Sunday, March 28, at 4 p.m.**, as organist Clark Wilson accompanies Cecil B. DeMille's epic silent film, *King of Kings*

Choral Evensong will be sung next on
Sunday, April 18, at 4 p.m.

Organist Alcee Chriss gives an organ recital, cosponsored by the Columbus Chapter, American Guild of Organists, on **Sunday, April 25, at 4 p.m.**

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About First Congregational Church...

WELCOME TO FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH. As you can see and hear from the soaring Gothic Revival architecture, the stained glass windows, and the sound of music in this space, beauty is truly a multi-media encounter here.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES are held at 9:00 a.m. (Morning Prayer and Holy Communion, Parish Hall) and 11:00 a.m. (Sanctuary). Following in the tradition of Washington Gladden, minister of this church from 1882 to 1914, First Congregational Church welcomes all people and extends its mission and witness into the community.

THIS BUILDING was designed by renowned architect John Russell Pope, dedicated in 1931 and renovated in 1997.

THE BRUSSELS TAPESTRIES were woven in 1575 in Belgium, embodying the artistic ideals of the Renaissance. Part of a larger series, they depict events in the life of Abraham.

ABOUT THE STAINED GLASS WINDOWS: Seven studios have placed their work in this church. Above the Chancel, the Jeffrey window (Nicola d'Ascenzo Studios, 1931) depicts Christ's earthly life and ministry, and the East Chancel window (Charles J. Connick Studios, 1937) honors Mary, the Mother of Jesus. The Friendship window (East wall, East Transept, Charles J. Connick Studios, 1931) represents Christ and Saint John, and in the South bay, two lancet windows portray the Good Samaritan (Connick Associates Studio, 1966); while the Gladden window (West wall, West Transept, Oliver Smith, 1931) honors the social justice conscience of Washington Gladden, and in the South bay, two lancet windows represent the Resurrection and the New Jerusalem (Gabriel Loire Built by Jacques Loire Vitraux 1984). High above the nave, the eight Clerestory windows (designed by Francis Deck, built by Emil Frei Studios, 1976-1983) depict the story of Creation, and the Fall of Adam and Eve. Below, the Aisle windows (Gabriel Loire, 1988) illustrate parables of Jesus from the Gospels. The Rose window (designed by Wilbert C. Ronan, built by Oliver Smith, 1931) above and behind the Beckerath organ case portrays Christian cardinal virtues. The Barnard window (Ellen Miret, the Willet Stained Glass Studio, 2004) in the East Narthex, that celebrates music, was inspired by Bach's Fantasia and Fugue in G minor and honors G. Dene Barnard, who served First Church as Organist/Choirmaster for 30 years.

THE BANNER STAND is rolled steel and made by Albert Paley, sculptor, in 2003.

THE COLLECTION OF LITURGICAL BANNERS is made by artist Deb Anderson.

THE CHANCEL CROSS is made of red enameled copper facets on Brazilian rosewood, by William J. Thompson, sculptor, in 1963.

We are grateful for your presence with us today. We are also grateful for your financial gifts that allow us to present Choral Evensongs, and many organ and musical events throughout the year. If you would like to become an annual donor to the Concert Fund, please click on the link below:

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