

THE OFFERTORY

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MISSION INVITATION

Chutney Anderson

Cash and designated checks go to **Laundry Love**. The children and youth of First Congregational Church invite you to join them in this continuing year-long mission project. Laundry Love is an initiative in partnership with individuals, groups and local laundromats throughout the country to wash the clothes and bedding of individuals and/or families living in poverty. Thank you for your generosity.

VOLUNTARY

Nun bitten, wir, BuxWV 208
(We now implore the Holy Spirit)

Buxtehude

* 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. Baumer

COMMUNITY NOTICES - DEPART TO SERVE

Dr. Mozingo

L: Let us depart with a heart to serve.

P: Thanks be to God.

* CLOSING HYMN 371

Lift high the cross

Crucifer

* BENECTION

Rev. Corzine

POSTLUDE

Toccata in D Minor, BuxWV 155

Buxtehude

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.

ACOLYTES: Samantha Myers and Maggie Myers

MUSIC: Kevin Jones, *organist*

THE FLOWERS THIS MORNING are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the college graduations and first Holy Communion of grandchildren Abigail, Jordan, Ian, and Zoë, by Marty and Gerry Worth.

THE RED ROSE celebrates the birth of Carsyn Emily to Derek Schmitt and Emily Kutschbach-Schmitt and granddaughter of Diana and Bob Kutschbach.

GREETING AT THE EXITS TODAY

Rev. Corzine – Broad Street

Rev. Baumer – Ninth Street

Dr. Mozingo – 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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