



WORSHIP AT ELEVEN

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

June 14, 2020

The Second Sunday after Pentecost/Proper 6

WELCOME TO FIRST CHURCH!

If you are visiting today and looking for a church home, welcome! *For more than 167 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.*

*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

Kommst du nun, Jesu, von Himmel herunter, BWV 650

J.S. Bach

WELCOME

The Rev. Emily Krause Corzine

ENTER TO WORSHIP

Mark S. Williams

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: Raise your voices in response to God's goodness.

P: We praise you, O Lord, for all the blessings you have given us.

L: Lift your hearts in sweet surrender to God's mercy.

P: We thank you, O Lord, for hearing the prayers of our hearts.

L: God is good; Praise be to God!

P: The love and mercy of God never fails. Amen.

1. Praise ye the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - - tion;
2. Praise ye the Lord; who o'er all things so won - drous - ly reign - - eth:
3. Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me a - dore him!

O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and sal - va - - tion:
Shel - ters thee un - der His wings, yea, so gen - tly sus - tain - - eth.
All that hath life and breath come now with prais - es be - fore him!

All ye who hear, Now to his tem - ple draw near;
Hast thou not seen how thy de - sires e'er have been
Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain;

Join me in glad ad - o - ra - - - tion.
grant - ed in what he or - dain - - - eth?
glad - ly for aye we a - dore him.

* INVOCATION

The Rev. Dr. Timothy C. Ahrens

L: God be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Let us pray.

P: Keep, O Holy One, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love; that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness and administer your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

* 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 a sign of Christ's peace.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Mr. Williams

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURE

Genesis 18:1–15

Kylie Cooks

A reading from the book of Genesis, chapter 18.

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?" The LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' Is anything too wonderful for the LORD? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son." But Sarah denied, saying, "I did not laugh"; for she was afraid. He said, "Oh yes, you did laugh."

L: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

P: Thanks be to God.

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans, chapter 5.

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us..

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P: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Jubilate Deo in C
(pre-recorded)

Benjamin Britten

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands: serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song.
Be ye sure that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his children and the sheep of his pasture.
O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise; be thankful unto him and speak good of his Name.
For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting, and his truth endureth from generation to generation.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.
—Psalm 100

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 9:35—10:8

Rev. Corzine

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew, chapter 9.

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.” Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

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P: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Don't Go Far”

Rev. Corzine

THE 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

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Rev. Ahrens

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ANTHEM

The Lord Bless You and Keep You
(pre-recorded)

John Rutter

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you and give you peace.
Amen.

* PRESENTATION HYMN

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. Ahrens

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

O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High

Deus tuorum militum



1. O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how pass - ing thought and fan - ta - sy, that
2. For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly fast and hun - gered sore; For
3. For us to e - vil power be - trayed, Scourged, mocked, in pur - ple robe ar - rayed, He
4. For us he rose from death a - gain; For us he went on high to reign; For
5. All glo - ry to our Lord and God For love so deep, so high, so broad: The



God, the Son of God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.
us temp - ta - tions sharp he knew, For us the temp - ter o - ver - threw.
bore the shame - ful cross and death, For us gave up his dy - ing breath.
us he sent the Spir - it here To guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.
Trin - i - ty whom we a - dore For - ev - er and for - ev - er - more.

* BENEDICTION

Rev. Corzine

POSTLUDE

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Helmut Walcha

*Please join us on ZOOM for a virtual coffee hour immediately following
this service.*

[Click HERE](#) to be taken to this meeting.

ZOOM meeting ID: 884 9421 6574

Password: 693317



Enter to Worship Depart to Serve

This Week at First Church

- 6/14
 9 a.m. **Worship**
 9:45 a.m. **Zoom Chat**
 11 a.m. **Worship**
 12 Noon **Virtual Coffee Hour**
 6:30 p.m. **First Church Youth Gathering**
- 6/15
 10 a.m. **21-Day Racial Equity Challenge**
 6 p.m. **Budget & Finance Mtg**
 7 p.m. **21-Day Racial Equity Challenge**
- 6/ 16
 7 p.m. **Church Council Mtg**
- 6/ 17
 8:30 a.m. **Youth Mission Project for St. John's**
 10:30 a.m. **Book Study**
 2:30 p.m. **Live Stream Task Force Mtg**

“Acts Comes Alive!”
 Extended

Wednesdays in June, July and August at 10:30 a.m.
 The second Wednesday, the fourth Wednesday, and the fifth Wednesday when that happens. The dates, which account for Rev. Tim's vacation in early July will take us through the end of our study in “Acts Comes Alive.”

We will meet at 10:30 a.m. on these days:

- June 10 -Worship
- June 24- Healing
- July 22 - Learning and Teaching
- July 29- Evangelism
- August 12- 12 keys together

Zoom Meeting Information:

<https://files.constantcontact.com/5728e215501/0977004a-87bf-4ddb-b264-e2d67a5737c7.pdf>

[Class Matererials](#)

<https://www.first-church.org/protected/ArticleView.aspx?i-id=63AYGY&dasi=4G3AI>

Join us in a Church-Wide Program

Everyone is invited to participate in the 21-Day Racial Equity Challenge. It is sponsored by the Christian Education and Justice and Mercy Commissions. The 21-Day Racial Equity Habit Building Challenge is where you do one action to further your understanding of power, privilege, supremacy, oppression, and equity. The Plan includes suggestions for readings, podcasts, videos, observations, and ways to form and deepen community connections. The suggested categories are: Read, Listen, Watch, Notice, Connect, Engage, Act, Reflect and Stay inspired.

We will host a Zoom meeting each Monday, starting June 15th, for us to discuss what we have learned during this challenge in a safe place.

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You will find the link below – so get started now and help make a change in our lives and country.

https://www.eddiemoorejr.com/21daychallenge?fbclid=IwAR14DWYP7qKFg7j5aokIXhfBeQhy21pV-kbvF_S8HIOccZm-JgQbY_bVAIk

Join Zoom Meeting 10:00 a.m.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88054839264?pwd=W-FE3Nm9EdXgrbmNzVW1adHFMVWVd6QT09>

Meeting ID: 880 5483 9264

Password: 754146

Join Zoom Meeting 7:00 p.m.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83054339411?pwd=bE1RZXdTbElkWFZQOU9yMGxXK0R1UT09>

Meeting ID: 830 5433 9411

Password: 361493

Virtual Coffee Hour



Sundays on Zoom
Immediately Following the Service Livestream

Join the Virtual Coffee Hour,
immediately following each
Worship Livestream.

Join Zoom Meeting

9:00 a.m.

[https://us02web.zoom.us/
j/86527907526?pwd=L014R1dIdmE4U-
zlUNDlnZkZ4ZURldz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86527907526?pwd=L014R1dIdmE4U-zlUNDlnZkZ4ZURldz09)

Meeting ID: 865 2790 7526

Password: 601438

11:00 a.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

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Keep in Prayer

Fran Panek; Lindy Miller; Paul Flocken; Rev. Earl Fritz and Pauline Fritz; Arlene Reynolds; and Jean and Lee Wetmore for Matt and Rhonda and their children, Chelsea and Kevin.

Will Nirote, grandson of Rev. Bill Nirote; Rebecca, mother of Darrell Cross; Paul Zimmerman, father of Doug Zimmerman; Tito Sanchez, friend of Dayna McCrary; Amy Smith, sister of Sarah Lange; Ilene Beasley, friend of Steven Ferris; Calvin Roth, father of Julie Roth; and Michael Fitzmaurice and his brother, Stephan Mano.

All medical professionals in our congregation who are on the front lines, and those affected by illness including Susie Loik's daughter, Kristen Glover; and Rocio Sibrian, sister of Jimy Sibrian. Those who mourn the loss of loved ones, including: Jonathan and Finnegan Miller, on the death of their father and grandfather George Miller, who died from Covid19; Shawn Dings on the death of his grandmother, Opal Stanley; Helen and John Cantrell on the death of his son, John; and Ella Koscher on the death of her 10 year old "sister" Maria, and Maria's family and friends in Madagascar.

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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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