



WORSHIP AT ELEVEN
FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
 UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

June 24, 2018 The Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time Proper 7

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 On a Hymnsong of Philip Bliss
 David Holsinger, tr. William Harbinson
 Fugue in G Minor
 J.S. Bach, tr. Ralph Sauer

ENTER TO WORSHIP Fran Panek

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: Seek God; know God; trust God, O people.

P: Sing praises to the Lord, who dwells in Zion.

L: Declare God's deeds among the people, for the needy are remembered, the poor have hope.

P: Sing praises to the Lord, who dwells in Zion.

* OPENING HYMN 262 God of the ages, whose almighty hand
National Hymn

* INVOCATION The Rev. Emily Krause Corzine

L: God be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Let us pray.

P: O God, may we have perpetual love and reverence for your holy name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, 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 -



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THE REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Today we welcome into membership: Amanda Butler (husband Carlton, sons Grant and Blake), Anthony DeSabato (in absentia), Emily Odle (in absentia), Susan Henry, Victoria and Jared Shields, and the Rev. David Shull (in absentia). Heather Greynolds and Andy Hobson were received at 9 a.m.

STATEMENT OF FAITH AND COVENANT (*unison*)

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WELCOME (*unison*)

We welcome you with joy to the life and ministry of The First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ of Columbus, Ohio. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love, and be faithful witnesses to the ways of Christ, our Lord and Savior.

* WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE The Rev. Dr. Timothy C. Ahrens

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 Mazingo

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURE 1 Samuel 17:32–49 (O.T., p. 261)

Mrs. Panek

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

P: Thanks be to God.

INSTRUMENTAL Heaven Bound William Broughton

THE EPISTLE Romans 13:1–10 (N.T., p. 162) Mrs. Panek

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

P: Thanks be to God.

* GOSPEL HYMN 286 Give to the winds thy fears *St. Bride*

During the hymn, children in Kindergarten through Second Grade are invited to 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 Mark 4:35–41 (N.T., p. 39) Rev. Ahrens

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

P: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Love Fulfills the Law" Rev. Ahrens

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 Bruce Panek

Cash and designated checks go to **Faith Mission Meal Team**. Each month a team of First Congregational Church volunteers prepares a meal and serves it at Faith Mission. Your donations ensure that the team has the resources to provide a nourishing meal to those whom Faith Mission serves. Thank you for your generosity.

ANTHEM The Prayer of the Children
 Kurt Bestor, arr. Andrea Krause

* 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 343 Called as partners in Christ's service *Beecher*

* BENEDICTION Rev. Ahrens

POSTLUDE Achieved is the Glorious Work (*The Creation*)
Franz Josef Haydn, arr. Donald G. Miller

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 those received into membership today.

ACOLYTES: Finnegan Miller and Alyssia Palmer

MUSIC: We thank THE TROMBONE CHOIR, Todd Cunningham, Rob Leonard, Randy Luikart, Timm Mackley, Doug Moran, Jessica Sneeringer, John Welsh, Vaughn Wiester, Zach Zerkle, and Tony Zilincick, for being with us in worship this morning; Men of THE FIRST CHURCH CHOIR; Kevin Jones, *organist and director*

THE FLOWERS THIS MORNING are given to the glory of God and in memory of William and Barbara Heer by Betsy Heer.

GREETING AT THE EXITS TODAY

Rev. Ahrens – Broad Street
Rev. Corzine – Ninth Street
Dr. Mozingo – 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)

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