

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Mr. Brown

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

MISSION INVITATION

Steve Sterrett

Cash and designated checks go to **Outdoor Ministries of the Ohio Conference UCC.** The Outdoor Ministries (ODM) Campership Fund, through the Ohio Conference of the United Church of Christ, provides funding for children and youth to attend a summer camp at Templd Hills, near Bellville. While the cost of camps vary, the ODM Campership Fund helps cover the cost of students in the Ohio Conference up to 60% of the camp fee. These funds will assist campers from across the Ohio Conference attend even if they or their churches do not have the funds to attend. Help enrich the experience for a young camper this summer. Thank you for your generosity.

SOLO

Betrachte, meine Seel' (St. John Passion)
Sebastian Knowles, *bass*

J.S. Bach

*Betrachte, meine Seel, mit ängstlichem Vergnügen,
Mit bitterer Lust und halb beklemmtem Herzen
Dein höchstes Gut in Jesu Schmerzen,
Wie dir auf Dornen, so ihn stechen,
Die Himmelschlüsselblumen blühn!
Du kannst viel süße Frucht von seiner Wermut brechen
Drum sieh ohn Unterlass auf ihn!*

Contemplate, my soul, with anxious pleasure,
with bitter joy and half-constricted heart,
your highest Good in Jesus' suffering,
how for you, out of the thorns that pierce Him,
the tiny 'keys of Heaven' bloom!
You can pluck much sweet fruit from his wormwood;
therefore gaze without pause upon Him!

* 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

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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 523 God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian *Bethany*

* BENEDICTION *Rev. Ahrens*

POSTLUDE *Carillon de Westminster* *Louis Vierne*

Please be seated for the Postlude.

Thank you for attending worship this morning. We hope that you have found welcome, 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 nametag. We'd be delighted to assist you. Please join us for Fellowship Hour in the Parish Hall immediately following the service.

† ACOLYTES: Matty Provenzano and Grace Glaros

† MUSIC: Sebastian Knowles, *bass*; Kevin Jones, *organist*

† THE FLOWERS THIS MORNING are given to the glory of God and in honor of all of the First Church staff and volunteers who keep the place going strong, by Lynn Wallich.

† GREETING AT THE EXITS TODAY:

Broad Street – Rev. Ahrens
Ninth Street – Mr. Williams
Education Wing – Mr. Brown

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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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