



WORSHIP AT ELEVEN
FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

July 11, 2021

The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time/Proper 10

WELCOME TO FIRST CHURCH!

If you are visiting today and looking for a church home, welcome! *For more than 168 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.*

This service is being livestreamed.

Please silence all electronic devices.

Assistive listening devices 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

Adagio (Symphonie 6)

Charles-Marie Widor

ENTER TO WORSHIP

Lynn Wallich

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: Come, give to the Lord your praises of thanksgiving.

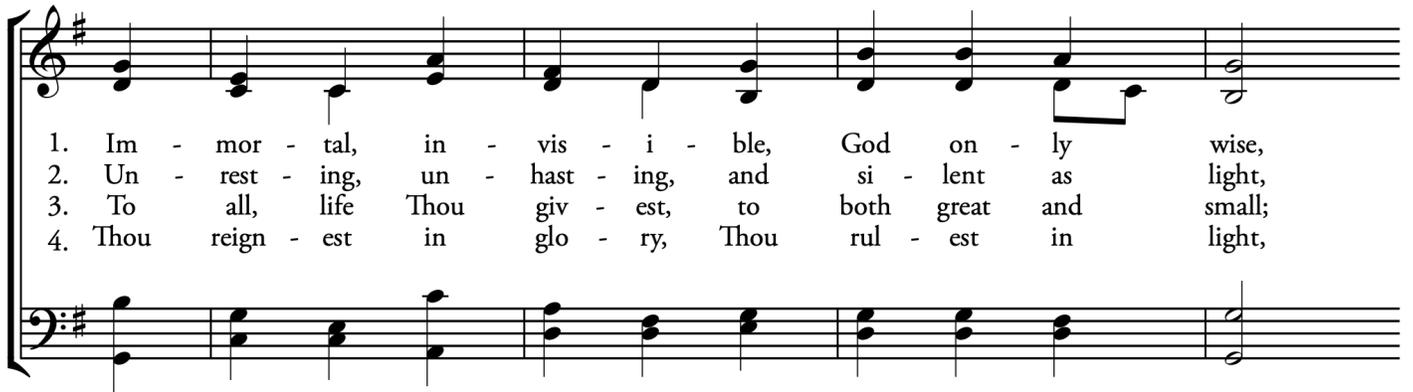
P: We come this day, grateful for God's wondrous gifts to us!

L: Sing with great enthusiasm of God's mighty power and love.

P: We celebrate that love that frames our lives.

L: It is a wonderful thing to praise God!

P: May God's praise always be in our hearts and in our lives. Amen.



1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3. To all, life Thou giv - est, to both great and small;
 4. Thou reign - est in glo - ry, Thou rul - est in light,



In light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 Nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, Thou rul - est in might;
 In all life Thou liv - est, the true life of all;
 Thine an - gels a - dore Thee, all veil - ing their sight;



Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 Thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
 All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see



Al - might - y, vic - to - rious, Thy great name we praise.
 Thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 Then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth Thee.
 'Tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth Thee!

* INVOCATION

The Rev. Joanna Samuelson

L: God be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Let us pray.

P: O God, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

* WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Rev. Emily Krause 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

Mark S. Williams

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURE

2 Samuel 6:1–5, 12b–19

Dr. Wallich

A reading from the second book of Samuel, chapter 6.

David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. David and all the people with him set out and went from Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the LORD of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim. They carried the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart with the ark of God; and Ahio went in front of the ark. David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the LORD with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals. So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing; and when those who bore the ark of the Lord had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling. David danced before the LORD with all his might; David was girded with a linen ephod. So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet. As the ark of the LORD came into the city of David, Michal daughter of Saul looked out of the window, and saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD; and she despised him in her heart. They brought in the ark of the LORD, and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt offerings and offerings of well-being before the LORD. When David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the offerings of well-being, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD of hosts, and distributed food among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, to each a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. Then all the people went back to their homes.

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

P: Thanks be to God.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians, chapter 1.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

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

P: **Thanks be to God.**

* GOSPEL HYMN 530

O Lord of life, where'er they be

Gelobt sei Gott

1. O Lord of life, where'er they be, Safe in your own e -
 2. All souls you call, both here and there, Do rest with - in your
 3. Your word is true, your ways are just; A - bove the chant - ed
 4. Hap - py are they in God who rest, No more by fear and

ter - ni - ty, Now live your chil - dren glo - rious - ly.
 shel - tering care; One prov - i - dence a - like they share:
 "Dust to dust" Shall rise our song of grate - ful trust:
 doubt op - pressed; Liv - ing or dy - ing, they are blest:

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

A reading from the Gospel according to Mark, chapter 6.

King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

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

P: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Two Engines and a Triangle"

Rev. Corzine

A time of reflection follows.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Samuelson

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

*Offerings may be placed in the offering plate or delivered to the church office following the service.
Want to give online? Please scan this QR code link, or see additional instructions in the Depart to Serve.*



MISSION INVITATION

Rev. Corzine

Designated gifts go to the **Good Samaritan Fund**. The Good Samaritan Fund provides help every month to those who come to the door of First Church in need, including emergency help for food, transportation, utilities, and other essential items. Thank you for your generosity.

King David was a sorrowful man:
No cause for his sorrow had he;
And he called for the music of a hundred harps
To ease his melancholy

They played till they all fell silent:
Played and play sweet did they;
But the sorrow that haunted the heart of King David
They could not charm away

He rose; and in his garden
Walked by the moon alone
A nightingale hidden in a cypress tree
Jargoned on and on

King David lifted his sad eyes
Into the dark-boughed tree --
"Tell me, thou little bird that singest
Who taught my grief to thee?"

But the bird in no-wise heeded;
And the king in the cool of the moon
Harkened to the nightingale's sorrowfulness
Till all his own was gone.
—Walter de la Mare (1873–1956)

* 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. Samuelson

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 451

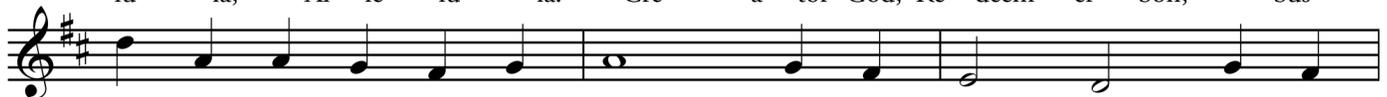
Ye watchers and ye holy ones

Lasst uns erfreuen

1. Ye watch-ers and ye ho - ly ones, Bright ser-aphs, cher - u - bim, and thrones, Raise the
2. O high - er than the cher - u - bim, More glo-rious than the ser - a - phim, Lead their
3. Re - spond, ye souls in end-less rest, Ye el - ders, lead - ers, proph-ets blest, Al - le -
4. O friends, in glad-ness let us sing, Su - per - nal an-thems ech - o - ing, Al - le -



glad strain, Al - le - lu - ia! Cry out, do - min - ions, prince - doms, powers, Vir -
prais - es, Al - le - lu - ia! Thou bear - er of the ce - ter - nal Word, Most
lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! Ye ho - ly twelve, ye mar - tyrs strong, All
lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! Cre - a - tor God, Re - deem - er Son, Sus -



tues, arch - an - gels, an - gels' choirs,
gra - cious, mag - ni - fy the Lord. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
saints tri - um - phant, raise the song,
tain - er Spir - it, Three in One,



lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

* BENEDICTION

Rev. Corzine

POSTLUDE

Carillon de Westminster

Louis Vierne

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.

† THE FLOWERS THIS MORNING are given to the glory of God by Nancy Braverman in gratitude for the health care workers and scientists fighting the COVID-19 pandemic.

† GREETING AFTER THE SERVICE TODAY

Rev. Corzine – On the West lawn

Rev. Samuelson – On the East Breezeway patio (accessible via the Education Wing or the elevator)

Mr. Williams – Near the Children's Playground (accessible via the Education Wing)

LEADERSHIP IN THE LITURGY

The Rev. Emily Krause Corzine, *preacher*

The Rev. Joanna Samuelson, *liturgist*

Mark S. Williams, *liturgist*

Lynn Wallich, *liturgist*

Jamie Blair, *soloist*

Kevin Jones, *organist*

Peter Murray and Mike Kennedy, *livestream ministry*

In-person coffee hour will resume at a later date. You are invited, however, to 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



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Depart to Serve

July 11, 2021

This Week at First Church

7/11

9 a.m. Worship
9:45 a.m. Virtual Coffee Hour
11 a.m. Worship
12 Noon Virtual Coffee Hour

7/12

12 p.m. Congregational Care
7 p.m. Trustees Mtg

7/13

6 p.m. Music Committee
7 p.m. Executive Committee Mtg

Backpack and School Supply Fundraiser

The Faith Formation and Justice and Mercy Commissions have teamed up for a backpack and school supply fundraiser to benefit the Gladden Community House and our congregation children in need this school year. Funds raised will be used to purchase backpack kits, filled with age and grade-level appropriate school supplies. The cost for each kit is \$15. We hope you can encourage your friends and neighbors to join us in this fundraising. The deadline for donations is July 25.

We will have a blessing of the backpacks for our children and for the children of West Franklinton on August 15 at both services. For more information, contact Mark Williams at mwilliams@first-church.org.

Return to In-Person Worship Information

Entrances:

For 9 a.m. worship, please enter through the Education Wing doors.

For 11 a.m. worship, please enter through West Lot or Education Wing doors.
(The Nursery will be available for children ages 4 and under for both services.)

Things to note:

- Sign in upon entering worship space for contact tracing.
- If you are fully vaccinated-masks in the building are optional. You are welcome to wear masks if you wish.
- If you are not fully vaccinated, we ask that you continue to wear masks while in the building.
- Not feeling well on Sunday? If you are not feeling well on a Sunday (with Covid-19 symptoms or any other symptoms), we ask that you stay home. Help care for others by remaining at home and worship online.
- Maintain social distancing in pews and outside.

Livestream Continues:

We will continue to provide our services through livestream and invite you to join us on Facebook or YouTube.

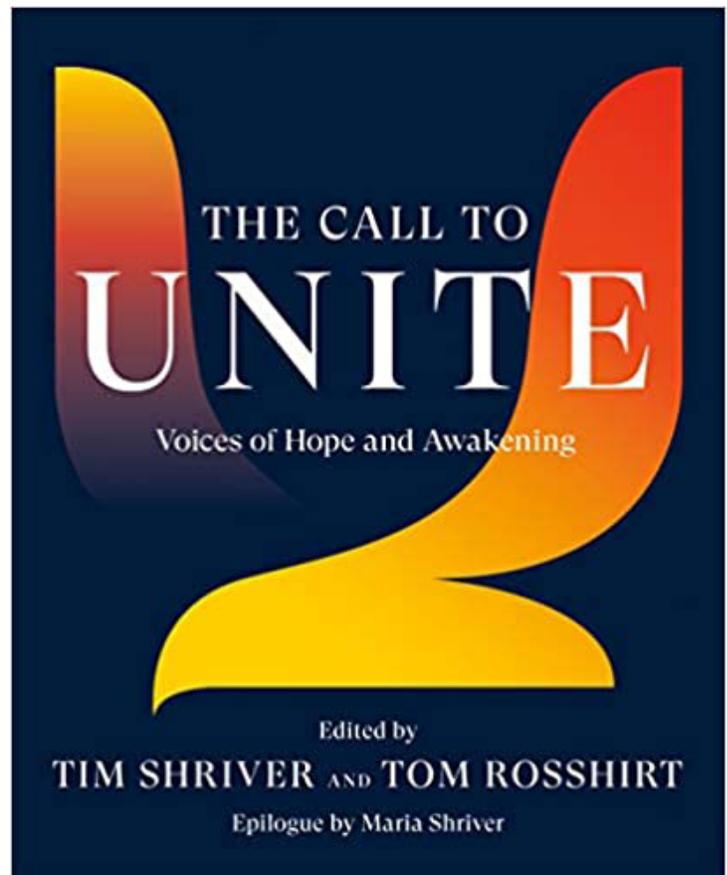
Realm: New Record-Keeping System

On Monday, July 11, you will receive an email inviting you to log into Realm, First Church's new online record-keeping system. Once you log in, you will be able to make sure your contact information is accurate. In Realm, you will have complete control over who can see your contact and personal information. By default, the viewing of your contact and personal information is limited to members of groups you are in, group leaders, and staff members. It is your choice whether to make your information visible to the entire church. Realm will give us new ways to communicate and connect.



A Late Summer Read

The Faith Formation Commission of First Church invites you to a church wide Late Summer Read with the book, "The Call to Unite: Voices of Hope and Awakening." The book is edited by Tim Shriver and Tom Rosshirt. We encourage you to obtain the book and read from some of the most prominent spiritual and religious leaders, poets and thinkers, singers and writers, a book of wisdom to light our way in dark times during these last few months of summer. We will have opportunities in August to gather virtually to discuss this insightful book. Do not miss out on this great book and discussion this summer.



Virtual Coffee Hour

9 a.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

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11 a.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

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Emergency Pastoral Care Line

If you need to be in touch with Rev. Corzine or Rev. Joanna Samuelson, for emergency pastoral care or to name a prayer request, please call **614-733-4547** and leave a message. Someone will return your call as needed.

Rev. Emily has virtual office hours at 10 a.m. on Thursdays. These are 20 minute blocks beginning at 10 a.m. Contact Rev. Emily for a time slot at ecor-zine@first-church.org.

Throughout the summer sabbatical of Rev. Dr. Tim Ahrens (May 24-September 7), Rev. Emily will be serving as Acting Senior Minister. Her sabbath day each week will move to Friday.

Keep in Prayer

Members Wayne Redenbarger; Sarah and Nathan Stadie; Debbi Kelly and Larry Thorne; Lindy Miller; Barbara Knox; Betsy Zahn; John Carter and Mary Kay Beall Carter; and Rev. Earl Fritz and Pauline Fritz.

Family and friends Jenny Provenzano's mother, Joyce Beitzel; Mark Williams' cousin, Tom Norris; Kathy Reed's friend, JD Mace; Ryan Jones' mother, Sue Jones; Melissa Lawson's aunt, Lisa Murry; Carol Bensing's friend, Donna Doone; Sharon Leidheiser; Ron and Janice Cook and Anita Cook Motil's sister, and Susie Loik's friend, Colleen Cook; Amy Wagner's niece's in-laws, Ken and Mary Pat Burke; Robert Davis, Jr's brother, Michael and family member, Wendell Dear; Kosby Carrico's father, Ladd Winne; Helen Spears and niece, Sandra Hall; and Sarah Lange's sister, Rev. Amy Smith.

Those who mourn loved ones Lauren and Matt Emery on the death of Lauren's grandmother, Shirley Terrass; Melissa Kulwicki's sister and brother-in-law Jennifer and Bob Scruggs on the death of his father, Bob Scruggs; Deb Anderson, on the death of her brother, Walter Melton; and Nancy Burba on the death of her husband, John Cooper.

We pray for Rev. Dr. Tim Ahrens and his family while he is on sabbatical.

In the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle, we lift the people and churches of Eritrea and Ethiopia. We pray for Global Ministries co-worker Emmanuela Loccident in Morocco.

Please note that individuals will remain on the prayer list for 3 weeks, unless specified to clergy or staff.

Give

At First Church, our financial resources enable us to “Enter to worship, depart to serve.” You can support the mission and ministry of First Church now by scanning the QR Code presented below, using either EasyTithe or PayPal, by visiting www.first-church.org/give.aspx, or by sending your offering directly to First Congregational Church, 444 E. Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215. For more information, please contact Annette McCormick at amccormick@first-church.org.



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Upcoming Mission Offerings

July 18	Jessie's World
July 25	Gladden Community House

Church Leadership

Senior Minister (*Sabbatical Through September 7, 2021*)
Rev. Dr. Timothy C. Ahrens, M.Div., D. Min.
Acting Senior Minister Rev. Emily Krause Corzine, M.Div.
Sabbatical Associate Rev. Joanna Samuelson
Minister of Music Kevin Jones, M.M., M.S.E.
Director of Christian Education Mark S. Williams, M.Ed.
Administrative Manager Amy Wagner
Office Assistant Pat Patterson
Communications Consultant Melissa Kulwicki
Business Administrator Annette McCormick
Building and Grounds Superintendent Mark Dahnke
Building and Grounds Assistant Darrell Cross
Custodian Jimmy Sibrian
Wedding Coordinators Amy Wagner, Shelly Gies, Margaret Cipriani, Katie Wagner
Nursery Staff Miranda Brooks, Norma Secor, Blessing Weekly, Miranda Gumbita
Senior Deacon Al Waddell
Deacons Carol Ernst-King, Sarah Giffen, Scott Graham, Greg Halbe, Antoinette Koolemans-Beynen, Nancy Kreimer, James Lowe, Allison Lowery Palmer, Mark Sholl, Andrew Smith-VerHage, Hank Wilson, Martha Wilson, Donice Wooster, Marty Worth
Church Council Leadership
Moderator Alec Deitz
Moderator-elect Christine Farquhar
Treasurer Dennis Secor
Treasurer-elect Andy Bensing
Secretary Peter Murray
Secretary-elect Nicole Moss
Board of Trustees
Chairperson Brian Cave
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Church Growth-elect Geoff Smith-VerHage
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Church Vitality-elect Kosby Carrico
Education Margaret Graham
Education-elect Linda Slocum
House & Grounds Eric Klintworth
House & Grounds-elect Mark Brown
Justice & Mercy Lauren Muscott
Justice & Mercy-elect Kris Brant
Music, Arts & Heritage Scott Jones
Music, Arts & Heritage-elect Sandy Mathias
Members-at-Large Jonathan Miller and Finn Miller
Nominating Committee Chair Lynn Wallich

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)

—Adopted September 8, 2002 by the congregation

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