

1. Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we bow be - fore you; All on earth your scep - ter
 2. Hark, the glad ce - les - tial hymn An - gel choirs a - bove are rais - ing; Cher - u - bim and ser - a -
 3. All a - pos - tles join the strain As your sa - cred name they hal - low; Proph - ets swell the glad re -
 4. Ho - ly Fa - ther, Ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it: Three we name you, While in es - sence on - ly

claim, All in heaven a - bove a - dore you. In - fi -
 phim, In un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, Fill the
 fraim, And the bless - ed mar - tyrs fol - low, And from
 One; Un - di - vid - ed God we claim you, And a -

nite your vast do - main, Ev - er - last - ing is your reign.
 heavens with sweet ac - cord: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord.
 morn to set of sun, Through the church the song goes on.
 dor - ing bend the knee While we own the mys - ter - y.

* INVOCATION

The Rev. Emily Krause Corzine

L: God be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Let us pray.

P: Let your continual mercy, O God, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; 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

Rev. Ahrens

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

Rev. Corzine

A reading from the book of Genesis, chapter 32.

The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had.

Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

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

P: Thanks be to God.

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Romans, chapter 9.

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

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

P: Thanks be to God.

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew, chapter 14.

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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Part two of the Seven-part Sermon Series:

"For Such a Time As This: Seven Lessons for Living Through Pandemic Times"

(Today, the Lord's Prayer will be prayed during Holy Communion.)

THE OFFERTORY

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MISSION INVITATION

Rev. Corzine

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VOLUNTARY

Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now

Johann Walther

* PRESENTATION HYMN

Lord of All Good, *stanza 1*

Toulon

**Lord of all good, our gifts we bring to You;
Use them Your holy purpose to fulfill;
Tokens of love and pledges brought anew,
That our whole life is offered to Your will.**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

We practice open communion: Wherever you are on your faith journey, you are welcome at the Lord's table.

* INVITATION

Rev. Ahrens

L: Holy God, we praise and bless you for creation and the gift of life and for your abiding love which brings us close to you, the source of all blessing. We thank you for revealing your will for us in the giving of the law and in the preaching of the prophets. We thank you especially that in the fullness of time you sent Jesus, born of Mary, to live in our midst, to share in our suffering, and to accept the pain of death at the hands of those whom Jesus loved. We rejoice that in a perfect victory over the grave you raised Christ with power to become sovereign in your realm. We celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit to gather your church by which your work may be done in the world and through which we share the gift of eternal life.

With the faithful in every place and time, we praise with joy your holy name:

P: Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God Most High.

L: We remember that on the night of betrayal and desertion, Jesus took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to the disciples, saying: "This is my body which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, Jesus also took the cup, after supper, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Consecrate, therefore, by your Holy Spirit, these gifts of bread and wine, and bless us that as we receive them at this table, we may offer you our faith and praise, we may be united with Christ and with one another, and we may continue faithful in all things. In the strength Christ gives us, we offer ourselves to you, eternal God, and give thanks that you have called us to serve you. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

L: Let us pray as Christ our Savior has taught us.

P: 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.

Eat this, for it is the body of Christ, broken for you.

Drink this, for it is the blood of Christ, shed for you.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Rev. Ahrens

L: Let us pray.

P: We thank you, God, for inviting us to this table where we have known the presence of Christ and have received all Christ's gifts. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and let us show forth your praise in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

COMMUNITY NOTICES - DEPART TO SERVE

Rev. Corzine

L: Let us depart with a heart to serve.

P: Thanks be to God.

* CLOSING HYMN

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Azmon

1. O for a thou - sand tongues to sing My dear Re - deem - er's praise, The
2. Je - sus, the name that charms our fears, That bids our sor - rows cease; 'Tis
3. Christ breaks the power of reign - ing sin, And sets the pris - oner free; Christ's
4. My gra - cious Sav - ior and my God, As - sist me to pro - claim, To

glo - ries of my God and King, The tri - umphs of God's grace!
mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'Tis life, and health, and peace.
blood can make the sin - ful clean, Christ's blood a - vailed for me.
spread through all the earth a - broad The hon - ors of Thy name.

* BENEDICTION

Rev. Ahrens

POSTLUDE

Dialogue sur les Mixtures

Jean Langlais

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

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Enter to Worship
Depart to Serve

August 2, 2020

This Week at First Church

8/2
 9 a.m. Worship
 9:45 a.m. Zoom Chat
 11 a.m. Worship
 Noon Virtual Coffee Hour

8/3
 7 p.m. Book Club

8/4
 7 p.m. Justice and Mercy Mtg

8/5
 10:30 a.m. Book Study
 2:30 p.m. Live Stream Task Force Mtg

8/8
 8:30 a.m. House and Grounds Mtg

Happy Birthday!

Will Fernald's will celebrate his 97th birthday on **Aug. 16**. Let's help him celebrate his special day by sending a card or note!

His address is:

Dr. Will Fernald
 Bickford of Bexley, Room 205
 2600 E. Main St.
 Bexley, Ohio 43209.

Thanks be to God for Dr. Will Fernald!

Join us in a Church-Wide Program

The 21-Day Racial Equity Habit Building Challenge has been extended and it's never too late join! New topics on Protest and Rebellion, Self Care, and a 21 Day Youth, Race & Moore.

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 Zoom meetings on Monday at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. for us to discuss what we have learned during this challenge in a safe place.

The dates for the discussions are:

August 10

August 17

The challenge is sponsored by the Christian Education and Justice and Mercy Commissions.

More information about the challenge can be found at: https://www.eddiemoorejr.com/21daychallenge?fbclid=I-wAR14DWYP7qKFg7j5aokIXhfBeQhy21pV-kbvF_S8HIOCCz-m-JgQbY_bVAIk

Join Zoom Meeting 10:00 a.m.

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Meeting ID: 880 5483 9264

Password: 754146

Join Zoom Meeting 7:00 p.m.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83054339411?pwd=bE1RZX-dTbElkWFZQOU9yMGxXK0R1UT09>

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2020 Summer Sermon Series



“For Such a Time As This: Seven Lessons for Living Through Pandemic Times” Based on Esther 4:14

We are living in trying times. These times are like nothing most of us have ever experienced. There are confluences of pandemics of with COVID-19, racism, economic hardship, and poverty all in the midst of a Presidential Election Cycle create challenges like we have never seen. How do we find our spiritual balance in times such as these?

Over the next seven weeks, we will engage a seven-part sermon series entitled, For Such a Time As This: Seven Lessons for Living Through Pandemic Times. Based on the story of Esther, Rev. Emily Corzine and I will present seven lessons for life in these times.

Please join us every Sunday on YouTube or Facebook Live. Also, share these lessons with others. Spread the word of God and the reflections we share to get us through times like these.

Blessings and love to you,
Tim

Sermon Titles for 2020 Summer Sermon Series

July 26 – “Get Into ‘Good Trouble’”

August 2 – “Learn from the Past and Don’t Repeat it”

August 9 – “Make Your Life Matter”

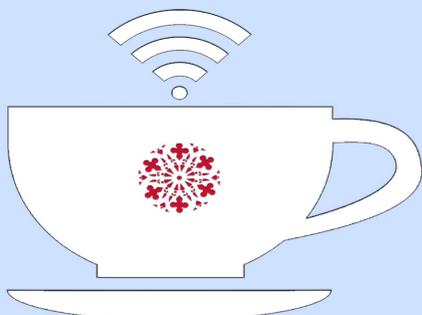
August 16 – “Use the VOTE Intelligently, Conscientiously, and Prayerfully”

August 23 – Rev. Corzine preaching

August 30 – Rev. Corzine preaching

September 6 – “Love God, Self, and Neighbor with Passion, Prayer, and Intelligence”

Virtual Coffee Hour



Sundays on Zoom
Immediately Following the Service Livestream

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

9:00 a.m.

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Grief Group

All are welcome to join us online
Monday, August 10 at noon for the Grief Sup-
port Group.

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Password: 911200

Keep in Prayer

Rob and Marti Rideout; Kelly Dodd; Betsy Zahn;
Dana Navin Schultz; Lindy Miller; and Rev. Earl Fritz
and Pauline Fritz.

Emily Conlin, daughter of Valerie Conlin; Charles
John, father of Victor John; Susan Gatton, sister of
Amy Wagner; Dwight and Elaine Holt, parents of
David Holt; Caleb Creech, brother-in-law to Sarah
Ahrens Stadie, to be deployed to Afghanistan; Jane
Mead, mother of Cindy Deliman; Will Nirote,
grandson of Rev. Bill and Arevena Nirote; Tito
Sanchez, friend of Dayna McCrary; and Amy Smith,
sister of Sarah Lange; Calvin Roth, father of Julie
Roth.

Those who mourn the loss of loved ones, including
the Rev. Dave Shull, on the death of his mother Betty
Shull; and the Reynolds and Flocken family and
friends on the death of Arlene Reynolds.

The family, friends, and colleagues of U.S.
Representative John Lewis, American politician and
civil rights leader.

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Rev. Corzine, for emergency pastoral care or name
a prayer request, please call this number
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return your call as needed.

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August Mission Offerings

August 2	CWS Disaster Relief
August 9	Make a Difference
August 16	LSS-CHOICES
August 23	ACLU Foundation of Ohio
August 30	Equitas Health

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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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