

L: ...Therefore we proclaim the mystery of our faith:
P: Christ has died. Christ is Risen. Christ will come again.

(The Communion Prayer continues)

L: ...Restore the earth with your grace that is able to make all things new.
P: Be present with us as we share this meal, and throughout all our lives, that we may know you as the Holy One, who with Christ and the Holy Spirit, lives for ever. Amen.

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.

L: ...Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
P: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Please remain seated for the Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Notices.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING Mr. Brown

L: Let us pray.
All: We give you thanks, Almighty God, that you have brought us from darkness to light, from slavery to freedom, from death to rebirth. Transform our lives with this heavenly food, that we may shine with your love and take to the world the risen life of your Son Jesus Christ. Amen.

COMMUNITY NOTICES - DEPART TO SERVE Mr. Brown

L: Let us depart with a heart to serve.
P: Thanks be to God.

* CLOSING HYMN 307 Fight the Good Fight *Duke Street*

* BENEDICTION Rev. Ahrens

POSTLUDE Lift Every Voice and Sing J. Rosamon Johnson
arr. Roberto Burton

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 nametag. We'd be delighted to assist you. You are invited to Fellowship Hour in the Parish Hall immediately following the service to greet and thank Anthony Brown for his service during Rev. Corzine's sabbatical.

† ACOLYTES: Grace Glaros and Matty Provenzano

† MUSIC: Trombone Choir: Don Diurba, Jeff Groff, Ryan Hamilton, Jeff Keller, Rob Leonard, Andy Rice, John Welsh, Andy Wolfe, Zack Zerkle, and Todd Cunningham, *leader*; Kevin Jones, *organist*

† THE FLOWERS THIS MORNING are given to the glory of God and in memory of her sister, Jan Parsons, by Dana Navin Schultz.

† GREETING AT THE EXITS TODAY:
Broad Street – Rev. Ahrens
Ninth Street – Mr. Brown
Education Wing – Marty Worth

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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