



WORSHIP AT ELEVEN
FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
 UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

August 11, 2019

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost/Proper 14

WELCOME TO FIRST CHURCH!

If you are visiting today and looking for a church home, welcome! *For more than 166 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 and Ushers wearing red roses can assist you. Cards requesting prayer are in the Welcome Notebooks and should be 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 *Schmücke dich, O liebe Seele*, BWV 654 J.S. Bach
 (Adorn Yourself, O Dear Soul)

ENTER TO WORSHIP G. Dene Barnard

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: The Lord comes to us this day. Are you ready?

P: We are ready!

L: The Lord challenges us to be in ministries of peace and hope.

Are you ready?

P: We are ready!

L: Let us praise God who calls us to serve God by helping others.

P: Praise be to God who has given us hope and peace. Amen.

* OPENING HYMN 488 The God of Abraham Praise *Leoni*

* INVOCATION Anthony Brown

L: God be with you.

P. And also with you.

L: Let us pray.

P: Grant to us, O God, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

* WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE The Rev. Emily Krause Corzine

Please find the attendance pad at the end of the pew, sign it and pass it on to your neighbor.

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.

CHILDREN'S TIME Mark S. Williams

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURE Genesis 15:1–6 (O.T. p. 12) Mr. Barnard

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

P: Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE Hebrews 11:1–3, 8–16 (N.T. p. 225) Mr. Barnard

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

P: Thanks be to God.

* GOSPEL HYMN 281 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah *Cwm Rhondda*

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 Luke 12:32–40 (N.T. p. 75) Mr. Brown

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

P: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Resistance" Mr. Brown

*Part three of the six-part sermon series, "400 Years of Africans in America."
 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

MISSION INVITATION Marty Worth

Cash and designated checks 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. The next Good Sam Day is Monday, August 12. Thank you for your generosity.

SOLO There is a Balm in Gilead Spiritual, arr. William Dawson
 Jeff Corzine, *baritone*

* PRESENTATION HYMN 428 We Give Thee but Thine Own, *stanza 1*
Schumann

**We give Thee but Thine own,
 Whate'er the gift may be;
 All that we have is Thine alone,
 A trust, O Lord, from Thee.**

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION Rev. Corzine

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 God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens
New Providence

1. God, who stretched the span-gled heav - ens, in - fi - nite in time and place,
 2. Proud - ly rise our mod - ern cit - ies, state - ly build - ings row on row;
 3. We have con - quered worlds un - dreamed of since the child - hood of our race;
 4. As each far ho - ri - zon beck - ons, may it chal - lenged us a - new,

flung the suns in burn - ing ra - diance through the si - lent fields of space,
 yet their win - dows blank, un - feel - ing, stare on can - yoned streets be - low,
 known the ec - sta - sy of wing - ing through un - chart - ed realms of space;
 chil - dren of crea - a - tive pur - pose, serv - ing oth - ers, hon - oring You.

we, Your chil - dren, in Your like - ness, share in - ven - tive powers with You.
 where the lone - ly drift un - no - ticed in the cit - y's ebb and flow,
 probed the se - crets of the at - om, yield - ing un - im - ag - ined power,
 May our dreams prove rich with prom - ise, each en - deav - or well be - gun.

Great Cre - a - tor, still cre - at - ing, show us what we yet may do.
 lost to pur - pose and to mean - ing, scarce - ly car - ing where they go.
 fac - ing us with life's de - struc - tion or our most tri - um - phant hour.
 Great Cre - a - tor, give us guid - ance till our goals and Yours are one.

* BENEDICTION

Mr. Brown

POSTLUDE

Recessional

William Mathias

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 to greet Rev. Corzine and her family on her return from sabbatical.

† WE WELCOME the Rev. Emily Krause Corzine back to First Church following her sabbatical. Welcome back, Rev. Emily!

† ACOLYTES: Sebby Kulwicki and Maya Haslett

† MUSIC: Jeff Corzine, *baritone*; Kevin Jones, *organist*

† THE FLOWERS THIS MORNING are given to the glory of God and loving memory of Mary Weaver by Charlie Weaver: "Happy Birthday, Mary; miss you and love you."

† GREETING AT THE EXITS TODAY:
Broad Street – Mr. Brown
Ninth Street – Rev. Corzine
Education Wing – Mr. Williams

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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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