



WORSHIP AT ELEVEN  
**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
 UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

August 18, 2019

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost/Proper 15

**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 *Intermezzo* (Symphony 3) Louis Vierne

ENTER TO WORSHIP John Deliman

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: Sing to the Lord a new song!

**P: We sing a song of peace and hope!**

L: Sing to the Lord a song of strength.

**P: Our strength is in the Lord of hosts!**

L: Sing to the Lord a song of joy!

**P: Our song is a song of service and faithfulness. Amen.**

\* OPENING HYMN 456 Awake, My Soul, and With the Sun  
*Morning Hymn*

\* INVOCATION The Rev. Emily Krause Corzine

L: God be with you.

**P. And also with you.**

L: Let us pray.

**P: Almighty God, you have given your Incarnate One to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of Jesus' redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of that most holy life; this we pray in the name of the Trinity, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.**

\* WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE The Rev. Dr. Timothy C. Ahrens

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.

*Please find the attendance pad in the Welcome Notebook at the end of each pew, sign it and pass it on to your neighbor.*

CHILDREN'S TIME—BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS Mark S. Williams

BAPTISM HYMN 498 Child of Blessing, Child of Promise (*stanzas 1–2*)  
*Kingdom*

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM FOR

HADLEY MARIE ZWICK

*We welcome Hadley, parents Brian and Erica, and Senior Deacon Todd Jacobson.*

*Members and friends are invited to write prayers and greetings to Hadley on the baptismal cards found in the Welcome Notebooks. Please write her name at the top and today's date on the bottom of the card. Please place the cards in the offering plate at the time of the Offertory.*

WELCOME

Leader: . . . But when Jesus saw it, Jesus was indignant, and said to them,

**People: "Let the children come to me, do not hinder them; for to such belongs the realm of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the realm of God like a child shall not enter it."**

ADDRESS

L: . . . the sign and seal of their participation in God's forgiveness, and the beginning of their growth into full Christian faith and discipleship.

**P: This is the water of baptism. Out of this water we rise with new life, forgiven of sin and one in Christ, members of Christ's body.**

QUESTIONS OF THE CANDIDATES

\* CONGREGATIONAL ASSENT

*The congregation is invited to stand.*

L: . . . Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support, and care to the one about to be baptized, as Hadley lives and grows in Christ?

**P: We promise our love, support, and care.**

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

L: Let us unite with the church in all times and places in confessing our faith in the triune God.

Do you believe in God?

**P: I believe in God.**

L: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**P: I believe in Jesus Christ.**

L: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**P: I believe in the Holy Spirit.**

*The congregation may be seated.*

PRAYER OF BAPTISM

L: Christ be with you.

**P: And also with you.**

L: Let us pray.

ACT OF BAPTISM

NAMING OF THE CHILDREN

L: Hadley Marie Zwick, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Rise from the waters of baptism and give glory to God all the days of your life.

**P: Amen.**

PRAYER FOR THE BAPTIZED

L: Grant us grace to receive, nurture, and befriend this newest member of the body of Christ.

**P: Give to Hadley strength for life's journey, courage in time of suffering, the joy of faith, the freedom of love and the hope of new life; through Jesus Christ, who makes us one. Amen.**

BAPTISM HYMN 498 Child of Blessing, Child of Promise (*stanzas 3–4*)  
*Kingdom*

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURE Jeremiah 23:23–29 (O.T. p. 726) Mr. Deliman

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

**P: Thanks be to God.**

THE EPISTLE Hebrews 11:29—12:2 (N.T. p. 226) Mr. Deliman

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

**P: Thanks be to God.**

\* GOSPEL HYMN 70 Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized *Caithness Children, Kindergarten through 2nd grade, are invited to the Worship Connections in the Children's Library on the 2nd floor of the Education Wing. They will return after the meditation. A fully-staffed childcare ministry is provided during each Sunday Morning Worship Service and Education Hour for infants through age 4. This ministry is located in the nursery and toddler rooms on the first floor of the Education Wing.*

THE GOSPEL Luke 12:49–56 (N.T. p. 75)  
 The Rev. Amanda Conley

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

**P: Thanks be to God.**

BAPTISMAL MEDITATION "The Economics of Injustice" Rev. Conley  
*Part four of the six-part sermon series, "400 Years of Africans in America."*

*A time of reflection follows.*

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

Cash and designated checks go to the **Coalition of Immokalee Workers (CIW)**. CIW is a worker-based human rights organization internationally recognized for its achievements in fighting human trafficking and gender-based violence at work. The CIW is also recognized for pioneering the design and development of the worker-driven Social Responsibility paradigm, a worker-led, market-enforced approach to the protection of human rights in corporate supply chains. Thank you for your generosity.

VOLUNTARY

*Andantino*

Vierne

\* 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

Mark S. Williams

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

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\* CLOSING HYMN 'I Have a Dream', a Man Once Said *Repton*



1. 'I have a dream,' a man once said, where all is perfect peace;  
2. But in this world, of bit - ter strife the dream can of - ten fade;  
3. Fierce per - se - cu - tion, war, and hate are ra - ging ev - ery - where;  
4. So dream the dreams and sing the songs, but nev - er be con - tent;  
5. Lord, give us vis - ion, make us strong, help us to do your will;



where men and wo - men, black and white, stand hand in hand, and all u - nite  
re - a - li - ty seems dark as night, we catch but glimp - ses of the light  
God calls us now to pay the price through strug - gles and through sa - cri - fice  
for thoughts and words don't ease the pain: un - less there's ac - tion, all is vain;  
don't let us rest un - til we see your love through-out hu - man - i - ty



in free - dom and in love, in free - dom and in love.  
Christ sheds on hu - man - kind, Christ sheds on hu - man - kind.  
of stand - ing for the right, of stand - ing for the right.  
faith proves it - self in deeds, faith proves it - self in deeds.  
u - nit - ing us in peace, u - nit - ing us in peace.

\* BENECTION

Rev. Conley

POSTLUDE

*Pasticcio*

Jean Langlais

*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.*

WE WELCOME GUEST PREACHER the Rev. Amanda Conley to the First Church pulpit this morning.

ACOLYTES: Erin Dean and Maggie Myers

MUSIC: G. Dene Barnard, *guest organist*

THE FLOWERS THIS MORNING are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of parents Elizabeth and Mars Fontana by Marty Worth.

The Red Rose is in celebration of the birth of Harrison Lee Hillyard to parents David and Brittany.

GREETING AT THE EXITS TODAY:

Broad Street – Rev. Conley  
Ninth Street – Rev. Corzine  
Education Wing – Rev. Ahrens

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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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