



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

August 19, 2018      The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time      Proper 15

**WELCOME TO FIRST CHURCH!**

If you are visiting today and looking for a church home, welcome! *For more than 165 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 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      Prelude and Fugue on a Theme of Victoria  
 Benjamin Britten

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: Give thanks to God!

**P: We thank God for joy, for laughter, for abundant blessings of every kind.**

L: Give thanks to God at all times and for everything!

**P: We thank God, when we can and as we can, for struggles, for solitude, for fears.**

L: Give thanks to God at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**P: We thank God that, in Christ, our joys as well as our pain, our losses as well as our laughter, are in God's heart and hands.**

—Thom Shuman, based on Ephesians 5:20

\* OPENING HYMN 339      Be thou my vision      *Slane*

\* INVOCATION      The Rev. Dr. Timothy C. Ahrens

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.**

\* SONG OF PRAISE 229 From all that dwell below the skies      *Lasst uns erfreuen*

**In every land begin the song,  
 To every land the strains belong: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 In cheerful sound all voices raise  
 And fill the world with joyful praise. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

\* 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 the sign of Christ's peace.

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

CHILDREN'S TIME      Dr. Karen Mozingo

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURE      1 Kings 2:10–12; 3:3–14 (O.T., p. 304)

Mr. Deliman

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

**P: Thanks be to God.**

THE EPISTLE      Ephesians 5:15–20 (N.T., p. 194)      Mr. Deliman

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

**P: Thanks be to God.**

\* GOSPEL HYMN 316 Breathe on me, breath of God      *Trentham*

*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      John 6:51–58 (N.T., p. 98)      Rev. Corzine

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

**P: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON      "What Would Jesus Do?"      Rev. Corzine

*Part four of the six-part sermon series, "The New Social Gospel"*

*A time of reflection follows.*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE      Rev. Ahrens

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

*Want to give online? Please see the Depart to Serve leaflet for more information and a QR link.*

MISSION INVITATION

Dawn George

Today's loose offering and designated checks go to **Columbus Mennonite Church** which is providing Sanctuary for Edith Espinal. On Oct. 2, 2017 Edith entered the church after she was ordered deported. Edith has three children and a husband and desires to keep her family together. Monies will pay for legal and living expenses. This is part of our ongoing support for Edith and Columbus Mennonite Church, which also includes an endowment grant in 2017, and monthly meals for her family. Please give generously.

VOLUNTARY      *Cantabile* (Trio Sonata)      David Briggs

\* PRESENTATION HYMN 591 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. Ahrens

COMMUNITY NOTICES - DEPART TO SERVE      Dr. Mozingo

L: Let us depart with a heart to serve.

**P: Thanks be to God.**

\* CLOSING HYMN 327      O word of God incarnate      *Munich*

THANK YOU KAREN MONZINGO      Rev. Ahrens

\* BENEDICTION      Rev. Corzine

POSTLUDE      *Toccata quasi Fantasia*      Robert Wisniewski

*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 name tag. We'd be delighted to assist you. Please join us in the Parish Hall for Fellowship Hour.*

ACOLYTES: Samantha Myers and Miriam Myers

MUSIC: Robert Wisniewski, *guest organist*

THE FLOWERS THIS MORNING are given by Mary and Charlie Weaver to the glory of God, in memory of loved ones and in celebration of the birth of their first grandchild, Audrey Alberta Bohnert!

GREETING AT THE EXITS TODAY

Rev. Corzine – Broad Street

Rev. Ahrens – Ninth Street

Dr. Mozingo – Christian Education wing

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

## 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.

## Our Open and Affirming Statement

We, the members of First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, Columbus, Ohio, believe the following represents our commitment and desire to reach out and welcome all those in need of and searching for God's love: We believe that we are all created in God's image, female and male, and we are called to love our neighbors as Jesus loves us. We believe we are many members, but one body in Christ, and called to unite all people in God's love. We welcome and affirm all people. We invite those who are seeking God's presence in their lives to join us on our common journey. Our faith community seeks to unite persons of all ages, races, nationalities, ethnicities, sexual orientations, mental and physical abilities, socioeconomic levels and political and theological 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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