



WORSHIP AT ELEVEN
FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
 UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

September 16, 2018 The Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Proper 19

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 Recollection David Conte

ENTER TO WORSHIP Greg Kellison

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: Wisdom cries out in the street.

P: We hear and struggle to understand.

L: Come and listen to the words of life and love.

P: We hear and proclaim our faith in the one who brings life.

L: Let us worship the God of life and wisdom

P: whose words guide our life on the right paths.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 460 Holy God, we praise Your name *Grosser Gott*

* INVOCATION The Rev. Dr. Timothy C. Ahrens

L: God be with you.

P. And also with you.

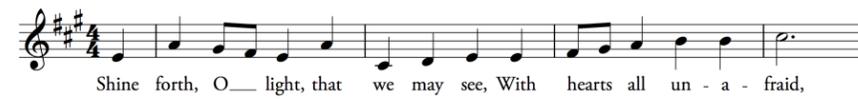
L: Let us pray.

P: O God, because without you we are not able to please you:

Mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

* SONG OF PRAISE Shine forth, O Light *Ellacombe*

Washington Gladden, 1897



* WELCOME AND RECOGNITION OF GLADDEN SCHOLARS Rev. Ahrens

Thomas "Hank" Osmundson

Brenda Waddell

*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 – PRESENTATION OF BIBLES Mark S. Williams

BAPTISM HYMN 495 We know that Christ is raised (Stz 1) *Engelberg*

THE BAPTISM OF HEATHER MARIE GREYNOLDS

Leader: Members and friends in Christ, we gather now to celebrate the gift of grace in the sacrament of baptism.

People: There is one body and one Spirit. There is one hope in God's call to us.

Leader:and the knowledge of the call to be God's people always.

People: 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 CANDIDATE

* 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 Heather 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

L: Heather Marie Greynolds, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

P: Amen.

BAPTISMAL PRAYER

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

People: Give to Heather 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 495 We know that Christ is raised (Stz 4) *Engelberg*

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP Mr. Kellison

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURE Proverbs 1:20–33 (O.T., p. 584) Mr. Kellison

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

P: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM Shine on Me arr. by Rollo Dilworth

* GOSPEL HYMN 393 Take up thy cross *Bourbon*

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 Mark 8:27–38 (N.T., p. 43) Rev. Corzine

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

P: Thanks be to God.

BAPTISM MEDITATION "Living, Loving and Giving" Rev. Corzine

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 Dr. Christine Butler

Cash and designated checks go to **Horizon Prison Ministries** which has well-established programs in two prisons: London Correctional Institute for men and the Ohio Reformatory For Women. Horizon works to break the cycle of incarceration and its effect on society. They meet this goal by helping the incarcerated become aware of self, others, and the faith tradition at the center of their lives. Please give generously.

ANTHEM Praise the Lord, Alleluia! Walter Watson

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the LORD. Sing praises to His name.
All ye people praise Him. All ye nations praise Him.
For His merciful kindness is great towards us: and the truth of the LORD endureth forever.
—based on Psalm 117

* 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 Mr. Williams

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

* CLOSING HYMN 389 O Jesus, I have promised *Nyland*

* BENEDICTION Rev. Corzine

POSTLUDE Improvisation No. 7 Camille Saint-Saëns
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: Jack Patterson and Ruby Holt

CRUCIFER: Finnegan Miller

MUSIC: The Jubilate Choir, Janet Axt, *director*; The Exultate Choir, Robert Delcamp, *organist and director*

FLOWERS THIS MORNING are given by Dana Navin to the glory of God and in memory of Pat Navin. THE RED ROSE is in celebration of the birth of daughter, Blakely Rose Hamman to Lauren & Scott Hamman.

GREETING AT THE EXITS TODAY
Rev. Corzine – Broad Street
Rev. Ahrens – Ninth Street
Mr. Williams – 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)

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