



WORSHIP AT ELEVEN
FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
 UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

October 21, 2018 Children's Sabbath Sunday Proper 24

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 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 Adagio for Strings Samuel Barber

ENTER TO WORSHIP Dawn George

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: Servants of God, lift up your heads—

P: That the Lord of life may behold our eyes!

L: Servants of God, lift up your hands—

P: That the Lord of life may bless our works!

L: Servants of God, lift up your hearts—

P: That the Lord of life may abide within!

All: The Lord of life will abide within!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 267 All things bright and beautiful Royal Oak

* INVOCATION The Rev. Emily Krause Corzine

L: God be with you.

P. And also with you.

L: Let us pray.

P: Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your name; 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 Glory to You John Rutter

Firm and joyful

1. Glo - ry to you, God of our mo - thers and fa - thers; you are wor - thy of praise; glo - ry to you. 2. Glo - ry to you for the ra - di - ance of your ho - ly Name; we will praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. 3. Glo - ry to you, in the splen - dor of your tem - ple; on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to you. 4. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed be - tween the Cher - u - bim; we will praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. 5. Glo - ry to you, be - hold - ing the depths; in the high vault of hea - ven, glo - ry to you. 6. Glo - ry to you, Pa - rent, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

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

CHILDREN'S TIME Mark S. Williams

BLESSING OF THE QUILTS

A STORY BIBLE MILESTONE

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURE Job 38:1–7 (O.T., p. 484) Mrs. George

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

P: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM Song of Gentleness Douglas Wagner

If by a gentle way I live, surely the Lord will bless me; And if I seek not to take, but to give, His peace shall dwell within me. If by my kindness I can share with God's people everywhere, Then I will praise, I'll praise the name of the Lord.

Thanks be to God who gave me breath, Praised be His name forever. Glory to Him who shared with earth, joy and love that fail not ever. Praise, alleluia, all day I'll sing; With all things kind and gentle praise I'll bring.

THE EPISTLE Hebrews 5:1–10 (N.T., p. 220) Mrs. George

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

P: Thanks be to God.

* GOSPEL HYMN 279 Lord of our growing years Little Cornard

During the hymn, children in Kindergarten through Second Grade, are invited to the 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 10:35–45 (N.T., p. 47) Tracy Najera

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

P: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "No Small Matter" Rev. Ahrens

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

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

MISSION INVITATION Marty Worth

The loose plate 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, November 12

ANTHEM I sing the mighty power of God arr. Peter Niedmann
 I sing the mighty power of God There's not a plant or flower below
 that made the mountains rise, but makes your glories known,
 that spread the flowing seas abroad and clouds arise and tempests blow
 and built the lofty skies. by order from your throne;
 I sing the wisdom that ordained while all that borrows life from you
 the sun to rule the day; is ever in your care,
 the moon shines full at his command, and everywhere that I may be,
 and all the stars obey. O God, you are present there.
 — Isaac Watts (1674–1748)

I sing the goodness of the Lord
 that filled the earth with food;
 that formed creation with a word,
 and then pronounced it good.
 Lord, how your wonders are displayed,
 where'er I turn my eye,
 if I survey the ground I tread
 or gaze upon the skies.

* PRESENTATION HYMN Praise God, from whom all blessings flow
Lasst uns erfreuen

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow
Praise Christ, all creatures here below, alleluia, alleluia.
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Alleluia, alleluia,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION Rev. Corzine

COMMUNITY NOTICES - DEPART TO SERVE Mr. Williams
 L: Let us depart with a heart to serve.
P: Thanks be to God.

* CLOSING HYMN 455 All creatures of our God and King
Lasst uns erfreuen

* BENEDICTION Rev. Ahrens

POSTLUDE Finale on *Lasst uns erfreuen* Denis Bédard
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: Ruby Holt and Matty Provenzano

CRUCIFER: Samantha Myers

GUEST LITURGIST: Tracy Nájera, Executive Director,
 Children's Defense Fund Ohio

MUSIC: The Jubilate Choir, Sandra Mathias, *director*; The Exultate Choir,
 Robert Delcamp, *organist and director*

THE FLOWERS THIS MORNING are given by Gerry Worth to the glory of God
 and in memory of loved ones.

GREETING AT THE EXITS TODAY
 Rev. Ahrens – Broad Street
 Rev. Corzine – 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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