



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

October 28, 2018      Reformation Sunday      Proper 25

**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:      Prelude in D Major BWV 532      J. S. Bach  
                   Largo e spiccato BWV 596      *arranged from Vivaldi*  
                   Kommst du nun, Jesu, von Himmel herunter BWV 650

ENTER TO WORSHIP      Frank Cook

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: Bless the Lord at all times.

**P: Let everyone bless God.**

L: Praise the Lord continually.

**P: Let everyone praise Christ.**

L: Our souls boast in the Lord.

**P: We boast in the Spirit's greatness.**

L: With one voice, we magnify and exalt the Lord, for God has delivered us and made us whole.

**P: Exalt our God, the Lord of life.**

\* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 144      Alleluia! Sing to Jesus      *Hyfrydol*

\* 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, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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

Washington Gladden, 1897

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

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

THE REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

*Today we welcome into membership: Elisha Hardekopf, Marilyn Potts & Lora Gisondi*

STATEMENT OF FAITH AND COVENANT (*unison*)

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WELCOME (*unison*)

**We welcome you with joy to the life and ministry of The First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ of Columbus, Ohio. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love, and be faithful witnesses to the ways of Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

\* PASSING OF THE PEACE      Rev. 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.

CHILDREN'S TIME      Mark S. Williams

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURE      Job 42:1–6, 10–17 (O.T., p. 488)      Mr. Cook

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

**P: Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM      O Taste and See      Eugene Hancock

O taste and see, how gracious the Lord is:  
 Happy are they who trust in the Lord.  
 —Psalm 34: 8

THE EPISTLE      Hebrews 7:23–28 (N.T., p. 222)      Mr. Cook

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

**P: Thanks be to God.**

\* GOSPEL HYMN 282      If thou but trust      *Wer nur den lieben Gott*

*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 10:46–52 (N.T., p. 47)      Rev. Ahrens

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

**P: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON      "Listen to the Stones" (Luke 19:40)      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      Rev. Corzine

Cash and designated checks go to **Downtowners**, an ecumenical ministry serving the Columbus downtown campuses. Their mission is to provide a caring presence to the students and faculty downtown through services and programs that enhance the quality of life and answer the call of the Gospel to make life sacred for all people. Thank you for your generosity.

ANTHEM from cantata 126 "Erhalt uns, Herr" J S Bach

Recitative:

Then will your word and truth be revealed  
and be placed in the highest splendor,  
so that you watch over your church,  
so that by the teaching of the holy word  
it is made fruitful in blessing  
and if you're willing to turn as helper towards us  
then in peace will  
An abundance of blessings be granted to us.

Chorale:

Grant us peace graciously,  
Lord God, in our time;  
there is indeed no other  
who could fight for us  
than You, our God, alone.  
Give our rulers and all lawgivers  
peace and good government,  
that under them  
we might lead a quiet and peaceful life  
in all blessedness and honor.  
Amen.

\* 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 260

A Mighty Fortress

*Ein feste Burg*

\* BENEDICTION

Rev. Ahrens

POSTLUDE

Now thank we all our God

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

*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: Grace Glaros and Lincoln Glaros

CRUCIFER: Alex Palmer

MUSIC: The First Church Choir, Robert Delcamp, *organist and director*

THE FLOWERS THIS MORNING are given by the Iannarino/Hussey families to the glory of God and in memory of Otilie Helm and Frank and Carol Hussey from the Hussey, Iannarino and Trace families.

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)

(adopted September 8, 2002 by the congregation)



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