



HOLY COMMUNION AT ELEVEN
FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
 UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

November 4, 2018 All Saints' Sunday Proper 26

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 Festal Flourish Gordon Jacob
 Liturgical Improvisation No. 1 George Oldroyd
My soul hath a desire and longing to enter the courts of the Lord

ENTER TO WORSHIP Janet Newcity

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: The earth and all that is in it belongs to the Holy One.

P: Look, here is our God, for whom we have waited.

L: This is the Holy One, for whom we have waited.

P: Let us be glad and rejoice in our salvation.

L: Who shall ascend the hill of the Holy One? And who shall stand in this holy place?

P: We come, seeking the face of God.

—(from Isaiah 25 and Psalm 24)

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 526 For all the saints *Sine Nomine*

* 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 knit together all the redeemed in the mystical body of Christ: Give us grace to follow your saints in all holy living, that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION Rev. Ahrens

L: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; everything becomes new. That we may put behind us all that is past, let us confess our sin to almighty God.

P: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

A time of silence follows.

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

P: We believe the good news of Jesus Christ. Amen.

* WELCOME AND 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.

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

THE EPISTLE LESSON Romans 13:8-12 (N.T., p. 162) Ms. Newcity

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

P: Thanks be to God.

THE REVELATION TO JOHN 21:1-6a (N.T., p. 259) Ms. Newcity

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

P: Thanks be to God.

* GOSPEL HYMN 364 I sing a song of the saints of God *Grand Isle*

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 11:32-44 (N.T., p. 105) Rev. Ahrens

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

P: Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION MEDITATION Rev. Ahrens & Mr. Greg Kellison

"Put on The Armor of Light"

A time of reflection follows.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Corzine & Rev. Ahrens

A GREAT CLOUD OF WITNESSES

L: We give thanks to you, O God, for all your servants and witnesses of time past. For Abraham, the father of believers, and Sarah his wife:

P: We give you thanks, O God.

L: For Moses, the lawgiver, and Aaron, the priest:

P: We give you thanks, O God.

L: For Miriam and Joshua, Deborah and Gideon:

P: We give you thanks, O God.

L: For Samuel with Hannah his mother:

P: We give you thanks, O God.

L: For Isaiah and all the prophets:

P: We give you thanks, O God.

L: For Mary, the mother of our Lord:

P: We give you thanks, O God.

L: For Peter and Paul and all the apostles:

P: We give you thanks, O God.

L: For Mary and Martha, and Mary Magdalene:

P: We give you thanks, O God.

L: For Stephen, the first martyr:

P: We give you thanks, O God.

L: For all the martyrs and saints in every age and in every land:

P: We give you thanks, O God.

L: In your mercy, O God, give us, as you gave to them, the hope of salvation and the promise of eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the first-born of many from the dead.

All: Amen.

THE NECROLOGY

Following the Necrology, the Choir sings the Kontakion by Rupert Lang.

Robert W. Fowler September 12, 1951 - June 7, 2017

Donald R. Erickson June 4, 1959 - November 2, 2017

Joyce MacDonald Campbell July 8, 1927 - December 1, 2017

William Charles Johannes May 28, 1945 - February 7, 2018

Donald R. Streibig November 12, 1926 - April 26, 2018

Sarah Nell Cole November 28, 1927 - May 31, 2018

Gary David Thomas July 22, 1962 - September 2, 2018

Wallace Cameron Giffen April 24, 1936 - September 3, 2018

Mary Alice Kuhn December 18, 1931 - September 19, 2018

THE OFFERTORY

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MISSION INVITATION

Barb Glover

Cash and designated checks go to **B.R.E.A.D.** BREAD (Building Responsibility, Equality, and Dignity) is the organization through which our congregation works for social justice. BREAD has a 22 year history of improving the quality of life in central Ohio by researching serious community problems and gathering the power of people in nearly 40 congregations to press public officials to implement proven solutions to those problems. BREAD rises! Please give generously.

ANTHEM And I saw a new heaven Edgar Bainton
 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I, John, saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven, saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with all, and he will dwell with them and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain, for the former things are passed away. —Revelation 21:1-4

* PRESENTATION HYMN 591 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow
Old Hundredth

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow
 Praise Christ, all people here below
 Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
 Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION
We practice open communion: Wherever you are on your faith journey, you are welcome at the Lord's table. Please come forward down the center aisle and return to your seat by the side aisle. (Wheat-free rice flour bread is available on the trays, cut into circles.) Cups with the purple ribbon around them are filled with wine.

* INVITATION
 * SURSUM CORDA Plainsong

* COMMUNION PRAYER
 * SANCTUS William Mathias

The congregation may be seated.
 L: ...Therefore we proclaim the mystery of our faith:
P: Christ has died. Christ is Risen. Christ will come again.

(The Communion Prayer continues)
 L: ...Restore the earth with your grace that is able to make all things new.
P: Be present with us as we share this meal, and throughout all our lives, that we may know you as the Holy One, who with Christ and the Holy Spirit, lives for ever. Amen.

L: Let us pray as Christ our Savior has taught us.
P: 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.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION
 MOTET *O quam gloriosum* Tomás Luis de Victoria

O quam gloriosum est regnum, in quo cum Christo gaudent omnes Sancti! Amicti stolis albis, sequuntur Agnum, quocumque ierit. —Revelation 7:9
 O how glorious is the kingdom in which all the saints rejoice with Christ, clad in robes of white they follow the Lamb wherever he goes.

Please remain seated for the Prayer of Thanksgiving
 PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING Rev. Ahrens
 L: Let us pray.
All: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

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

* CLOSING HYMN 265 Great God, we sing that mighty hand Wareham
 * THANKSGIVING & FAREWELL TO ROBBE DELCAMP

* BENEDICTION Rev. Ahrens

POSTLUDE Grande Pièce Symphonique Op. 17 César Franck
Finale: Beaucoup plus largement qu'à l'Allegro

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 nametag. We'd be delighted to assist you. Please join us for Fellowship Hour in the Parish Hall immediately following the service.

ACOLYTES: Ruby Holt and Matty Provenzano
 CRUCIFER: Miriam Myers
 MUSIC: The First Church Choir; Robert Delcamp, *organist & director*

THE FLOWERS THIS MORNING are given by Chris and Tom Farquhar to the glory of God and in memory of beloved family and friends.

GREETING AT THE EXITS TODAY:
 Broad Street – Rev. Ahrens
 Ninth Street – Rev. Corzine
 Education Wing – Mr. Williams



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