



WORSHIP AT ELEVEN
FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

November 11, 2018 The Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time Proper 27

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 Leo Sowerby
Requiescat in pace
Written in honor of the deceased of World War I

MOMENT OF SILENCE
We observe silence in memory of and gratitude for the 100th anniversary of the signing of the Armistice that ended World War I on Nov. 11, 1918, at 11 a.m. We also honor and thank all veterans for their service.

ENTER TO WORSHIP Russ Kelm
 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: What do you bring before the Lord this day?
P: We bring our hopes and our dreams to the Lord.
 L: What do you seek?
P: We seek peace for our weary souls.
 L: You will find it in this place, for this is the house of the Lord.
P: Open our hearts and our spirits, O Lord, to hear your words of comfort and peace. Amen.

* 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, who sent Jesus into the world to destroy the powers of evil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may grow in holiness of life; and that, when Christ comes with power and great majesty, we may share in the glory of all the redeemed; this we pray in the name of the Trinity, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

* 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 Mark S. Williams
 FOOD COLLECTION
(Please bring food donations forward during the singing of the hymn)
 HYMN We Praise you, O God (stanzas 1 and 3) Kremser

1. We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator; in grateful devotion our tribute we bring; We lay it before you, we kneel and adore you; we bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.
3. With voices united our praises we offer, and gladly our song of thanksgiving we raise. Our sins now confessing, we pray for your blessing; to you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURE Ruth 3:1–3; 4:13–17 (O.T., p. 242)
Mr. Kelm
 L: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.
P: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM They that wait upon the Lord Gerald Near
 They that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.
 —Isaiah 40:31

THE EPISTLE Hebrews 9:24–28 (N.T., p. 224) Mr. Kelm
 L: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.
P: Thanks be to God.

* GOSPEL HYMN 238 Unless this house the Lord shall build 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 12:38–44 (N.T., p. 49) Rev. Corzine
 L: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.
P: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Watch This One" Rev. Corzine
A time of reflection follows.

RECOGNITION OF VETERANS Rev. Ahrens
 A VETERANS' DAY LITANY
 L: We remember today, O God, all those who have served under the colors of their countries.
P: We commend them to you for their bravery, their patriotism, and their honor.
 L: Grant that those who serve today may be kept in your everlasting love and protection.
P: Give comfort and encouragement to their families.
 L: We pray for the day when there will be peace on earth and the kingdoms of this world will have become the kingdoms of our Christ.
P: Hasten that day, O God, and help us to live in that hope. Imbue us with your spirit of love and forgiveness, in order that we may understand the nature of Christ's kingdom.
 L: Hear our prayers for our enemies in the world, that they join us in a better world community.
P: Let your holy will prevail among all people, and your name be exalted forever. Amen.

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 Lauren Muscott
 Cash and designated checks go to the **Broad Street Presbyterian Church and Gladden Community House Pantries.** In a February 2018 study published by OSU, Downtown and Franklinton were in the top five neighborhoods experiencing "very low food security." Individuals who are food insecure have much higher levels of mental health issues such as depression and anxiety. Thank you for your generosity.

ANTHEM Lass dich nur nichts nicht dauren Johannes Brahms
Laß dich nur nichts nicht dauren mit Trauren, sei stille, wie Gott es fügt, so sei vergnügt mein Wille!
 Do not be sorrowful or regretful; Be calm, as God has ordained, and thus my will shall be content.

Was willst du heute sorgen auf morgen? Der Eine steht allem für, der gibt auch dir das Deine.
 What do you want to worry about from day to day? There is One who stands above all who gives you, too, what is yours.

Sei nur in allem Handel ohn Wandel, steh feste, was Gott beschleußt, das ist und heißt das Beste. Amen.
 Only be steadfast in all you do, stand firm; what God has decided, that is and must be the best. Amen.

* 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 O love, how deep, how broad, how high
Deus tuorum militum



1. O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how pass - ing
2. For us bap - tized, for us He bore His ho - ly
3. For us to e - vil power be - trayed, Scourged, mocked, in
4. For us He rose from death a - gain; For us He
5. All glo - ry to our Lord_ and God For love so



thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of God, should
fast_ and hun - gered sore; For us temp - ta - tions sharp He
pur - ple robe ar - rayed, He bore the shame - ful cross_ and
went_ on high to reign; For us He sent the Spir - it
deep, so high, so broad: The Trin - i - ty whom we_ a -



take our mor - tal form_ for mor - tals' sake.
knew, For us_ the temp - ter o - ver - threw.
death, For us_ gave up_ His dy - ing breath.
here To guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.
dore For - ev - er and_ for - ev - er - more.

* BENEDICTION Rev. Corzine

POSTLUDE *Roulade* Gerald Near

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.

WE WELCOME KEVIN JONES back to First Church upon the completion of his sabbatical leave. Welcome, Kevin!

ACOLYTES: Sebyy Kulwicki and Alyssia Palmer

CRUCIFER: Mia Provenzano

MUSIC: The First Church Choir, Kevin Jones, *organist and director*

THE FLOWERS THIS MORNING are given by Anne Hudson to the glory of God and in loving memory of her brother, Fentress Scammon Barry.

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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