



Enter to Worship  
**Depart to Serve**

August 16, 2020

### This Week at First Church

**8/16**

9 a.m. Worship  
9:45 a.m. Zoom Chat  
10 a.m. Confirmation 2021 Conversation  
11 a.m. Worship  
Noon Virtual Coffee Hour  
6:30 p.m. Youth Gathering

**8/17**

10 a.m. 21-Day Racial Equity Challenge  
6 p.m. Budget & Finance Mtg  
7 p.m. 21-Day Racial Equity Challenge

**8/18**

7 p.m. Church Council Mtg

**8/19**

9:30 a.m. The Largest Table Food Prep  
10:30 a.m. Book Study  
2:30 p.m. Live Stream Task Force Mtg  
5:30 p.m. Seeing the Racial Water -  
A Conversation with  
Robin DiAngelo

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### Free Event

THE EDGE SISTERS is hosting a free virtual event with Dr. Robin DiAngelo, author of *White Fragility*, in collaboration with the Columbus Metropolitan Library.

Seeing the Racial Water – A Conversation with Robin DiAngelo  
Wednesday August 19, 5:30–7:00 p.m.

More information about THE EDGE SISTERS, this event, and Registration:  
<https://www.crowdcast.io/e/robindiangelo/register>

### Join us in a Church-Wide Program

The 21-Day Racial Equity Habit Building Challenge has been extended and it's never too late join! New topics on Protest and Rebellion, Self Care, and a 21 Day Youth, Race & Moore.

The 21-Day Racial Equity Habit Building Challenge is where you do one action to further your understanding of power, privilege, supremacy, oppression, and equity. The Plan includes suggestions for readings, podcasts, videos, observations, and ways to form and deepen community connections. The suggested categories are: Read, Listen, Watch, Notice, Connect, Engage, Act, Reflect and Stay Inspired.

We will host Zoom meetings on Monday at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. for us to discuss what we have learned during this challenge in a safe place.

The next date for the discussion is:  
August 17

The challenge is sponsored by the Christian Education and Justice and Mercy Commissions.

More information about the challenge can be found at:  
[https://www.eddiemoorejr.com/21daychallenge?fbclid=I-wAR14DWYP7qKFg7j5aokIXhfBeQhy21pV-kbvF\\_S8HIOccZm-JgQbY\\_bVAIk](https://www.eddiemoorejr.com/21daychallenge?fbclid=I-wAR14DWYP7qKFg7j5aokIXhfBeQhy21pV-kbvF_S8HIOccZm-JgQbY_bVAIk)

Join Zoom Meeting 10:00 a.m.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88054839264?pwd=WFE3N-m9EdXgrbmNxVW1adHFuWVd6QT09>

Meeting ID: 880 5483 9264  
Password: 754146

Join Zoom Meeting 7:00 p.m.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83054339411?pwd=bE1RZX-dTbElkWFZQOU9yMGxXK0R1UT09>

Meeting ID: 830 5433 9411  
Password: 361493

## 2020 Summer Sermon Series



### **“For Such a Time As This: Seven Lessons for Living Through Pandemic Times” Based on Esther 4:14**

We are living in trying times. These times are like nothing most of us have ever experienced. There are confluences of pandemics of with COVID-19, racism, economic hardship, and poverty all in the midst of a Presidential Election Cycle create challenges like we have never seen. How do we find our spiritual balance in times such as these?

Over the next seven weeks, we will engage a seven-part sermon series entitled, For Such a Time As This: Seven Lessons for Living Through Pandemic Times. Based on the story of Esther, Rev. Emily Corzine and I will present seven lessons for life in these times.

Please join us every Sunday on YouTube or Facebook Live. Also, share these lessons with others. Spread the word of God and the reflections we share to get us through times like these.

Blessings and love to you,  
Tim

#### **Sermon Titles for 2020 Summer Sermon Series**

**July 26 – “Get Into ‘Good Trouble’”**

**August 2 – “Learn from the Past and Don’t Repeat it”**

**August 9 – “Make Your Life Matter”**

**August 16 - “Use the VOTE intelligently, Conscientiously, and Prayerfully”**

**August 23 – “Live In and Out of Murky Waters”**

**August 30 – “Give Yourself Permission”**

**September 6 – “Remember, Restore, Renew”**

## Virtual Coffee Hour



Sundays on Zoom  
Immediately Following the Service Livestream

**Join the Virtual Coffee Hour,  
immediately following each  
Worship Livestream.**

**9:00 a.m.**

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/  
j/86527907526?pwd=L014R1dldmE4U-  
zlUNDlnZkZ4ZURldz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86527907526?pwd=L014R1dldmE4U-zlUNDlnZkZ4ZURldz09)

**Meeting ID: 865 2790 7526**

**Password: 601438**

**11:00 a.m.**

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/  
j/88494216574?pwd=cDNVS0dKaEdvT-  
GhMcVoZc0twU2pyZz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88494216574?pwd=cDNVS0dKaEdvT-GhMcVoZc0twU2pyZz09)

**Meeting ID: 884 9421 6574**

**Password: 693317**

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As the November 3, 2020 election quickly approaches, visit the Ohio Secretary of State at <https://www.ohiosos.gov/elections/voters/absentee-ballot/>. There you will find information on voter registration, update your voting information, request an absentee ballot, any any other questions about voting in Ohio. You must register or update your voter registration no later than 30 days prior to an election.

Don't miss your chance to make voice heard!

## Keep in Prayer

The Rev. Dr. Tim Ahrens on his upcoming surgery; Rob and Marti Rideout; Kelly Dodd; Betsy Zahn; Dana Navin Schultz; Lindy Miller; and Rev. Earl Fritz and Pauline Fritz; Reid Bender, friend of Jen Provenzano; Talia Cook, granddaughter of Frank and Sue Cook; Jeffery Collins, father of Will Zimmerman's girlfriend, Kalee Collins; Brent Hatch, father of Annie West's partner Evin Hatch; Dwight and Elaine Holt, parents of David Holt; Susan Gattton, sister of Amy Wagner; Caleb Creech, brother-in-law to Sarah Ahrens Stadie, to be deployed to Afghanistan; Jane Mead, mother of Cindy Deliman; Will Nirote, grandson of Rev. Bill and Arevena Nirote; Tito Sanchez, friend of Dayna McCrary; and Amy Smith, sister of Sarah Lange; Calvin Roth, father of Julie Roth.

Those who mourn the loss of loved ones, including Shannon Washington and her mother, Lorraine Dodds, on the death of her father, Christopher.

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### Emergency Pastoral Care Line

If you need to be in touch with Rev. Ahrens or Rev. Corzine for emergency pastoral care or to name a prayer request, please call **614-733-4547** and leave a message. Someone will return your call as needed.

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Dr. Will Fernald's will celebrate his 97th birthday on Aug. 16. Help him celebrate his special day by sending a card or note!

His address is :  
Dr. Will Fernald  
Bickford of Bexley, Room 205  
2600 E. Main St.  
Bexley, Ohio 43209

Thanks be to God for Dr. Will Fernald!

## Give

At First Church, our financial resources enable us to “Enter to worship, depart to serve.” You can support the mission and ministry of First Church now by scanning the QR Code, using either EasyTithe or PayPal, by visiting [www.first-church.org/give.aspx](http://www.first-church.org/give.aspx), or by sending your offering directly to First Congregational Church, 444 E Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215. For more information, please contact Annette McCormick at [amccormick@first-church.org](mailto:amccormick@first-church.org) or Rev. Emily Corzine at [ecorzine@first-church.org](mailto:ecorzine@first-church.org).

Cash and designated checks go to Lutheran Social Services CHOICES for Victims of Domestic Violence. Domestic violence is a terrible and increasingly pervasive problem that tears apart families and communities. Victims and their children who are living with an abuser need a safe place to go to break the cycle of violence and begin the healing process. LSS CHOICES for Victims of Domestic Violence has been the sole resource for victims seeking shelter in Franklin County for more than four decades. Thank you for your generosity.



## August Mission Offerings

August 16	LSS-CHOICES
August 23	ACLU Foundation of Ohio
August 30	Equitas Health

## Church Leadership

**Senior Minister** Rev. Dr. Timothy C. Ahrens, M.Div., D. Min.

**Associate Minister** Rev. Emily Krause Corzine, M.Div.

**Minister of Music** Kevin Jones, M.M., M.S.E.

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**Building and Grounds Assistant** Darrell Cross

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**Nursery Staff** Miranda Brooks, Norma Secor, Blessing Weekly, Miranda Gumbita

**Senior Deacon** James Velo

**Deacons** Carol Ernst-King, Shelly Gies, Sarah Giffen, Scott Graham, Greg Halbe, Lanier Holt, Antoinette Koolemans-Beynen, James Lowe, Dayna McCrary, Allison Lowery Palmer, Mark Sholl, Andrew Smith-Verhage, Al Waddell, Marty Worth

### Church Council Leadership

**Moderator** Lynn Wallich; **Moderator-elect** Alec Deitz;

**Treasurer** Dennis Secor; **Treasurer-elect** Matt Myers;

**Secretary** Jim Griffin; **Secretary-elect** Peter Murray

### Board of Trustees

**Chairperson** Brian Cave **Trustees** Allen Baker, Sue Cook, Cindy Conn, Kevin Cubick, Christine Farquar, Tom Hadley, Jim Kyle, Elaine Warren

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**Administration** Andy Bensing; **Administration-elect** Brad West; **Church Growth** Cheryl Hoskinson; **Church Growth-elect** Elisha Hardekopf; **Church Vitality** Fran Panek; **Church Vitality-elect** Lee Kiesel; **Education** Stacie Sholl; **Education-elect** Margaret Graham; **House & Grounds** Victor John; **House & Grounds-elect** Eric Klintworth; **Justice & Mercy** Lauren Muscott; **Justice & Mercy-elect** Kaye Martin; **Music, Arts & Heritage** David Mailer; **Music, Arts & Heritage-elect** Scott Jones; **Members-at-Large** Mel Prendergast & Mia Provenzano; **Nominating Committee Chair** Joe Baszynski