



WORSHIP AT ELEVEN

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

February 13, 2022

The Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

WELCOME TO FIRST CHURCH!

If you are visiting today and looking for a church home, welcome! *For more than 169 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.*

*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 A Minor, BWV 543

J.S. Bach

ENTER TO WORSHIP

Dayna McCrary

Leader: Blessed be God, Light of the world, bright Morning Star, and Spirit of love.

** Then all stand.*

L: Sovereign of all the earth, Creator of the universe, Holy Triune God,

From everlasting to everlasting, you are Lord. Your law brings life, O Lord, and we meditate on it day and night;

P: Happy are we when we walk in your ways, O Lord.

L: You are a rich stream of living waters, and we would immerse ourselves in you;

P: Happy are we when we walk in your ways, O Lord.

L: You bring forth fruit in due season and establish the work of our hands;

P: Happy are we when we walk in your ways, O Lord.

L: Who is like our God, the One whose ways are full of life?

P: Happy are we when we walk in your ways, O Lord.

1. O for a world where ev - ery - one Re - spects each oth - er's ways, Where
 2. O for a world where goods are shared And mis - er - y re - lieved, Where
 3. We wel - come one world fam - i - ly And strug - gle with each choice That
 4. The poor are rich, the weak are strong, The fool - ish ones are wise. Tell
 5. O for a world pre - par - ing for God's glo - rious reign of peace, Where

love is lived and all is done With jus - tice and with praise.
 truth is spo - ken, chil - dren spared, E - qual - i - ty a - chieved.
 o - pens us to u - ni - ty And gives our vi - sion voice.
 all who mourn; Out - casts be - long, Who per - ish - es will rise.
 time and tears will be no more, And all but love will cease.

* INVOCATION

The Rev. Emily Krause Corzine

L: God be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Let us pray.

P: O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

* WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF CONFIRMAND HENRY WADE

Rev. Ahrens

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

Mr. Wade

L: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Let us greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Mr. Williams

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 17:5-10

Mrs. McCrary

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah, chapter 17.

Thus says the LORD: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the LORD. They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. Blessed are those who trust in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse—who can understand it? I the LORD test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

L: May light break forth on God's Holy Word.

P: Thanks be to God.

O Lord, give thy Holy Spirit into our hearts, and lighten our understanding, that we may dwell in the fear of thy Name, all the days of our life, that we may know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent.

THE EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 15:12–20

Mrs. McCrary

A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, chapter 15.

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

L: May light break forth on God's Holy Word.

P: **Thanks be to God.**

* GOSPEL HYMN S130

What does the Lord require?

Micah

1. What does the Lord re - quire for praise and of - fering?
2. Rul - ers of earth, give ear! should you not jus - tice know?
3. Mas - ters of wealth and trade, all you for whom we toil,
4. Still down the a - ges ring the proph - ets' stern com - mands:
5. How shall our lives ful - fill God's law so hard and high?



What sac - ri - fice of praise or trib - ute bid you bring?
 Will God your plead - ing hear while crime and cruel - ty grow?
 Think not to win God's aid, if lies your com - merce soil.
 To mer - chant, work - er, king, they bring God's high de - mands:
 Let Christ en - due our will with grace to for - ti - fy.



Do just - ly, love mer - cy, walk hum - bly with your God.
 Do just - ly, love mer - cy, walk hum - bly with your God.
 Do just - ly, love mer - cy, walk hum - bly with your God.
 Do just - ly, love mer - cy, walk hum - bly with your God.
 Then just - ly, in mer - cy, we'll hum - bly walk with God.

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke, chapter 6.

Jesus came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. Then he looked up at his disciples and said: “Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. “Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. “Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. “Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. “But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. “Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. “Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. “Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

L: May light break forth on God’s Holy Word.

P: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Healing Everybody”

Rev. Ahrens

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

To give online, please scan this QR code link, or see additional instructions in the Depart to Serve leaflet:



MISSION INVITATION

Rev. Corzine

Designated gifts go to **Faith Mission**. Each month a team of First Congregational Church volunteers prepares a meal and serves it at Faith Mission. Your donations ensure that the team has the resources to provide a nourishing meal to those whom Faith Mission serves. Thank you for your generosity.

ANTHEM

Witness

Jack Halloran

*Who'll be a witness for my Lord?
Oh I'll be a witness for my Lord.*

*Then you'll be a witness for my Lord... soul is a
witness for my Lord.*

Well old Samson’s wife, she talked so fair
Samson said, “cut off a my hair” “Cut it off”
“Shave my head just as clean as your hand,
And my strength will come like a natural
man.”

There was a man of the Pharisees,
His name was Nicodemus and he didn’t
believe.
The same came to Christ by night,
Wanted to be taught out of human sight.
Nicodemus was a man who desired to know
How a man can be born when he is old.
Christ told Nicodemus as a friend,
“Man, you must be born again.”
He said, “Marvel not, If you want to be
wise,
Repent, believe and be baptized.”

You read about Samson, from his birth
He was the strongest man that ever lived on
earth.
Way back yonder in the ancient times
He killed ten thousand of the Philistines.
Then old Samson went a wandering about.
Samson’s strength was never found out.
“Til his wife sat up on his knee.

*Samson was a witness for my Lord... soul is a
witness for my Lord.
There’s another witness... for my Lord! My soul
is a witness for my Lord!*

She said, “Tell me where you strength lies, if
you please.”

* PRESENTATION HYMN

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. Corzine

COMMUNITY NOTICES - DEPART TO SERVE

Mr. Williams

L: Let us depart with a heart to serve.

P: Thanks be to God.

* CLOSING HYMN

'I have a dream,' a man once said

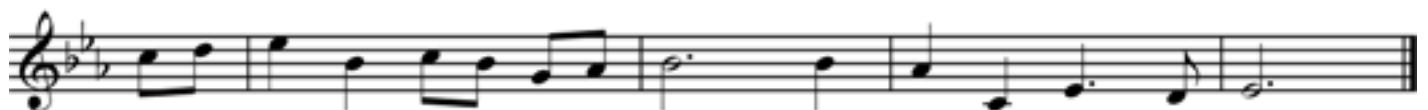
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1. 'I have a dream,' a man once said, 'where all is perfect peace;
2. But in this world of bitter strife the dream can often fade;
3. Fierce persecution, war, and hate are raging everywhere;
4. So dream the dreams and sing the songs, but never be content;
5. Lord, give us vision, make us strong, help us to do your will;



where men and women, black and white, stand hand in hand, and all unite
reality seems dark as night, we catch but glimpses of the light
God calls us now to pay the price through struggles and through sacrifice
for thoughts and words don't ease the pain: unless there's action, all is vain;
don't let us rest until we see your love through-out human-ity



in freedom and in love, in freedom and in love.
Christ sheds on human-kind, Christ sheds on human-kind.
of standing for the right, of standing for the right.
faith proves it-self in deeds, faith proves it-self in deeds.
uniting us in peace, uniting us in peace.

Please be seated for the Commissioning.

COMMISSIONING OF 2022 OFFICERS OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Ahrens

* BENEDICTION

Rev. Ahrens

POSTLUDE

Epiphanie

Gaston Litaize

Please be seated for the Postlude

LEADERSHIP IN THE LITURGY

The Rev. Dr. Timothy C. Ahrens, *preacher*

The Rev. Emily Krause Corzine, *liturgist*

Dayna McCrary, *liturgist*

Mark S. Williams, *liturgist*

Hannah Brooks, *crucifer*

The First Church Choir

Kevin Jones, *organist*

Peter Murray, Mike Kennedy, Janet Newcity, *livestream ministry*

† THE FLOWERS THIS MORNING are given by to the glory of God and in honor of the anniversary of Donna Vogt's baptism by the Vogt Family.

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February 13, 2022

This Week at First Church

2/13	
9 a.m.	Worship (Parish Hall & Virtual)
10 a.m.	Coffee Hour (Virtual)
11 a.m.	Worship (Sanctuary & Virtual)
12 Noon	Coffee Hour (Virtual)
12:15	Confirmation Class (Parish Hall)
1 p.m.	Trustees Mtg (Virtual)
4 p.m.	Congregational Concert (Sanctuary)
6 p.m.	Youth Connections (Virtual)

2/15	
7 p.m.	Church Council Mtg (Virtual)

2/16	
10 a.m.	Largest Table Food Prep & Delivery (Education Wing)
10:30 a.m.	Book Study (Virtual)

2/17	
7:15 p.m.	First Church Choir Rehearsal (Parish Hall)

Website Launch

Monday, February 14, 2022

Monday, February 14, 2022 is the scheduled launch for our new First Church website! There may be a temporary interruption accessing the site as the transition happens. Should you need any assistance accessing information during that time, please email Amy Wagner at awagner@first-church.org. [We appreciate your patience and understanding](#) and look forward to sharing our new website.

Justice and Mercy Commission Collects Items for Overnight Warming Center

Justice and Mercy Commission supports the overnight warming center at The Church for All People (UMC) on Parsons Avenue in February.

The Church for All People has an overnight warming center every night from 7 p.m.-7 a.m. They are in need of supplies and volunteers.

First Church is collecting new or clean winter hats, gloves, and hand/foot warmers for adults and children now through February 27.

A drop box will be available inside the Ninth Street door during church office hours Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-3 p.m. A drop-off Sunday location in the Education Wing will be available when we return to in-person worship (watch for more details).

You may also make a purchase on Amazon.com (https://www.amazon.com/s?k=bulk+winter+hats+and+gloves+-for+homeless&crid=1UHU33KD3FECS&srefix-=bulk+winter+hats+and+gloves%2Caps%2C94&ref=nb_sb_ss_ts-doa-p_1_27) and send the items directly to First Congregational Church, UCC 444 East Broad Street, Columbus Ohio 43215.

Contact Rev. Emily Corzine, ecorzine@first-church.org if you are available to volunteer for the warming center.

First Church Choir to Host Curbside Pasta Dinner and Online Auction

In anticipation of its pilgrimage to Winchester Cathedral, UK, in August, the First Church Choir will host its final major fundraising event. The ever-popular pasta dinner and auction are back and both have a new look.

Dinners will be carry-out only and available on Sunday, February 27, between 4 and 6 p.m. Pre-orders begin Monday, February 7, and are accepted through Friday, February 25. There are no “at the door” sales. Dinner includes baked ziti (with meat, vegetarian, or gluten-free); tossed salad; and Italian bread. Ticket prices start at \$15 for one meal and vary according to your meal choice. Once registered you will be assigned a 30-minute window, between 4 and 6 p.m., on Sunday, February 27, to pick up your order at the church.

Visit <https://www.charityauctionstoday.com/t/first-church-choir-carry-out-pasta-dinner-8bfe0ed368> for more details and to place your order. Only online payments will be accepted.

Auction items will be offered online. Bidding will open on Sunday, February 20, and close Saturday, February 26. Watch this space in upcoming communications for more information.

Lent at Home Kits

The Christian Education Commission (Faith Formation) will again be providing “Lent at Home” kits for the Lenten season. The kits will be given out after each service on February 27 in the Education Breezeway and the Narthex. We will also have a drive-by in the North Parking lot distributing from 12:15-1 p.m. We hope this will help in your faith journey during Lent.

Concerts at First Church: Kevin Jones Organ Recital

Please join us on Sunday, February 13, at 4 p.m. when Minister of Music Kevin Jones plays his annual organ recital in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Beckerath organ. In 1972, the organ was dedicated in three different recitals. Mr. Jones will offer two pieces that were played on these recitals in addition to music by Bach, Distler, Heiller, Messiaen, and Sweelinck. Come celebrate the birthday of this wonderful musical machine that has led many musical moments of joy and faith over the past 50 years. Vaccinations and boosters are highly recommended, medical-grade masks are required for entry, and socially distanced seating protocols will be observed.

For more information visit <http://concertsatfirstchurch.org/home/congconcerts/kevin-jones-organ-recital-feb-13/>

Purchase Kimball Organ CD

Minister of Music Kevin Jones plays music of Herbert Howells and Sir Edward Elgar on the 1931 Kimball organ at First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, Columbus, Ohio. Containing more than 71 minutes of music, this physical CD is available for \$15 each and can be ordered through contacting the main office or by visiting the purchase site, <http://concertsatfirstchurch.org/getkimballcd/>

The album will also be available on iTunes, Spotify, Amazon, and many other digital distributions; however, the accompanying 12-page booklet will only be available with the physical CD.

This album was funded and produced through the Barnard Music Fund and is released in celebration of the 90th birthday of the Kimball organ.

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 presented below, using either EasyTithe or PayPal, by visiting 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.



Designated gifts go to **Faith Mission**. Each month a team of First Congregational Church volunteers prepares a meal and serves it at Faith Mission. Your donations ensure that the team has the resources to provide a nourishing meal to those whom Faith Mission serves. Thank you for your generosity.

For more information visit <https://lssnetworkofhope.org/faithmission/>

Livestream Ministry Seeking Volunteers

The Livestream Ministry is seeking volunteers to join the team that is extending our Sunday worship services to online viewers in Central Ohio and beyond. No video production experience is needed. The team provides the training, and the permanently-installed equipment is straightforward to use. Extend your worship by being a part of our congregation's Extravagant Welcome to members and visitors.

Online worshippers are members of our faith community participating from home or while traveling. We also have viewers that are seeking a spiritual resting place or simply enjoying First Church's preaching and music. The current team of three is looking to at least double its size as we aim for a one-Sunday-service-a-month commitment level. The commitment each Sunday is 30 minutes before the start of worship through the end of the service. There is the potential for offering recording and streaming services for weddings, memorial services, and other events in the sanctuary and Parish Hall as well.

Interested or ready to join? Contact Peter Murray (peter@pandc.org) or Emily Corzine (ecorzine@first-church.org). If you have questions, ask any of the livestream ministry team members: Peter Murray, Janet Newcity, and Mike Kennedy.

Global Mission Partner Robert Howard, Fiji

Robert Howard is a global mission intern serving with the Pacific Council of Churches, Fiji. The Pacific Council of Churches is an organization that works to promote self-determination, resilience, and empowerment to both individuals and communities in the Pacific Islands. It focuses on climate change, child protection, cultural retention, and decolonization. PCC currently has 30 affiliated churches. Robert works with the Stewardship team in areas relating to Ocean Advocacy to help make information more accessible.

For more information about Global Ministries visit <https://www.globalministries.org/>.

Virtual Coffee Hour

Following 9 a.m. Service
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81281921601?pwd=b3YxcGhj1dRQakRIK0tNMUYyN2d0Zz09>

Meeting ID: 812 8192 1601
Passcode: 765775

Following 11 a.m. Service
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86230570295?pwd=VjMwTURJdWljeHU5MGpRc1B5NWQ3UT09>

Meeting ID: 862 3057 0295
Passcode: 298540

Keep in Prayer

Members Janice White; Judy Smith; Lou Flocken; Martha Huey; Barbara Knox; Betsy Zahn; and John Carter and Mary Kay Beall Carter.

Family and friends Mark Dahnke; Melva Fisher's son, Stephen Fisher; Joe Bellissimo's parents, Joe and Nancy Bellissimo; Kathy Reed's friend, JD Mace, Amy Wagner's friend, Ken Burke; Claudia Glenn's mother, Mary Booth.

Those who mourn loved ones Jeremy Howard and grandmother, Geneva Howard, on the death of his grandfather, Earl Howard, Sr.

In the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle, we lift the people and churches of Austria, Liechtenstein, and Switzerland. We pray for Global Ministries worker RJ Howard in Fiji.

Please note that individuals will remain on the prayer list for three weeks, unless specified to clergy or staff.

Emergency Pastoral Care Line

If you need to be in touch with Rev. Corzine or Rev. Ahrens 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.

Upcoming Mission Offerings

February 13 Faith Mission

February 20 BREAD

February 27 Deep Griha Scholarships

Nursery Workers Needed

First Church is looking to hire two adult nursery workers. Positions are immediately available. Please contact Mark Williams at mwilliams@first-church.org for more information.

Church Leadership

Senior Minister Rev. Dr. Timothy C. Ahrens, D.Min., M.Div.
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Music, Arts & Heritage Sandra Mathias
Music, Arts & Heritage-elect Melissa Kulwicki
Members-at-Large Dayna McCrary and Alyssia Palmer
Nominating Committee Chair Alec Deitz

Welcome Statement

You are welcomed, affirmed, and loved here; our faith informs us that you are a child of a loving God. Your characteristics and gifts will enrich our congregation. In this community, you will be celebrated, embraced, and honored, no matter how you identify or how your identity may evolve. Wherever you are on your faith journey, we invite you to join us in our diverse yet united experience.

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.

Open and Affirming Statement

We, the members of First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, Columbus, Ohio, welcome and affirm all. We believe we are all created in God's image and called to love our neighbors as Jesus loves us. We believe we are many members, but one body in Christ, called to unite all people in God's love. We are a community seeking God's presence and love in our lives. We seek to unite persons of all ages, races, nationalities, ethnicities, sexual orientations, sexes, gender identities and expressions, family structures, mental, intellectual and physical conditions, economic circumstances, political, theological and faith 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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