



WORSHIP AT ELEVEN  
FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

March 6, 2022

The First Sunday in Lent

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

What Wondrous Love Is This? *Southern Harmony*, arr. Sondra K. Tucker  
Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley arr. Tucker

Jennifer Fry, Kevin Jones, Josh Lebold, and SallyJane Mathias, *ringers*

ENTER TO WORSHIP

Martha Worth

Leader: Our help is in the name of God, who made heaven and earth. Let us worship God.

*\* Then all stand.*

L: When Jesus was in the wilderness, he was tempted to save himself.

**P: We often look for the good things for ourselves first, before the well-being of others.**

L: Jesus was offered salvation if he turned stones to bread; if he accepted wealth and power; if he tested God's commitment to him.

**P: In all these things, Jesus remained strong in his commitment to God.**

L: May our commitment be as strong.

**P: May our lives be placed in God's caring hands throughout our journey. Amen.**

1. With joy and by the Spir - it led The Church of Christ seeks de - sert paths,  
 2. There si - lence shall set free the will, The heart to one de - sire re - store;  
 3. There bread from heav - en shall sus - tain And wa - ter from the rock be struck;  
 4. All praise to God who calls the Church To make her ex - o - dus from sin,

All else for - got - ten, God a - lone To wor - ship and to fol - low there.  
 There each re - straint shall pu - ri - fy And strength - en those who seek the Lord.  
 There shall God's peo - ple hear the word, The liv - ing God en - coun - ter there.  
 That test - ed, fast - ing and pre - pared, She may go up to keep the feast.

## \* INVOCATION

The Rev. Emily Krause Corzine

L: God be with you.

**P. And also with you.**

L: Let us pray.

**P: Almighty God, whose Beloved One was led out by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us, who are assaulted by many temptations, and as you know the weakness of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

## \* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Corzine

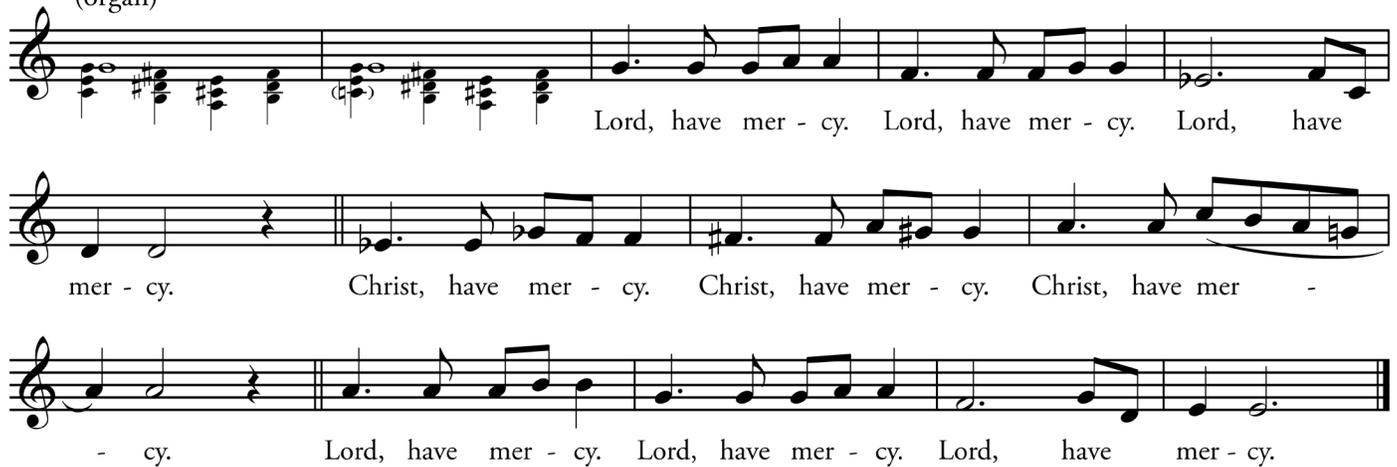
L: We are called to examine our faithfulness to God's covenant with us. God, in whose presence we gather, promises us grace and pardon when we acknowledge our weakness and brokenness. Let us confess our sin to almighty God.

**All: Eternal God, whose Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path, we recognize and confess that we have failed to respond faithfully to your gracious presence in our lives. Through Jesus Christ you have offered us new life, fulfillment, and the freedom to serve you. We confess that we are captive to sin, that our sin binds us with false pride, and that the wrong we do is made worse by the good we leave undone. Reconcile us to you and to all people. God of mercy, forgive all our sin and strengthen us anew for life as you intend it; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

*Silence may be observed for reflection and prayer.*

\* KYRIE ELEISON S153  
(organ)

William Mathias



Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have  
mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer -  
- cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

\* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Corzine

L: Almighty God, who is great in mercy and promises forgiveness of sin to all who truly repent and are sincere in faith, have mercy on us, pardon and deliver us from all sin, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and bring us to everlasting life.

**P: Amen. Thanks be to God.**

\* WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF CONFIRMAND MADELINE McWILLIAMS

The Rev. Dr. Timothy C. Ahrens

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Ms. McWilliams

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

Mark S. Williams

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURE

Deuteronomy 26:1–11 (O.T., p. 180)

Mrs. Worth

*A reading from the book of Deuteronomy, chapter 26.*

When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

L: The Word of God for the people of God.

**P: Thanks be to God.**

*A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans, chapter 10.*

But what does it say? "The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

L: The Word of God for the people of God.

P: **Thanks be to God.**

\* GOSPEL HYMN 384

O love that wilt not let me go

*St. Margaret*

1. O love that wilt not let me go, I rest my wea - ry soul in Thee; I  
 2. O light that fol-lowest all my way, I yield my flick-ering torch to Thee; My  
 3. O joy that seek - est me through pain, I can - not close my heart to Thee; I  
 4. O cross that lift - est up my head, I dare not ask to fly from Thee; I

give Thee back the life I owe, That  
 heart re - stores its bor - rowed ray, That  
 trace the rain - bow through the rain, And  
 lay in dust life's glo - ry dead, And

in Thine o - cean depths its flow May rich - er, full - er be.  
 in Thy sun - shine's blaze its day May bright - er, fair - er be.  
 feel the prom - ise is not vain That morn shall tear - less be.  
 from the ground there bloss-oms red Life that shall end - less be.

*A reading from the Gospel according to Luke, chapter 4.*

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’” Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’” Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,’ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’” Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

L: The Word of God for the people of God.

**P: Thanks be to God.**

COMMUNION MEDITATION

“Our Father, Who Art in Heaven, Hallowed Be Thy Name”

Rev. Ahrens

*Second in the Lenten sermon series, “The Lord’s Prayer”*

*A period of silence follows.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Corzine

#### 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 support the **Riverview International Center (RIC)**, which assists newly-arrived immigrants through welcoming, empowering, and providing cultural education to become self-sufficient in the United States, many of whom live on Riverview Drive in the University City area in Columbus. Support for Welcome Starter Services will equip immigrants with tools such as English classes and digital literacy, assist with transportation, healthcare, and utilities, and provide basic furniture and household supplies. Help finding job opportunities is also provided. Thank you for your generosity.

ANTHEM

*Kyrie eleison (Messe Solennelle)*

Louis Vierne

*Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.*  
Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

\* 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.**



*The congregation may be seated.*

We remember that on the night of betrayal and desertion, and on the eve of death, Jesus gathered the disciples for the feast of Passover. Jesus took bread, and after giving thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to the disciples, saying: “This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying: “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of our faith.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Eternal God, we unite in this covenant of faith, recalling Christ’s suffering and death, rejoicing in Christ’s resurrection, and awaiting Christ’s return in victory. We spread your table with these gifts of the earth and of our labor. We present to you our very lives, committed to your service on behalf of all people. We ask you to send your Holy Spirit on this bread and wine, on our gifts, and on us. Strengthen your universal church that it may be the champion of peace and justice in all the world. Restore the earth with your grace that is able to make all things new.

**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.**

Let us pray as Christ our Savior has taught us.

**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.**

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**Therefore let us keep the feast.**

The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all things are ready.

#### SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

*Please come forward as directed by the Deacons to receive the common elements for communion. If you are worshipping online, you are invited to gather elements of communion in your home. Please hold the elements until you are directed to partake together. Sealed and separated gluten-free elements are available in the center basket.*

MOTET

Hide Not Thou Thy Face From Us, O Lord

Richard Farrant

Hide not thou thy face from us, O Lord, and cast not off thy servant in thy displeasure;  
For we confess our sins unto thee, and hide not our unrighteousness: For thy mercy sake  
deliver us from all our sins.

—Psalm 27:10

BREAKING BREAD AND POURING WINE

*The bread is broken and the wine is poured as visible and audible reminders of the sacrificial self-giving of Jesus Christ. These actions call to mind the cost as well as the joy of Christian discipleship.*

Rev. Ahrens: The bread which we break is the communion of the body of Christ.  
Take and eat, this is the body of Christ, broken for you. **Amen!**

Rev. Ahrens: The cup of blessing which we bless is the communion of the blood of Christ.  
Take and drink, this is the cup of the new covenant, poured out for you. **Amen!**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Rev. Ahrens

L: Let us pray.

**P: We thank you, God, for inviting us to this table where we have known the presence of Christ and have received all Christ's gifts. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and let us show forth your praise in our lives; 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 389

O Jesus, I have promised

*Nyland*



1. O Je - sus, I have prom - ised To serve you to the end; Re - main for - ev - er  
2. O let me hear you speak - ing In ac - cents clear and still, A - bove the storms of  
3. O Je - sus, you have prom - ised To all who fol - low you That where you are in



near me, My Sav - ior and my friend; I shall not fear life's strug - gles If  
pas - sion, The mur - murs of self - will; O speak to re - as - sure me, To  
glo - ry your ser - vant shall be, too; And, Je - sus, I have prom - ised To



you are by my side, Nor wan - der from the path - way If you will be my guide.  
has - ten or con - trol; O speak, and make me lis - ten, O guard - ian of my soul.  
serve you to the end; O give me grace to fol - low, My Sav - ior and my friend.

\* BENEDICTION

Rev. Ahrens

POSTLUDE

*Chorale phrygien*

Jehan Alain

*Please be seated for the Postlude*

*Please place the used communion cup in the designated containers at each exit as you leave worship.*

† THE FLOWERS THIS MORNING are given to the glory of God and in honor of the 94 birthday birthday of Alice Paugh on March 5, from her loving daughter and son-in-law, Janet and Dan Axt.

LEADERSHIP IN THE LITURGY

The Rev. Emily Krause Corzine, *celebrant*

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

Mark S. Williams, *liturgist*

Martha Worth, *liturgist*

Sebastian Kulwicki, *acolyte*

Will Haslett, *crucifer*

The First Church Choir

Kevin Jones, *organist*

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

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Enter to Worship  
**Depart to Serve**

March 6, 2022

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## This Week at First Church

- 3/6  
9 a.m. Worship (Parish Hall & Virtual)  
11 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary & Virtual)  
12:30 p.m. Confirmation Class (Virtual)  
6 p.m. Youth Connections (Virtual)  
Lenten Small Group (Virtual)
- 3/7  
12 Noon Congregational Care Ministry (Virtual)  
6:30 p.m. House and Grounds Mtg (Virtual)
- 3/8  
7 p.m. Executive Committee Mtg (Virtual)
- 3/9  
12:15 p.m. Organ Meditations (Sanctuary)  
7 p.m. Book Club (Virtual)
- 3/10  
10 p.m. Lenten Small Group (Virtual)  
7 p.m. Security Team Mtg (Virtual)  
7:15 p.m. First Church Choir Rehearsal  
(Parish Hall)

## Coffee Sales with Justice in its Heart

Profits aid small farmers and UCC Justice Mission.  
Sales resume March 6 from 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. in the  
Education Wing.

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## First Church Book Club

All are invited to the First Church Book Club. The next meeting is on March 9 at 7 p.m. by Zoom and the selection is *The Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennett. For more information and the Zoom link, contact Elaine Warren at [melainewarren232@gmail.com](mailto:melainewarren232@gmail.com).

## The Lord's Prayer 2022 Lenten Sermon Series

### Ash Wednesday

**March 2, 2022**

The Rev. Dr. Tim Ahrens Preaching  
*"Teach Us to Pray the Lord's Prayer"*

### First Sunday in Lent

**March 6, 2022**

The Rev. Dr. Tim Ahrens Preaching  
*"Our Father Who Art in Heaven, Hallowed Be Thy Name"*

### Second Sunday in Lent

**March 13, 2022**

The Rev. Dr. Tim Ahrens Preaching  
*"Thy Kingdom Come"*

### Third Sunday in Lent

**March 20, 2022**

The Rev. Emily Corzine Preaching  
*"Thy Will Be Done on Earth as it is in Heaven"*

### Fourth Sunday in Lent

**March 27, 2022**

The Rev. Dr. Tim Ahrens Preaching  
*"Give Us This Day our Daily Bread"*

### Fifth Sunday in Lent

**April 3, 2022**

The Rev. Dr. Tim Ahrens Preaching  
*"And Forgive Us Our Debts, as We Forgive Our Debtors"*

### Palm/Passion Sunday

**April 10, 2022**

The Rev. Dr. Tim Ahrens Preaching  
*"Lead Us Not into Temptation but Deliver Us from Evil"*

### Easter

**April 17, 2022**

The Rev. Dr. Tim Ahrens Preaching  
*"The Kingdom, Power and Glory are Yours Forever."*

## Lenten Studies with Rev. Ahrens

### “Breath of Life: God as Spirit in Judaism”

Rev. Ahrens continues the Wednesday Book Study with a whole new book – beginning March 16 at 10:30 a.m. During his 2021 Sabbatical, Rev. Ahrens spent time with Rabbi Rachel Timoner. She is one the “Geniuses of Justice” in his new book. Here in Rabbi Timoner’s book, she explores the Hebrew Bible, Midrash, and other rabbinic writing to uncover surprising insights about how God as spirit influences Jewish ideas of creation, revelation, and redemption. Written with an accessible and engaging voice, full of stories and relevant teachings, *Breath of Life* speaks to lay readers and scholars alike, as it pursues a new perspective on Judaism’s sacred texts. This book promises Christian readers meaningful insights on their own notions of God as Holy Spirit while giving Jewish readers a new look at their own tradition.

If you are reading this and have never been with us before, you are invited to get the book through Amazon and join us for this study. We meet the first and third Wednesday mornings each month from 10:30-11:45 a.m. In March, we will meet March 16 and March 30 (a slight change) but return to April 6 and 20 in the following month. Share with your friends – Jewish, Christian, and others interested in the movement of God’s spirit in this world. Call Rev. Ahrens if you have questions – 614-228-1741, ext. 13.

To register for the study, visit <https://conta.cc/3JJerTe>  
Books can be purchased on Amazon at [https://www.amazon.com/Breath-Life-Spirit-Judaism-Paraclete/dp/1557257043/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?crd=1Y1SLQ7G8V75U&keywords=“Breath+of+Life%3A+God+as+Spirit+in+Judaism”&qid=1645628393&prefix=breath+of+life+god+as+spirit+in+judaism+%2Caps%2C117&sr=8-1](https://www.amazon.com/Breath-Life-Spirit-Judaism-Paraclete/dp/1557257043/ref=sr_1_1?crd=1Y1SLQ7G8V75U&keywords=Breath+of+Life%3A+God+as+Spirit+in+Judaism&qid=1645628393&prefix=breath+of+life+god+as+spirit+in+judaism+%2Caps%2C117&sr=8-1)

### “Teach Us to Pray”

### Rev. Dr. Tim Ahrens Leads Zoom Lenten Small Group

Four Mondays in Lent: March 7, 21, 28, and April 4 at 7- 8:15 p.m.

In Matthew 6, the people around Jesus don’t know how to pray. They come to him and ask him for his guidance in prayer. Throughout the Gospels, Jesus gives good lessons in approaches to prayer, when to pray, and how to pray.

On four Monday nights in Lent, we will share with one another our approaches and experiences with prayer. Rev. Ahrens will open each evening with a brief lesson and then discussion will follow. Please sign up and join us and let all learn and grow in our life of prayer – together. Call Rev. Ahrens if you have questions . 614-228-1741, ext. 13.

Visit <https://conta.cc/3haKSy0> to register.

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### Location and Time for a Labyrinth Walk

The labyrinth is located in the Parish Hall. The labyrinth will open after each service during the season of Lent and will remain open the rest of Holy Week during regular church office hours ( 7:30 a.m.- 3 p.m.). It will also be open before and after the Maundy Thursday Service, the Good Friday Service, and on Holy Saturday from 8 a.m.- 3 p.m. If you are unable to walk the labyrinth, the Gladden Chapel will be open for meditation during the same hours. Please enter the Parish Hall from the 9th street door area.

Please enter this space in a meditative and quiet spirit as people walk the labyrinth.

# Lenten Small Group Studies with Rev. Corzine

## Tea for the Soul:

### Reflections on Sufficiency

Thursday 10-10:45 a.m. ZOOM (5 sessions)

Join Rev. Corzine in a small group for tea and reflection on the Lenten theme of Sufficiency. You are welcome here; come and bring your favorite cup of tea and join in. Created in God's image, we are enough. How do we see God in all the imperfections of our lives? Share our honest struggles through our challenging times. For more information, contact Rev. Corzine at [ecorzine@first-church.org](mailto:ecorzine@first-church.org).

Tea for the Soul: Reflections on Sufficiency  
Every week on Thursday until April 7, 2022

March 3, 2022 10 a.m.

March 17, 2022 10 a.m.  
March 24, 2022 10 a.m.  
April 7, 2022 10 a.m.

Register at <https://conta.cc/3C5ogIK>

## Lenten

### Contemplative Practices

Sundays 6 p.m. Zoom

Join your heart in a contemplative group that will meet on Sunday evenings in Lent. No previous experience needed. Come, reflect, engage, and learn. For more information contact, Rev. Corzine at [ecorzine@first-church.org](mailto:ecorzine@first-church.org)

Lenten Small Group: Contemplative Practice  
Every week on Sunday until April 3, 2022

March 6, 2022 6 p.m.  
March 13, 2022 6 p.m.  
March 20, 2022 6 p.m.  
April 3, 2022 6 p.m.

Register at <https://conta.cc/3hwSkU2>

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2021-2022

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**Lenten Musical Meditation**  
**Bach's Birthday**

Mar 9 12:15 pm

Harpsichordist Kevin Jones plays the Ben Bechtel harpsichord in this homage to J.S. Bach's birthday month.

## 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 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).

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For more information visit <https://www.riverviewinternationalcenter.org>.

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### Virtual Coffee Hour

Please note that going forward we will be hosting our Virtual Coffee Hour only on the first Sunday of the month at 10 a.m. The Zoom link can be found below. We hope you can join us during this wonderful time of fellowship!

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82160506973?pwd=d-F14dGlac1NCZW5UbzE4WE5STHR1dz09>

Meeting ID: 821 6050 6973

Passcode: 115473

### Global Mission Partner

Brigitte Eale serves with the Organization of African Instituted Churches (OAIC) in Kenya. The OAIC works to bring African Instituted Churches together in fellowship and equip them to preach the Good News of Jesus Christ in word and deed. Its visions are based on the values and resourcefulness of African grassroots communities (ubuntu) and are expressed in their songs, sermons, prayer, and dancing. These visions are rooted in an African philosophy of life in which care, reciprocity, acceptance, openness, and equality are core values.

Ms. Eale states that the world of healthcare is a real Mission field as it deals with human tragedies, challenges, and spiritual quests that the church cannot overlook. Her Bachelor's degree in Theology with a focus on counseling and her Master's degree in Organization Leadership with a focus on health care enables her to be fully involved in the health program at OAIC.

Learn More about Global Ministries by clicking below.

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### Upcoming Mission Offerings

March 6	Riverview International Center
March 13	Sisters of Empowerment
March 20	CUE Seminaries
March 27	Crossroad Family & Child Services

## Keep in Prayer

**Members** Gretchen Atkinson; Janice White; Martha Huey; Barbara Knox; Betsy Zahn; John Carter and Mary Kay Beall Carter; and Pauline Fritz.

**Family and friends** Colleen Merrill; David Hogrefe's mother Linda Hogrefe; Cali Mitchell's parents, James and Juanita; Amy Wagner's friend, Ken Burke; Susan Brooks' son, John Kampmeier; Claudia Glenn's mother, Mary Booth; Melva Fisher's son, Stephen Fisher; and Kathy Reed's friend, JD Mace.

**Those who mourn loved ones** Pat Patterson, her niece Christine Page and family, on the death of Arnall Page; Scott Jones on the death of his aunt, Paula Taylor; Joe Bellissimo and Kevin Jones, Joe's mother, Nancy Bellissimo, sisters Cherie and Tina, and brother-in-law, Scott Garver, on the death of Joseph Bellissimo, Sr.; Leigh Briggs, his niece and her husband, Carrie and Alex Heiden, on the death of their infant daughter, Lola Collette Heiden; Steven Ferris on the death of his friend, Ralph LeRue; Association Minister Rev. Patricia Battle on the death of her mother, Hattie Holland; Nick Bruckelmeyer on the death of his grandmother, Joanne Severance; and Sheri Moreen on the death of her mother, Dorothy Van Cleef.

In the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle, we lift the people and churches of Ireland, the United Kingdom's England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, and Wales. We pray for Global Ministries worker Brigitte Eale in Kenya.

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

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## 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.

## Church Leadership

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## 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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