



WORSHIP AT ELEVEN  
FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

April 10, 2022

Palm/Passion Sunday

## 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.*

*This morning we gather outside, weather permitting, in the Washington Gladden Social Justice Park for the Liturgy of the Palms.*

### THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

\* MOTET

Hosanna to the Son of David

Thomas Weelkes

Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

\* ENTER TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Emily Corzine

Leader: God be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

L: Hosanna to the Son of David!

**P: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!**

L: We praise you, O God, for your redemption of the world through Jesus Christ, who entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph and was proclaimed Messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Let these branches be signs of his victory, and grant that we who carry them may follow him in the way of the cross, that, dying and rising with him, we may enter into your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**P: Amen.**

\* THE PALM SUNDAY GOSPEL

Luke 19:28–40

The Rev. Dr. Timothy C. Ahrens

After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

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

**P: Thanks be to God.**

Please follow the procession to the Broad Street steps, and then enter the Sanctuary as directed, lifting and waving palm branches until the Invocation. The procession follows during the singing of the hymn. Please remain standing, as you are able.

\* ENTRANCE OF THE PROCESSION

Rev. Ahrens

L: Hosanna to the Son of David!

**P: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the Highest!**

\* PROCESSIONAL HYMN

All glory, laud, and honor

*Valet will ich dir geben*

*Refrain*

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To Thee, Re - deem - er, King!

To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

*Fine*

1. Thou art the King of Is - rael, Thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
2. The peo - ple of the He - brews With palms be - fore Thee went;  
3. To Thee, be - fore Thy pas - sion, They sang their hymns of praise;  
4. Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; Ac - cept the prayers we bring,

*Repeat Refrain*

Who in the Lord's name com - est, The King and bless - ed One.  
Our praise and prayers and an - thems Be - fore Thee we pre - sent.  
To Thee, now high ex - alt ed, Our mel - o - dy we raise.  
Who in all good de - light - est, Thou good and gra - cious King!

\* INVOCATION

Rev. Corzine

L: God be with you.

**P: And also with you.**

L: Let us pray.

**P: Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for humanity you sent Jesus, to take our nature upon him and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us an example of great humility: Mercifully grant that we too may walk in the way of the cross and share in the resurrection; through the one who is our Savior and Redeemer and who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

\* WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Ahrens

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

**P: And also with you.**

CHILDREN'S TIME - THE PALM CROSS

Mark S. Williams

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 50:4–9a

Rev. Corzine

*A reading from the prophet Isaiah, chapter 50.*

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens— wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

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

**P: Thanks be to God.**

SCRIPTURAL ANTHEM

Let this mind be in you

Lee Hoiby

Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God; But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

—Philippians 2:5–11

PALM SUNDAY MEDITATION

“Lead Us Not into Temptation, but Deliver Us from Evil”

Rev. Ahrens

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

LITANY ON THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Rev. Corzine

L: Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.” In the name of Jesus, we pray:

**P: Lord, help us to take up our cross and follow you.**

L: You stood before Pilate, your life condemned, your word rejected, your innocence ignored:

**P: Keep us from rejecting your word of truth and salvation.**

L: You carried your cross on the wounded stripes of your back, for love of us and for all the world.

**P: Help us to bear our cross, for love of you and for love of others.**

L: The weight of your cross was the weight of our sins which make us stumble and fall.

**P: In our weakness, we turn to you for strength.**

L: Although you suffered, you still reached out to care for your mother.

**P: May our cross-bearing never keep us from caring for our families.**

L: As you struggled to bear your cross to Calvary, a passerby was drafted to help you.

**P: Make us as willing as Simon to bear the burdens of those in need.**

L: Others also took risks to comfort you.

**P: Strengthen our faith to take loving risks for our needy brothers and sisters.**

L: Sin weighed heavily upon you as you stumbled along the way.

**P: Forgive us, Lord, for the sin which makes us fall.**

L: Your suffering under the cross caused the women of Jerusalem to weep.

**P: Make our suffering in life a share in your suffering.**

L: The full burden of our sin crushed you mightily to the earth.

**P: Do not forsake us in our falling, but bring us to repentance and faith.**

L: Stripped and jeered, you endured humiliation without complaint.

**P: Humble us in our work and daily lives.**

L: Nailed to the cross, you took your place among the condemned.

**P: Take your place beside us sinners, and bring us through faith to the Paradise of God.**

L: When your sacrifice was complete, you handed your life to the Father, and he did not forsake you.

**P: Keep us close to your cross and death, now and at the hour of our death.**

L: Faithful friends and loving women took loving care of your lifeless body.

**P: Turn the darkness of death into the brightness of day for those we love.**

L: In the tomb you were laid, but from the tomb you arose.

**P: Be the Lord of the resurrection for us and for all the baptized.**

L: Loving Jesus, for the sake of your cross and passion, we are justified in faith, washed clean of our sins by baptism and repentance, and made one with God. We thank you for your cross and for the depths of your love for us. Help us to bear our cross in the world and follow you until you bring us into your heavenly kingdom; where you reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**P: Amen.**

#### 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

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#### MISSION INVITATION

Rev. Corzine

Designated gifts go to **The Good Samaritan Fund**. The Good Samaritan Fund provides help every month to those who come to the door of First Church in need. Your support for Good Samaritan fund will continue this outreach for those in need. Thank you for your generosity.

*Please remain seated during the hymn.*

*During the singing of the hymn, the Processional Cross is taken out and a wooden cross is brought in and placed at the Communion table.*

1. Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how have you of - fend - ed, That mor - tal judg - ment  
 2. Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on you? It is my trea - son,  
 3. For me, dear Je - sus, was your in - car - na - tion, Your mor - tal sor - row,  
 4. There - fore, dear Je - sus, since I can - not pay you, I do a - dore you,

has on you de - scend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,  
 Lord, that has un - done you. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,  
 and your life's ob - la - tion, Your death of an - guish  
 and will ev - er praise you, Think on your pit - y

by your own re - ject - ed, O most af - flic - ed!  
 I it was de - nied you; I cru - ci - fied you.  
 and your bit - ter pas - sion, For my sal - va - tion.  
 and your love un - swerv - ing, Not my de - serv - ing.

SILENCE

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD ACCORDING TO LUKE

*The Congregation sits through the Passion until the verse that mentions "place that is called the skull." Then, please stand.  
 The congregation speaks the parts printed in bold type.*

Luke 22:63–64

Now the men who were holding Jesus began to mock him and beat him; they also blindfolded him and kept asking him, **"Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?"**

Luke 22:65—23:13

They kept heaping many other insults on him. When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought him to their council. They said, **"If you are the Messiah, tell us."** He replied, "If I tell you, you will not believe; and if I question you, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God." All of them asked, **"Are you the Son of God?"** He said to them, "You say that I am." Then they said, **"What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!"** Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying, **"We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king."** Then Pilate asked him, "Are you king of the Jews?"

He answered, "You say so." Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no bias against this man." But they were insistent and said, "**He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place.**"

Luke 23:14–23

... (*Pilate*) "You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him." Then they all shouted out together, "**Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!**" (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting, "**Crucify, crucify him!**" . . .

Luke 23:24–43

... Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called the skull, (*The congregation stands*) they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him saying, "**He saved others, let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, the chosen one!**" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "**If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!**" . . .

Luke 23:44–56

*After the Passion is concluded, all sit. Silence is kept.*

CLOSING ANTHEM

Hear us, O hear us Lord

Hoiby

Hear us, O hear us Lord; to thee  
A sinner is more music, when he prays...  
Hear us, for till thou hear us, Lord  
We know not what to say;  
Thine ear to our sighs, tears, thoughts gives voice and word.  
O thou who Satan heard'st in Job's sick day,  
Hear thy self now, for thou in us dost pray.

Hear us, O hear us Lord; to thee  
A sinner is more music, when he prays,  
Than spheres or Angels praises be,  
In panegyric Alleluias:  
Hear us, for till thou hear us, Lord  
We know not what to say;

—John Donne (1572–1631),  
from *A Litanie*, stanzas 23 and 28 (c. 1613)

Son of God hear us, and since thou  
By taking our blood, owest it us again,  
Gain to thy self, or us allow;  
And let not both us and thy self be slain;  
O Lamb of God, which took'st our sin  
Which could not stick to thee,  
O let it not return to us again,  
But Patient and Physician being free,  
As sin is nothing, let it no where be.

*Please stand as you are able.*

\* CLOSING PRAYER

Rev. Ahrens

Leader: Let us pray. Everliving God, in your tender love for us, you sent your Son to take our nature, and to suffer death on the cross, giving us the example of great humility:

**All: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The organ becomes quieter with each stanza until we are unaccompanied by the end.*

1. O sa - cred head, now wound - ed, With grief and shame weighed down;  
 2. What Thou, my Lord, hast suf - fered Was all for sin - ners' gain;  
 3. What lan - guage shall I bor - row To thank Thee, dear - est friend,  
 Now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed With thorns, Thine on - ly crown;  
 Mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, But Thine the dead - ly pain.  
 For this Thy dy - ing sor - row, Thy pit - y with - out end?  
 O sa - cred head, what glo - ry, What bliss till now was Thine!  
 Lo, here I fall, my Sav - ior! 'Tis I de - serve Thy place;  
 O make me Thine for - ev - er; And should I faint - ing be,  
 Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call Thee mine.  
 Look on me with Thy fa - vor, Vouch - safe to me Thy grace.  
 Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er Out - live my love to Thee.

*There is no Postlude on this Holy Day.  
 Please depart in silence.*

*You are invited to add your palms to the Palm Cross on the Chancel steps.  
 You are invited to walk the Labyrinth in the Parish Hall after the service.*

## LEADERSHIP IN THE LITURGY

The Rev. Dr. Timothy C. Ahrens, *preacher*The Rev. Emily Krause Corzine, *liturgist*Mark S. Williams, *liturgist*Ethan Murray, *crucifer*

The First Church Choir

Kevin Jones, *director and organist*Peter Murray, Mike Kennedy, Janet Newcity, *livestream ministry team*

## PASSION READERS

Allison Lowery Palmer—*Narrator*John Deliman—*Jesus*Jeff Corzine—*Pilate*Aran Cunningham—*Criminal 1*Ryan Jones—*Criminal 2*Dayna McCrary—*Centurion*

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Enter to Worship  
**Depart to Serve**

April 10, 2022

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## This Week at First Church

- 4/10**  
9 a.m. Palm/Passion Sunday Worship  
(Parish Hall & Virtual)  
10 a.m. Faith Formation  
(Playground or Classroom B)  
Labyrinth Walk Open (Parish Hall)  
11 a.m. Palm/Passion Sunday Worship  
(Sanctuary & Virtual)  
4 p.m. Choral Evensong (Sanctuary)  
6 p.m. Youth Connections (Parish Hall)
- 4/11**  
10:30 a.m. Labyrinth Walk Open (Parish Hall)  
7 p.m. BREAD Rally  
(Cong. Tifereth Israel & Virtual)
- 4/12**  
10:30 a.m. Labyrinth Walk Open (Parish Hall)  
5:30 p.m. Budget & Finance Mtg (Virtual)
- 4/13**  
10:30 a.m. Labyrinth Walk Open (Parish Hall)  
2 p.m. Realm Mtg (Virtual)
- 4/14**  
10:30 a.m. Labyrinth Walk Open (Parish Hall)  
7 p.m. Maundy Thursday & Tenebrae Service  
(Parish Hall & Sanctuary)
- 4/15**  
10:30 a.m. Labyrinth Walk Open (Parish Hall)  
12 Noon *Via Crucis*: A Devotion for Passiontide  
(Sanctuary & Virtual)

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## The Return of Faith Formation

Faith Formation (Sunday School) for our children and youth returns today at 10 a.m. We have the tents up to meet outside if the weather is nice. If not, we will be inside. Our teachers are ready and have the curriculum and crafts ready. We hope our children and youth will join us.

## The Lord's Prayer 2022 Lenten Sermon Series

### 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."*

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## Concerts at First Church Choral Evensong Today at 4 p.m.

Please join us this afternoon at 4 p.m. as the First Church Choir sings Choral Evensong for Palm-Passion Sunday. The choir will offer music by Kenneth Leighton, Eriks Esenvalds, and Lee Hoiby. Organ music by Bach and Herbert Howells will also be heard. The Rev. Dr. Nancy Livingston will officiate.

This service of light, Word, music, and meditation is especially poignant on this very holy day, the beginning of Holy Week. Echoing the morning's readings of the Passion story, Evensong meditates on that story and engages sung prayers that allow us to begin our personal walk on the road from Jerusalem to Gethsemane, and ultimately to Golgotha. It is a solemn opportunity that we are offered each and every year - a time to reexamine what this walk means to us and how we might be changed "in the twinkling of an eye."

I look forward to seeing you there.

-Kevin Jones  
Minister of Music

# Holy Week 2022

First Congregational Church, UCC

Palm/ Passion Sunday  
April 10



Worship  
9 & 11 a.m.

Choral Evensong  
for Passion Sunday  
4 p.m.

Maundy Thursday  
April 14



7 p.m.

\*Parish Hall & Sanctuary

\*Masks Required in Parish  
Hall

Good Friday  
April 15



Noon  
*Via Crucis*

A Devotion for Passiontide  
by Eric Milner-White  
and  
Philip Moore

Easter Sunday  
April 17



7 a.m. in Social Justice Park

8:45 a.m. in Sanctuary

11 a.m. in Sanctuary



## Current COVID-19 Guidelines New Updates

The COVID Task Force suggests the article below from the New York Times, *A New Wave of Covid-19 Is Coming. Here's How to Prepare*. It has seven practical suggestions and excellent links.

*A New Wave of Covid-19 Is Coming. Here's How to Prepare.*

<https://www.nytimes.com/2022/03/30/well/live/ba2-omicron-covid.html?referringSource=articleShare>

**9 a.m. Worship:** No change to mask-wearing guidelines. Mask wearing will continue for this service, due to the size of space and the number of young children not able to be vaccinated yet. We will continue to observe social distancing.

**11 a.m. Worship:** This is a mask-optional worship service. The reserved pew ropes have been removed to allow individuals to spread out more. We ask that you observe social distancing as best you can and make use of the “reserve seat cards” if you still need more distance and space in the pew.

### For Holy Week Services:

#### Maundy Thursday:

No meal.

Masks are required for the portion of service in Parish Hall.

#### During the week at First Church:

Masking is optional in the building.

Still call for an appointment.

Sign in and practice good hand hygiene.

Meetings may return to in-person with advanced notice to the office. At the discretion of the convener, groups may meet at the church. All meetings must be made in advance with the church office and be on the church calendar.

***Via Crucis:***  
**A Devotion for Passiontide**  
**by Eric Milner-White and**  
**Philip Moore**  
**Friday, April 15, Noon**

Presented as part of the “Music in Liturgy” series, First Church clergy, community readers, and Organist Kevin Jones will present “*Via Crucis: A Devotion for Passiontide*” with readings by Eric Milner-White (1884–1963) and music by Philip Moore (b. 1943). From the Preface of the work: “Via Crucis is a devotion for Passiontide, offering a ruminative resource for prayer and reflection on Christ’s death. It has a structure that is similar to the Stations of the Cross, used for many centuries. The service contains a selection of deeply felt but restrained prayers by Eric Milner-White. These are interspersed with descriptive organ pieces by Philip Moore, which act as musical responses to the words, and range from meditative to more dramatic, harrowing moods. Together, the prayers and music combine to provide a beautifully fresh perspective on Lenten themes.” (©2021 Encore Publications.)

The service will be held in-person on Good Friday, April 15, at noon. It will also be live-streamed on the church’s YouTube channel (First Congregational Church, Columbus, Ohio).

**Return of Spring Retreat**  
**Saturday, April 23, 2022**  
**9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m**

Please join us for a day-long event at Templed Hills Camp in Bellville, Ohio, for our Spring Retreat. This is a wonderful time to be outside and reconnect with our friends at First Church. This event is for all ages! There will be time for devotion, crafts, games, and fishing. Please bring your own fishing pole. We will also take walks through the hills of the 148-acre camp during the day. Bring a lawn chair and an openness to the fellowship of nature and our faith community. The cost for adults is \$40. Don’t forget, all children and youth attend free! We begin with breakfast at 9 a.m. and the day will include lunch and dinner. We will end the day with a bonfire and communion.

To register visit

<http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=vta-6sivab&coeidk=a07ej2v02gweee798f9>

Questions? Contact Mark Williams at

[mwilliams@first-church.org](mailto:mwilliams@first-church.org)

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**Location and Time**  
**for a Labyrinth Walk**

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 (10:30 a.m.- Noon). 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 Ninth Street door area.

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

**First Church**  
**Youth Annual Flower Sale**

Many varieties of plants and vegetables.

Amazing hanging baskets too!

Print out the form below, fill in your order, and mail or email the form to [mwilliams@first-church.org](mailto:mwilliams@first-church.org)

The deadline for orders is **April 12.**

Pick up will be May 7 from 9 a.m. to noon.

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## Livestream Team Seeks Volunteers

A few weeks ago, Rev. Ahrens was naming the people assisting with the service and ended with “Livestream Minister Janet Newcity.” I laughed out loud at the title but it got me thinking. I don’t consider myself a minister by any means but this volunteer position is much more than pushing buttons. It actually has a lot in common with the role of a deacon. We show up regularly and are responsible for many operational details (that, yes, does include a lot of button pushing) that make the worship service possible for many people to experience. I may not consider myself a “minister” but livestreaming is a true, meaningful ministry of welcome and spreading the good news.

On a personal note, I feel very connected to the service while livestreaming. I have the best views of our beautiful sanctuary and the best audio of our amazing choir and ministers. My tasks keep me meaningfully engaged in the service and I enjoy thinking about which camera angle will best convey the meaning of the moment. So please consider joining our team. If you can take a selfie you can do it! And you won’t be asked to fly solo until you are ready. To all of you watching online, keep the comments up! I really feel connected to you through them. -Janet Newcity, Livestream Team

Contact Rev. Emily Corzine, [ecorzine@first-church.org](mailto:ecorzine@first-church.org) to get connected.

## Global Mission Partner Elena Huegel, Mexico

Elena Huegel serves with the Intercultural Research and Studies Institute (INESIN) in Mexico. The mission of INESIN is to contribute to the construction of peace in Chiapas through the promotion of interreligious and intercultural dialogue. It promotes relationships based on peace, tolerance, and respect between Christian denominations through dialogue and encounters in courses and workshops. Participants learn to recognize differences and work in harmony together to achieve common objectives.

Ms. Huegel notes that the Chiapas area has many problems including corruption, the intertwining of business and organized crime, landless first nation people, poverty, and the sense that justice never prevails. As the coordinator of the Roots in the Ruins: Hope in Trauma program, which seeks to provide spiritual accompaniment in the midst of conflict and emotional trauma, she helps train the institute staff in conflict transformation and holistic peace education. She also coordinates the training courses for people who are seeking to become facilitators in other countries in Latin America.

Visit <https://www.globalministries.org/> for more information about Global Ministries.

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## Time Out Tuesday April 26, 2022 5:30 to 7 p.m

Looking for new ways to meet and connect with other church members? Please join us during Time Out Tuesday for a casual meal and conversation with your church family! Meet us around the corner from the church at Planks Pizzeria on Parsons on April 26, 5:30-7 p.m. First Church will sponsor the first few pizzas and appetizers. An RSVP link and more details to come so please save the date!

## Keep in Prayer

Congratulations to Cheryl Hoskinson's cousin, Amy Futhey, on the birth of her twins.

**Members** Jane Weddle; Rick Brant; Ed Koetz; Betsy Zahn; Rick Sayre; Grace Glaros; Abby Prendergast; Gretchen Atkinson; Janice White; Martha Huey; Barbara Knox; John Carter and Mary Kay Beall Carter; and Pauline Fritz.

**Family and friends** Jane Carter's grandson-in law, Michael Kessler and family; Mel Prendergast's niece, Jessi Hiner; Bob Quinichett's daughter, Susan Webster; Bev and Bert Cook's friends Terry Burns and Herb Smith; Stephanie Koscher's mother Judy Young; Colleen Merrill; Amy Wagner's friend, Ken Burke; and Melva Fisher's son, Stephen Fisher.

**Those who mourn loved ones** Mel Prendergast on the death of her friend, Gerri Allen; and the family of George Richardson, friend of Tim Ahrens.

In the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle, we lift the people and churches of Bulgaria, Hungary, and Romania. We pray for Global Ministries worker Elena Huegel in Mexico.

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.

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## Virtual Coffee Hour

Virtual Coffee hour happens the first Sunday of each month. The next Virtual Coffee Hour will be Sunday, May 1 at 10 a.m.

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## Upcoming Mission Offerings

April 10	Good Samaritan
April 17	One Great Hour of Sharing
April 24	Sacred Earth

## Church Leadership

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