

# EASTER DAY: THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD



"I am the Resurrection" Mike Moyers, 2016

17 APRIL 2022 - 8:45 AND 11 A.M.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
COLUMBUS, OHIO

# Welcome to First Church

## CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY!

Welcome to Easter Worship at First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ.

Each Sunday, we celebrate the Resurrection Joy of our faith. But today is the most beautiful of all 52 Sunday celebrations! It is Easter Sunday – The Day of Resurrection! Thank you for joining us today – whether in-person or Livestream.

First Church is a growing and exciting congregation in the heart of the capital city. We are an abolitionist congregation. Since 1852, we have served Christ with joy, passion, love, and justice in heart of the Capitol City. With more than 1,500 adults, children, and youth in our church family, we are excited about the years ahead as we seek to be faithful servants of our Risen Lord! We see God's love and spirit bursting in our church! It is beautiful to behold. Thanks be to God!

All that we do here is centered in God's love and in the power of God's Resurrection in Jesus Christ. We know Christ is raised because we witness resurrection all around us every day. We see resurrection in the faces, words and lives of our children at church when they sing, dance, smile, and share with us. We see resurrection when the seemingly impossible odds we face battling illnesses and overcoming suffering and grief and we walk in the light of God's love once again. We see resurrection in the faces of those who battle through COVID-19 and other hardship and peril and find their strength to stand and walk again. All of these resurrections are "physical," yet all of them are spiritual, as well. If Christ is not raised, then how do his people continue to rise and walk in the light of his faith, hope and love?

Today, I lift-up two blessed men who embody Resurrection – Thom Smith and Ron Cook. Thom and Ron have battled through cancer and each is a living witness of God's life, light and love! Each will carry the light of Christ today -Thom at 8:45 a.m. Ron at 11 a.m. Thanks be to God for these truly risen men of faith.

If you are a guest today, we invite you to grow with us in downtown Columbus. How might you be a part of our growing community of God's love and justice in the heart of the city? First, we invite you to bring your children and grandchildren to our playground built in memory of our beloved friend Sam Gordon and The Washington Gladden Social Justice Park - the first Social Justice Park in America – located on the corner of Cleveland Ave. and Broad St. We also invite you to church school on Sunday mornings.

Second, join in our mission—locally, nationally, and around the globe. There is room for you to work with our members in Good Samaritan, care for our Unhoused friends living around our church, The Largest Table downtown, and at Friends of the Homeless where we serve our neighbors. Each Christmas, we host Bethlehem on Broad Street, opening our doors and our hearts to the lost and the lonely in our beloved city. We do the work of justice through the BREAD organization. Mark your calendar and join us May 10 at 6:30 p.m. for our 2022 Nehemiah Action at the Celeste Center on the Ohio State Fairgrounds. Join 44 other congregations as together we work for justice in policing, street violence, affordable housing and Environmental Justice. See one of our staff today to discover how you can get involved.

Third, discover the many offerings for Bible and Book Studies, care ministry and Music Ministry offerings. We have many opportunities to grow in faith here at First Church. We long for you to join us as we grow together.

For 20 years, First Church has been an Open and Affirming congregation of the United Church of Christ—welcoming all God's children with an extravagant welcome of love in Christ. If you are seeking God's love in your life, please come and grow in your faith with us. If you call First Church "home" but have been away for a long time, welcome home. We have missed you and we delighted you are here. Come and share with us in a 365-day experience once again.

Today we begin the Great Fifty Days of Easter. Join us on the journey from Easter to Pentecost and beyond. May God's resurrection joy touch your heart and mind today and all the days of your life.

Love in the Spirit of the Risen Christ,



The Reverend Dr. Tim Ahrens, *Senior Minister*

p.s. follow us on Facebook,  
Twitter, and our website –  
[www.first-church.org](http://www.first-church.org)



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.*

Please silence all electronic devices. Assistive Listening Devices are available at the Sanctuary doors.  
Deacons wearing white roses or hospitality ministers wearing red roses can assist you.

(\*) Indicates the congregation should stand as they are able.

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# Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

## PRELUDE

Blessed Jesus, We Are Here, BWV 731  
Salvation is Created  
Our Salvation Has Come to Us, Op. 135a, No. 7  
Easter Brass

J.S. Bach, arr. Mike Lyons  
Pavel Chesnokov, arr. Jason Groon  
Max Reger, arr. Christiano Vecchi

## INTROIT

Fanfare for Easter  
Christ the Lord breaks the bonds of death, lives again and will forever reign!  
He is here in all his risen glory. Now let us lift our voices.  
To the Lord we will sing the blessed song of the angels: Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Lloyd Pfautsch

## ENTER TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. Timothy C. Ahrens

*Leader* Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
*People* **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

*\* Then all stand, as you are able.*

*Leader* Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels!

*People* **Jesus Christ, our light, is risen!**

*Leader* Sound the trumpet of salvation!

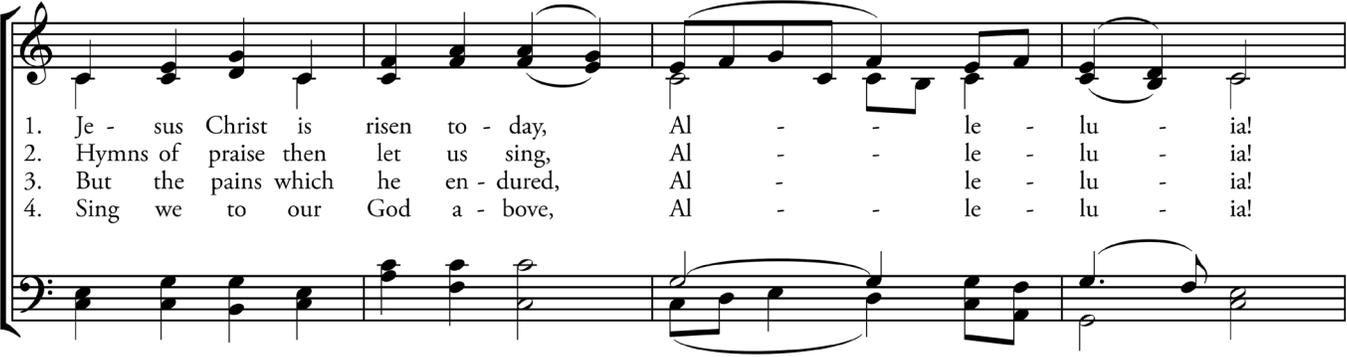
*People* **Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendor,**

*All* **Christ has conquered!**

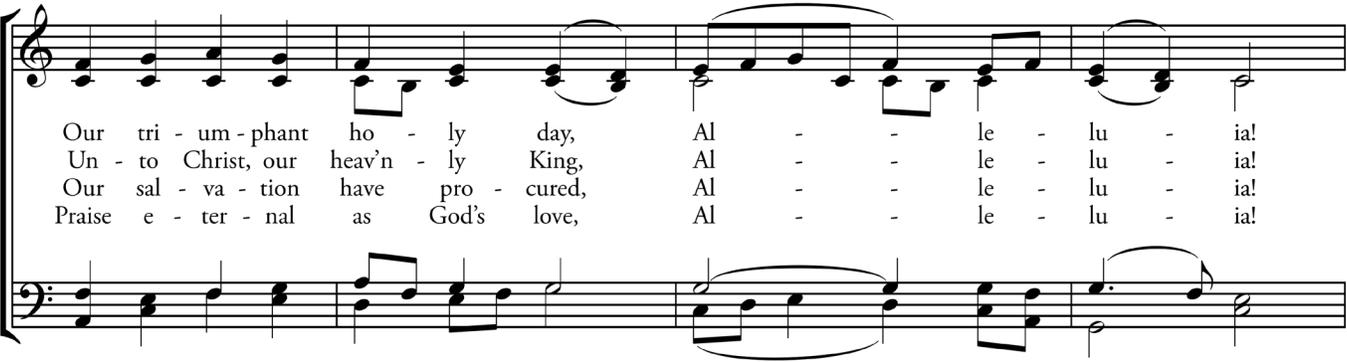
**Glory fills you!**

**Night vanishes for ever!**

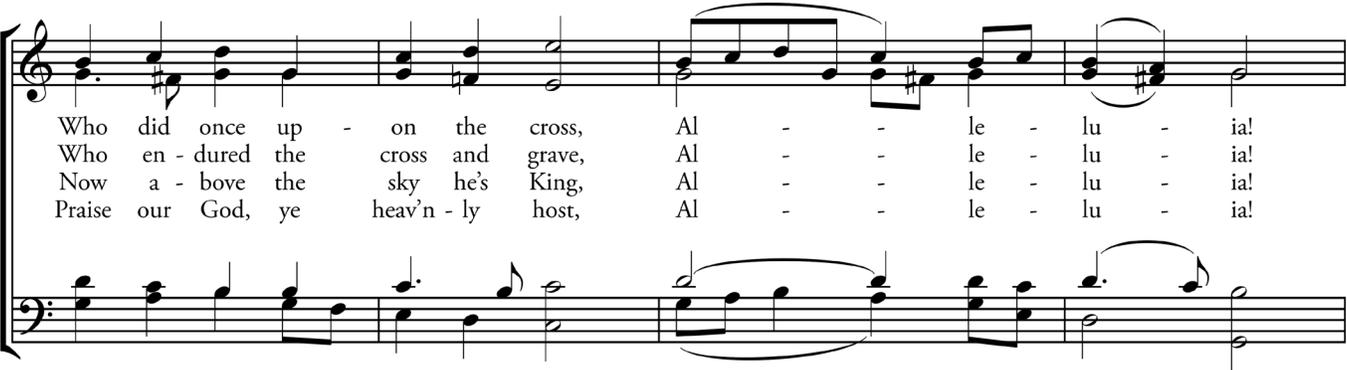




1. Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - - le - lu - ia!  
 2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - - le - lu - ia!  
 3. But the pains which he en - dured, Al - - le - lu - ia!  
 4. Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - - le - lu - ia!



Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - - le - lu - ia!  
 Un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly King, Al - - le - lu - ia!  
 Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured, Al - - le - lu - ia!  
 Praise e - ter - nal as God's love, Al - - le - lu - ia!



Who did once up - on the cross, Al - - le - lu - ia!  
 Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - - le - lu - ia!  
 Now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - - le - lu - ia!  
 Praise our God, ye heav'n - ly host, Al - - le - lu - ia!



Suf - fer to re - deem our loss, Al - - le - lu - ia!  
 Sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - - le - lu - ia!  
 Where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - - le - lu - ia!  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - - le - lu - ia!



\* LITANY OF EASTER JOY

The Rev. Emily Krause Corzine

*Written by Hippolytus of Rome, Third century*

*Leader* The shadows seized a body:  
**All** **and found it was God.**  
*Leader* They reached for earth:  
**All** **and what they held was heaven.**  
**Men** **They took what they could see: it was what no one sees.**  
**Women** **Where is death's goad? Where is the shadow's victory?**  
**All** **Christ is risen:**  
*Leader* the world below is in ruins.  
**All** **Christ is risen:**  
**Women** **the spirits of evil are fallen.**  
**Men** **the angels of God are rejoicing.**  
**All** **Christ is risen:**  
*Leader* the tombs are void of their dead.  
**All** **Christ has indeed arisen from the dead:**  
*Leader* the first of those who sleep.  
**All** **Glory and power are Christ's for ever and ever. Amen.**

\* WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

Dr. Ahrens

*Leader* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**People** **And also with you.**  
*Leader* Let us greet one another with the sign of Christ's peace.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Mark S. Williams

*After children's time, the children will return to sit with their families. A fully-staffed childcare ministry is provided during each Sunday Morning Worship Service and Education Hour for infants through age four. This ministry is located in the nursery and toddler rooms on the first floor of the Education Wing.*

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 65:17–25

8:45 – The Rev. Lauren Emery  
11 – The Rev. Laurence Miller

*A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.*

**F**or I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD—and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the LORD.

*Leader* The Word of God for the people of God.  
**People** **Thanks be to God.**



My Master in a garden lay,  
 perfumed with spices rare,  
 for tender hands had laid Him there  
 to rest amid the roses.

‘Twas on a cross they laid Him bare,  
 and pierced His hands with nails,  
 that we poor souls might live again  
 and be with Him in glory. Alleluia...

My Master from a garden rose  
 to go for us to heav’n,  
 and He will come and take us there,  
 to be with Him forever.

Alleluia, Amen.  
 —Gordon Ellsworth Young (1919–1998)

THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Acts 10:34–43

8:45 – Rev. Emery  
 11 – Rev. Miller

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.*

Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to God. You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

*Leader*            The Word of God for the people of God.  
*People*             **Thanks be to God.**

\* GOSPEL HYMN

The strife is o’er

*Victory*

arr. Craig Phillips

*Antiphon (sung before stanza 1)*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

1. The strife is o’er, the bat - tle done, the vic - to - ry of life is  
 2. The powers of death have done their worst, But Christ their le - gions hath dis -  
 3. The three sad days are quick - ly sped, Christ ris - es glo - rious from the  
 4. Lord, by Your wounds on Cal - va - ry From death’s dread sting Your ser - vants



won; the song of tri - umph has be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 perished: Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 dead: All glo - ry to our ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 free, That we may live e - ter - nal - ly. Al - le - lu - ia!

*Antiphon (sung after stanza 4)*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*Please remain standing for the Easter Gospel.*

\* THE EASTER GOSPEL

Luke 24:1-12

Rev. Corzine

*A reading from the Gospel according to Luke.*

**B**ut on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.” Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

*Leader*            The Word of God for the people of God.  
*People*             **Thanks be to God.**

*Please be seated.*

EASTER SERMON

“The Kingdom, the Power, and the Glory are Yours Forever”  
 (Last of the nine-part series, *The Lord’s Prayer*)

Dr. Ahrens

*A period of silence follows.*



Let us pray. (*silence*)

Most merciful and glorious God, we come before you with all praise and honor, giving thanks for your faithfulness in raising Jesus Christ from the dead. We give you thanks that, because Christ lived, died, and rose again, we have gained a vision of your eternal order. Because Christ particularly served those who were downtrodden and marginalized, we too have hope that lifts our spirits out of despair. Since Jesus taught us how to love our neighbor, walls of division and hostility may no longer keep us apart. Your power of resurrection proclaims that goodness is stronger than evil, love is stronger than hate, light is stronger than darkness, and life is stronger than death. We praise you that victory is ours.

We desire that your way is indelibly written within us. Bless us with your Holy Spirit, that we go out of our way to serve others with compassion and for justice. When we face troubled times, be our source of comfort and strength. In our search for faithful maturity, may your wisdom prevail.

Through the presence of Jesus Christ among us, draw us into a community of freedom, hope, and love. Work your new creation among us that we may serve you without fear. God Most Holy, God Most Loving, God Most Knowing, we praise your name for ever; through Jesus our risen Christ and Savior.

**Amen.**

#### THE OFFERTORY

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#### MISSION INVITATION

Cash and designated checks go to **One Great Hour of Sharing**, which joins our hearts with God by providing decisive aid when disaster strikes, and by helping refugees rebuild their lives. Gifts strengthen struggling communities with basics like education, health care, tools, seeds, and wells. Thank you for your generosity.

Dr. Ahrens

#### ANTHEM

Joy to the Heart

K. Lee Scott

Look there! the Christ, our Brother, comes  
resplendent from the gallows tree  
and what he brings in his hurt hands  
is life on life for you and me.

*Joy! Joy! Joy to the heart all in this good day's dawning!*

Good Jesus Christ inside his pain  
looked down Golgotha's stony slope  
and let the blood flow from his flesh  
to fill the springs of living hope.

*Joy! Joy! Joy to the heart all in this good day's dawning!*

Good Jesus Christ, our Brother, died  
in darkest hurt upon the tree  
to offer us the worlds of light  
that live inside the Trinity.

*Joy! Joy! Joy to the heart all in this good day's dawning!*

—John Bennett (1920–1991)

#### \* PRESENTATION HYMN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

sung to *Truro*

**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 SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*We practice open communion: Wherever you are on your faith journey, you are welcome at the Lord's table.*

\* INVITATION

Rev. Ahrens and Rev. Corzine

*Leader*

Beloved in Christ, the Gospel tells us that on the first day of the week Jesus Christ was raised from death, appeared to Mary Magdalene, on that same day sat at the table with two disciples, and was made known to them in the breaking of the bread. This table is for all Christians who wish to know the presence of Christ and to share in the community of God's people.

\* SURSUM CORDA

The musical notation consists of three staves. The first staff is for the Leader and the second for the People. The third staff is for the Leader and the People. The lyrics are: "The Lord be with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise."

*Leader*

We give you thanks, God of majesty and mercy, for calling forth the creation and raising us from dust by the breath of your being. We bless you for the beauty and bounty of the earth and for the vision of the day when sharing by all will mean scarcity for none. We remember the covenant you made with your people Israel, and we give you thanks for all our ancestors in faith. We rejoice that you call us to reconciliation with you and all people everywhere and that you remain faithful to your covenant even when we are faithless. We rejoice that you call the entire human family to this table of sacrifice and victory.

We come in remembrance and celebration of the gift of Jesus Christ, whom you sent, in the fullness of time, to be the good news. Born of Mary, our sister in faith, Christ lived among us to reveal the mystery of your Word, to suffer and die on the cross for us, to be raised from death on the third day, and then to live in glory. Because you have done the completely unexpected deed, because you have raised Jesus to eternal life, because you grant us the presence of the risen Christ among us, because you offer eternal life to those who trust in you, we praise and magnify your name. We bless you, gracious God, for the presence of your Holy Spirit in the church you have gathered. With your sons and daughters of faith in all places and times, we praise you with joy.



organ

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord. God of power and  
 might, Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est.  
 organ  
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the  
 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Please 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.

*All*

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

*Leader*

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 in 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.

*All*

**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.**

*Leader*

Let us pray as Christ our Savior has taught us.

*All*

**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.**



*Leader*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**All**

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*Leader*

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.*

SPIRITUAL

My Lord, What a Morning

Spiritual, arr. Harry T. Burleigh

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. Corzine:* 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. Corzine

*Leader*

Let us pray:

**All**

**We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have brought us from darkness to light, from slavery to freedom, from death to rebirth. Transform our lives with this heavenly food, that we may shine with your love and take to the world the risen life of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

\* CHORUS

Hallelujah! (Messiah)

G.F. Handel

\* EASTER BENEDICTION

Dr. Ahrens

*Leader*

Rejoice, people of God!

Christ is risen from the dead!

**All**

**Amen. Alleluia!**



\* CLOSING HYMN

The day of resurrection

Lancashire

1. The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad;  
 2. Our hearts be pure from e - vil, That we may see a - right  
 3. Now let the heavens be joy - ful, Let earth the song be - gin,

The Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, The Pass - o - ver of God.  
 The Lord in rays e - ter - nal Of res - ur - rec - tion light;  
 Let the round world keep tri - umph, And all that is there - in;

From death to life e - ter - nal, From this world to the sky,  
 And, lis - ening to His ac - cents, May hear, so calm and plain,  
 Let all things seen and un - seen Their notes of glad - ness blend,

Our Christ hath brought us o - ver With hymns of vic - to - ry.  
 His own "All hail!" and, hear - ing, May raise the vic - tor strain.  
 For Christ the Lord is ris - en, Our joy that hath no end.

POSTLUDE

Tocatta (Symphony 5, Op. 42, No. 1)

Charles-Marie Widor

*Please be seated for the Postlude*

*Please place the used communion cup in the designated containers at each exit as you leave worship.  
 After the postlude at 11, all are invited to the Broad Street steps for the release of the butterflies.*



*The Congregation, Council, and Staff  
wish you a Blessed Easter!*

### **LEADERSHIP IN THE SERVICES**

The Rev. Dr. Timothy C. Ahrens, *co-celebrant and preacher*

The Rev. Emily Krause Corzine, *co-celebrant and liturgist*

Mark S. Williams, *verger*

Kevin Jones, *organist and director*

at 8:45

at 11

*Alleluia Banner Kids:* Donna Vogt  
*Alleluia Banner Carrier:* Ethan Murray  
*Crucifer:* Finn Miller  
*Christ Candle Bearer:* Thom Smith

*Acolyte:* Sebbly Kulwicki  
*Alleluia Banner Kids:* Cami Corzine and Miles Sholl  
*Alleluia Banner Carrier:* Alyssia Palmer  
*Crucifer:* Hannah Brooks  
*Christ Candle Bearers:* Ron and Janice Cook

### **FIRST CHURCH CHOIR**

*Soprano:* Marti Baumer, Candace Cummings, Ann Eliot, Rose Kandel,  
Allison Lange, Melissa Lawson, Joan Lombardi, Elizabeth McConnaughey,  
Dora Paolucci, Susan Pusecker, Megan Smith, Maura Stevenson  
*Alto:* Janet Axt, Jamie Blair, Cari Brackett, Cindy Deliman, Allison Ellenberger,  
Marcia Essig, Jennifer Fry, Cheryl Hoskinson, Sarah Lange, Nancy Loy, SallyJane Mathias,  
Missy Obergefell, Cathy Redenbarger, Jan Wade, Peggy Wigglesworth  
*Tenor:* Leigh Briggs, Bill Catus, Kevin Cubick, Jim Griffin, Dustin Jarred,  
Bill Lange, Rick Sayre, Dan Stevens, Mike Wigglesworth  
*Bass:* Joseph Bellissimo, Jonathan Bethke, Craig Clay, Jeff Corzine, John Deliman, Jim Gieseke,  
Sebastian Knowles, Ryan Jones, Bob Moreen, Alex Munson, David Stang, Jon Szabo

### **EASTER INSTRUMENTALISTS**

*Trumpets:* Tony Philipp, William Bailey  
*Horn:* Jocelyn Standley  
*Trombone:* Jessica Sneeringer  
*Bass Trombone:* Todd Cunningham  
*Timpani:* Susan Powell

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# *The Easter Dedications*

*The list is headed by the names and dates of those senior ministers, now deceased,  
who served this church with distinction and devotion.*

William H. Marble 1852–1856	Washington Gladden 1882–1918
John M. Steele 1856–1857	Carl S. Patton 1911–1917
Henry B. Elliott 1858–1860	Irving Maurer 1918–1924
Edward P. Goodwin 1860–1867	McIlyar H. Lichliter 1924–1942
George W. Phillips 1868–1871	Boynton Merrill 1943–1959
Robert G. Hutchins 1872–1882	Chalmers Coe 1960–1983

In memory of Joseph Bellissimo by Joe Bellissimo and Kevin Jones

To the glory of God and in celebration of our faith and freedom by Barbara Clapham

In memory of loved ones Bert and Bev Cook

In memory of Charles Henry Drummond III by his partner Robert J. Crackel

In honor of Kevin Jones and the First Church Choir by William Davis and Ronald Jenkins

In memory of James Decker by Ruth Decker

In celebration of the First Church Choir by Jim and Carol Gallagher

In memory of Wally Giffen and other loved ones by Sarah Giffen and family

In memory of Paul Flocken, Ardis Postle, Arlene Reynolds, Corrine Keller Edwards, Leona Schaefer, and Parke Cooley by Cheryl Hoskinson

In memory of Barbara and Leo Jones, Jerry and Anne Bellissimo, Janice Jones, Elizabeth Pastor, and Bunita Weiner by Kevin Jones and Joe Bellissimo

In memory of Harry Kandel and Ray Gillman by Rose and David Kandel

In memory of Siegfried and Gisela Garbe and Douglas Haas by Rose and David Kandel

In memory of parents Edwin and Ruth Busey and Paul and Elsie Leidheiser by Paul and Melody Leidheiser

In celebration of our grandchildren Jess, Quinn, Ava, Caleb, and Hannah by Paul and Melody Leidheiser

In honor of my mother Mildred Livingston, celebrating her 109th Easter this year by Nancy Livingston

In honor of the families of Ukraine by Pat Patterson

In memory of Arlene and John Reynolds, Milton Flocken, Paul Flocken, and Rebekah Salser Hambor by Annette Salser

In memory of Paul Vish by Dorothy Vish

In memory of Dale Brookins Wade, Robert and Louise Wade, Paul and Adelia Schwiebert, and John T. Douth, Sr. by Jan Wade

In honor of Rupert D. Starr by Jan Wade

In memory of Edward and Betty Ryan and Charles and Julia Wagner by Amy, Bill, Katie and Chase Wagner

In memory of Charles and Katherine Woodard and Harold and Florence Brooks by Jim and Carol Woodard

In memory of loved ones by Marty and Gerry Worth

In memory of loved ones by Sarah, Danny, and Brandis Worth

In honor of Marty and Gerry Worth by Sarah, Danny, and Brandis Worth

The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God and in memory of parents David and Martha Loy by Nancy Loy.



## ABOUT FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

WELCOME TO FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH. As you can see and hear from the soaring Gothic Revival architecture, the stained glass windows, and the sound of music in this space, beauty is truly a multimedia encounter here.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES are held at 9:00 a.m. (Morning Prayer and Holy Communion, Parish Hall) and 11:00 a.m. (Sanctuary). Following the Social Gospel tradition of Washington Gladden, senior minister of this church from 1882 to 1914, First Congregational Church welcomes all people and extends its mission and witness into the community.

THIS BUILDING was designed by renowned architect John Russell Pope, dedicated in 1931 and renovated in 1997. The lead gifts for this property and building were given by J.A. and Celia Jeffrey.

THE BRUSSELLS TAPESTRIES were woven in 1575 in Belgium, embodying the artistic ideals of the Renaissance. Part of a larger series, they depict events in the life of Abraham.

ABOUT THE STAINED GLASS WINDOWS: Seven studios have placed their work in this church: Nicola d'Ascenzo, Charles J. Connick, Connick Associates, Oliver Smith, Gabriel Loire/Jacques Loire Vitraux, Francis Deck/Emil Frei, and Ellen Miret/Willet Stained Glass. Above the Chancel, the Jeffrey window, given in thanksgiving for the lives and generosity of J.A. and Celia Jeffrey, (Nicola d'Ascenzo Studios, 1931) depicts Christ's earthly life and ministry.

THE BANNER STAND is rolled steel and made by Albert Paley in 2003.

THE CHANCEL CROSS is made of red enameled copper facets on Brazilian rosewood, by William J. Thompson, sculptor, in 1963.

THE HONOR ROLL in the southwest corner of the Sanctuary honors the men and women who served our nation in WWII. An accompanying book offers everyone the opportunity to give thanks for all others who have served.

THE WASHINGTON GLADDEN SOCIAL JUSTICE PARK on the corner of Cleveland Avenue and Broad Street celebrates the legacy of Social Justice in Columbus and was built with lead gifts from Nancy Jeffrey and family celebrating Robert Hutchins "Tad" Jeffrey II. The park was dedicated on October 28, 2018.

THE COLLECTION OF LITURGICAL BANNERS is made by artist Deb Anderson.



## 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.

## 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)

—Adopted September 8, 2002 by the congregation  
Revisions adopted January 27, 2019 by the congregation

### LEADERSHIP

*Senior Minister*, Timothy C. Ahrens, D.Min., M.Div.  
*Associate Minister*, Emily Krause Corzine, M.Div.  
*Minister of Music*, Kevin Jones, M.M., M.S.E.  
*Director of Christian Education*, Mark S. Williams, M.Ed.  
*Commissioned Minister for Social Justice*, Tom Brownfield  
*Commissioned Minister for Spiritual Formation and Direction*, Jacquelyn Dean  
*Nursery Staff*, Miranda Brooks, Norma Secor, Miranda Gumbita, Courtney Palmer  
*Organist Choirmaster Emeritus*, G. Dene Barnard, S.M.M.

### DIACONATE

*Senior Deacon*, Gregory Halbe  
*Deacons*: Alec Deitz, Chris Gelpi, Scott Graham, Tom Kiesel, Antoinette Koolemans-Beynen, Nancy Kreimer, Gail Lowe, James Lowe, Allison Lowery Palmer, Dayna McCrary, Lynn Wallich, Hank Wilson, Martha Wilson, Marty Worth

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