



WORSHIP AT ELEVEN  
FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

May 8, 2022

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

*Chant de Mai*

Joseph Jongen

ENTER TO WORSHIP

Melissa Kulwicki

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

*\* Then all stand.*

L: Come! Let us worship and praise God.

**P: The Lord is our shepherd, our guardian and our guide.**

L: Celebrate the many ways in which God cares for our lives.

**P: Green pastures and silent still waters beckon us and comfort us.**

L: Even though difficulties happen in our lives, still God is with us.

**P: Even when it seems that the world has nothing to offer but suffering and pain, God surrounds us with God's love and bounty.**

L: Surely God's mercy accompanies us on our journey.

**P: And we will dwell in God's house forever. Amen.**

\* PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Praise, my soul, the God of heaven

*Lauda anima*

1. Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en; glad of heart your ca-rols raise; ran-somed, healed, re-stored, for-  
 2. Praise God for the grace and fa - vor shown our fore-bears in dis-tress; God is still the same for-  
 3. Like a lov-ing par-ent car - ing, God knows well our fee-ble frame; glad - ly all our bur-dens  
 4. An - gels, teach us ad - o - ra - tion, you be - hold God face to face; sun and moon and all cre-

giv - en who, like me, should sing God's praise? Al - le - lu - ia!  
 ev - er, slow to chide, and swift to bless: Hal - le - lu - jah!  
 bear - ing, still to count - less years the same. Hal - le - lu - jah!  
 a - tion, dwell - ers all in time and space. Hal - le - lu - jah!

Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the Mak - er all your days!  
 Hal - le - lu - jah! Sing our Mak - er's faith - ful - ness!  
 Hal - le - lu - jah! All with - in me, praise God's name!  
 Hal - le - lu - jah! Praise with us the God of grace!

\* INVOCATION

The Rev. Dr. Timothy C. Ahrens

L: God be with you.

**P: And also with you.**

L: Let us pray.

**P: O beloved Jesus, you are the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear your voice we may know you who call us each by name and follow where you lead; this we pray in the name of the holy and undivided Trinity, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

\* WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Rev. Emily Krause Corzine

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.

2022 SCHUMACHER AWARDS

Amy Wagner

Nicole Bond

Janiya Davis

Kate Ruffle

CHILDREN'S TIME

Mark S. Williams

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles, chapter 9.*

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, “Please come to us without delay.” So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, “Tabitha, get up.” Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

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

**P: Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

My Shepherd will supply my need

Virgil Thomson

*The text for this anthem may be found in the hymnal, #172.*

THE REVELATION TO JOHN

7:9–17 (N.T. p. 249)

Mrs. Kulwicki

*A reading from the Revelation to John, chapter 7.*

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, “Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!” And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

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

**P: Thanks be to God.**

1. The Lord's my Shep - herd, I'll not want; He makes me down to lie  
 2. My soul He doth re - store a - gain; And me to walk doth make  
 3. Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, Yet will I fear none ill;  
 4. My ta - ble Thou hast fur - nish - ed In pres - ence of my foes;  
 5. Good - ness and mer - cy all my life Shall sure - ly fol - low me;

In pas - tures green; He lead - eth me The qui - et wa - ters by.  
 With - in the paths of righ - teous - ness, E'en for His own name's sake.  
 For Thou art with me; and Thy rod And staff me com - fort still.  
 My head Thou dost with oil a - noint, And my cup o - ver - flows.  
 And in God's house for - ev - er - more My dwell - ing place shall be.

THE GOSPEL

John 10:22–30 (N.T., p. 104)

Rev. Corzine

*A reading from the Gospel according to John, chapter 10.*

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

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

**P: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"Every Good Gift"

Rev. Corzine

*A period of silence follows.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Ahrens

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 **Freedom a la cart**. Freedom a la Cart is a nonprofit social enterprise that makes meals more meaningful by tastefully combining fresh, from-scratch cuisine with life-changing employment and long-term support to local survivors of sex trafficking and exploitation. This program provides supportive services for more than 400 survivors a year, including workforce development and comprehensive life skills training. Thank you for your generosity.

ANTHEM

The Lord is my shepherd (Requiem)  
*The text is taken from Psalm 23*

Herbert Howells

\* PRESENTATION HYMN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow

sung to *Lasst uns erfreuen*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow**  
**Praise Christ, all creatures here below. Alleluia, Alleluia!**  
**Praise Holy Spirit evermore;**  
**Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Alleluia, Alleluia!**  
**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. Ahrens

COMMUNITY NOTICES - DEPART TO SERVE

Mr. Williams

L: Let us depart with a heart to serve.  
**P: Thanks be to God.**

\* CLOSING HYMN

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!

*Hyfrydol*



1. Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus! Thine the scep - ter, thine the throne!
2. Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in sor - row now.
3. Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of an - gels, you on earth our food, our stay.
4. Al - le - lu - ia! Christ e - ter - nal, noth - ing can dis - rupt your reign;



Al - le - lu - ia! Thine the tri - umph, thine the vic - to - ry a - lone!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Thou art near us; faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Here the sin - ful flee to you from day to day.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Born of Mar - y, heaven and earth are your do - main.



Hark! the songs of peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood;  
 Though the cloud from sight re - ceived you when the for - ty days were o'er,  
 In - ter - ces - sor, friend of sin - ners, earth's Re - deem - er, plead for me,  
 Hu - man life you ful - ly en - tered, tend - ing those we count the least,



Je - sus, out of ev - ery na - tion, hast re - deemed us by his blood.  
 shall our hearts for - get your prom - ise, "I am with you ev - er - more."  
 and the songs that sound in heav - en will re - peat your gra - cious plea.  
 serv - ing both as Priest and Vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.

\* BENEDICTION

Rev. Corzine

POSTLUDE

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

Wilbur Held

*Please be seated for the Postlude*

† PLEASE GREET THE SCHUMACHER AWARD RECIPIENTS at the Chancel steps following the Postlude.

† THE FLOWERS THIS MORNING are given to the glory of God by Greg and Gary Duncan Glover in memory of their parents and grandparents.

† WE WELCOME GUEST DIRECTOR Jim Gallagher to worship leadership this morning.

LEADERSHIP IN THE LITURGY

The Rev. Emily Krause Corzine, *preacher*

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

Mark S. Williams, *liturgist*

Melissa Kulwicki, *liturgist*

Maya Haslett, *crucifer*

The First Church Choir

Jim Gallagher, *guest director*

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

† GREETING AT THE EXITS TODAY:

Broad Street: Rev. Corzine

Education Breezeway: Rev. Ahrens

Education Wing Door: Mr. Williams

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**Depart to Serve**

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## This Week at First Church

- 5/8**  
9 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)  
10 a.m. Faith Formations  
(Playground or Classroom B)  
Realm Training (Fanning Rm)  
Mentor and Parent Mtg  
(Classroom C & Virtual)  
11 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary & Virtual)
- 5/9**  
7 p.m. Trustees Mtg (Virtual)
- 5/10  
5:30 p.m. Budget and Finance Mtg (Virtual)  
6:40 p.m. BREAD Nehemiah Action  
(Ohio Expo Ctr & Virtual)
- 5/11**  
2 p.m. Realm Mtg (Virtual)  
6 p.m. Unsheltered Around First Church Mtg  
(Virtual)
- 5/12**  
7 p.m. Security Team Mtg (Virtual)  
7:15 p.m. First Church Choir Rehearsal  
(Parish Hall)
- 5/13**  
10 a.m. Confirmands Rehearsal  
(Sanctuary & Parish Hall)

## Upcoming Mission Offerings

- May 8** Freedom a la Cart  
**May 15** Cozy Cat Cottage Adoption Center and  
Canine Companions for Independence  
**May 22** Broad Street Presbyterian Church  
Food Pantry  
**May 29** Cue Seminars

## Take Me Out to the Ballgame at Huntington Park

Columbus Clippers vs. Toledo Mud Hens  
Wednesday, June 1, 2022, 7:05 p.m.

Join a group from First Church for a Clippers Game.  
A block of tickets will be ordered.  
Reserve your place by **Sunday, May 15**.  
COST: \$8/per person  
(Cash or Checks to First Congregational Church or  
online MEMO: Clippers Game)

Contact Rev. Emily Corzine [ecorzine@first-church.org](mailto:ecorzine@first-church.org)  
for more information!

Register at <https://onrealm.org/TheFirstCongreg/PublicRegistrations/Event?linkString=MzI1NTY4YTYtM-jc0MS00NDQ1LTk3YjktYWU4YjAxMThjNWl2>

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## Congratulations to the Class of 2022!

If you or a family member is graduating from high school or college this year, please send us information, including the individual's name, the school they are graduating from, and their degree and possible future plans. We will be recognizing our graduates in an upcoming Connections email. Send the information to [awagner@first-church.org](mailto:awagner@first-church.org). You also may include a photo (electronic image only).

Graduates will be recognized during the 11 a.m. worship service on Sunday, May 29.



## Sunday Stroll

Come take a Sunday stroll with us at Inniswood Metro Gardens on May 22, 2-4 p.m. We will meander through this beautiful park while enjoying good company and all that nature has to offer. Please dress for the weather and wear comfortable walking shoes. There are multiple trails and all are classified as easy and less than one mile long. We will walk multiple trails so feel free to join us for all of them or just one. In the event of heavy rain or storms, the event will be rescheduled for a future date. Please be sure to register so you will receive any necessary email communication. Meet us at the garden's entrance area. We look forward to seeing you!

Please register by Saturday, May 21!

<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?ll-r=vt46sivab&oeidk=a07ej63539u145a7170>

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## Cultivating Generous Congregations Seminar

The Cultivating Generous Congregations Seminar returns with great resources for First Church. A small cohort from First Church is forming. The program takes place over 12 weeks (6 sessions of 90 minutes each plus readings/work in-between). It provides tools, ideas, and insights into congregational fundraising. It is a 5-hour a month commitment and all on Zoom.

There are two seminars starting this summer. Classes will be on June 2, 16, 30, July 14, 28, and August 11, via Zoom.

Contact Rev. Emily Krause Corzine ([ecorzine@first-church.org](mailto:ecorzine@first-church.org)) for more information. Deadline for registration is May 11.

## 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 <https://www.first-church.org/give/>, 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@firstchurch.org](mailto:amccormick@firstchurch.org).

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For more information visit <https://freedomalacart.org>.

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## Global Mission Partner Danielle Murry-Knowles, Lesotho

Danielle Murry-Knowles serves with the Lesotho Evangelical Church in Southern Africa (LECSA). She serves as Secretary to the LECSA Planning Commission and to the LECSA Health Fund Steering Committee. The Planning Commission is responsible for making annual plans for the church. Her work with the Planning Commission includes taking and preparing meeting minutes, coordinating monthly meetings, and writing quarterly reports on the activities of the Commission. Her work with the Health Fund consists of coordinating HFSC's quarterly meetings, arranging annual visits and writing quarterly and annual reports. In addition to her secretarial duties, she also maintains the LECSA website. She states that challenges facing Lesotho include HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, unemployment, violence, corruption and climate change.

Learn more about Global Ministries by visiting <https://www.globalministries.org/>

## Keep in Prayer

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

**Family and friends** Steven Ferris's brother, Doug Ferris; Bob Quinichett's daughter, Susan Webster; Jane Carter's grandson-in-law, Michael Kessler and family; Stephanie Koscher's mother, Judy Young; Colleen Merrill; and Amy Wagner's friend, Ken Burke.

**Those who mourn loved ones** Kris and Richard Brandt, Deb Kelly and Larry Thorne, John and Libby Koetz, and Lee and Jarod Kiesel and their children Wesley and Spencer, on the death of their father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, Ed Koetz.

In the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle, we lift the people and churches of India, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka. We pray for Global Ministries worker Danielle Murry-Knowles in Lesotho.

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.

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## Virtual Coffee Hour

The next Virtual Coffee Hour is Sunday June 5, at 10 a.m.

Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82160506973?pwd=dFl4dGlac1NCZW5UbzE4WE5STHR1dz09>

Meeting ID: 821 6050 6973

Passcode: 115473

## Church Leadership

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Commissioned Minister for Spiritual Formation and Direction Jacquelyn Dean  
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Business Administrator Annette McCormick  
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Music, Arts & Heritage-elect Melissa Kulwicki  
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Nominating Committee Chair Alec Deitz

## Welcome Statement

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

## First Church is a Faith Community

- † Called together by God, the Creator and Sustainer of life, to worship, pray and serve;
- † Led by Jesus Christ, our Teacher and Savior, to learn the faith and welcome all God's children;
- † Empowered by the Holy Spirit to witness to God's love and justice between ourselves, and throughout the world.

## Open and Affirming Statement

We, the members of First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, Columbus, Ohio, welcome and affirm all. We believe we are all created in God's image and called to love our neighbors as Jesus loves us. We believe we are many members, but one body in Christ, called to unite all people in God's love. We are a community seeking God's presence and love in our lives. We seek to unite persons of all ages, races, nationalities, ethnicities, sexual orientations, sexes, gender identities and expressions, family structures, mental, intellectual and physical conditions, economic circumstances, political, theological and faith backgrounds. Together in our diversity, and being empowered and directed by the Holy Spirit, we will "do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God." (Micah 6:8)

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