

WORSHIP AT ELEVEN
FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

June 5, 2022

The Day of Pentecost

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

Versets on *Veni Creator*

Nicolas de Grigny

CHORAL INTROIT

If ye love me

Thomas Tallis

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter, that he may abide with you forever, even the spirit of truth.

—John 14:15–17

ENTER TO WORSHIP

Gail Lowe

Leader: The grace of our Savior Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: And also with you.

** Then all stand.*

L: Come, Holy Spirit! Ignite our hearts with joy and confidence!

P: For God has done wondrous things for us.

L: Come, Holy Spirit! Fill us with the power of the rushing wind that we may faithfully serve you in all that we do.

P: For Christ has called each of us and blessed us!

L: Come, Holy Spirit! Be with us today.

P: Help us to boldly proclaim Christ Risen. Amen.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Hail thee, festival day!

Salva festa dies

Refrain

Hail thee, fes - ti - val day! blest day that art hal - lowed for ev - er,

To verses, then Fine

day when the Ho - ly Ghost shone in the world with God's grace.

1. Lo, in the like - ness of fire, on those who a - wait the ap - pear - ing,
3. Hark! for in myr - i - ad tongues Christ's own, the cho - sen a - pos - tles,

Repeat refrain

thus whom the Lord fore - told sud - den - ly, swift - ly de - scends:
preach to the ends of the earth Christ and his won - der - ful works:

2. Com - ing from God a - bove with seven - fold mys - ti - cal of - fering,
4. Praise to the Spi - rit of Life, all praise to the fount of our be - ing,

Repeat refrain

pour - ing on hu - man souls in - fi - nite rich - es of God:
light that now light - ens all, life that in all now a - bides:

* INVOCATION

The Rev. Emily Krause Corzine

L: God be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Let us pray.

P: God our creator, the resurrection of your Son offers life to all the peoples of earth. By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, empowering our lives for service and our tongues for praise, through your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

* WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. 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.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Mark S. Williams

(Read in English) When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them.

(Read in Dutch) All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each.

(Read in French) Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.”

(Read in Igbo) All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.” But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ‘In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

(Read in Welsh) Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

L: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

P: Thanks be to God.


A reading from Paul’s letter to the Romans, chapter 8.

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

L: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

P: Thanks be to God.


Refrain



Ev - ery time I feel the Spir - it mov - ing in my heart I will pray.
 Yes, ev - ery time I feel the Spir - it mov - ing in my heart I will pray.

1. Up - on the moun - tain, when my Lord spoke, Out of God's mouth came fire and smoke.
 2. Jor - dan riv - er, chil - ly and cold, It chills the bod - y but not the soul.

D.C.



Looked all a - round me, it looked so fine, Till I asked my Lord if all was mine.
 There is but one train up - on this track; It runs to heav - en and then right back.

THE GOSPEL

John 14:8–17 (N.T. p. 108)

Rev. Corzine

A reading from the Gospel of John, chapter 14.

Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves.

Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

”If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

L: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

P: Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION MEDITATION

“Gathered and Scattered”

Rev. Corzine

A period of silence follows.

THE OFFERTORY

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MISSION INVITATION

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ANTHEM

Gloria in excelsis (Missa Brevis in D, KV 194)
Melissa Lawson, Jamie Blair, Dan Stevens, Alex Munson, *soloists*

W.A. Mozart

A translation of this text may be found in the hymnal, #575

* PRESENTATION HYMN 591

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 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. Corzine

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 people who wish to know the presence of Christ and to share in the community of God's people.

* SURSUM CORDA

Plainsong

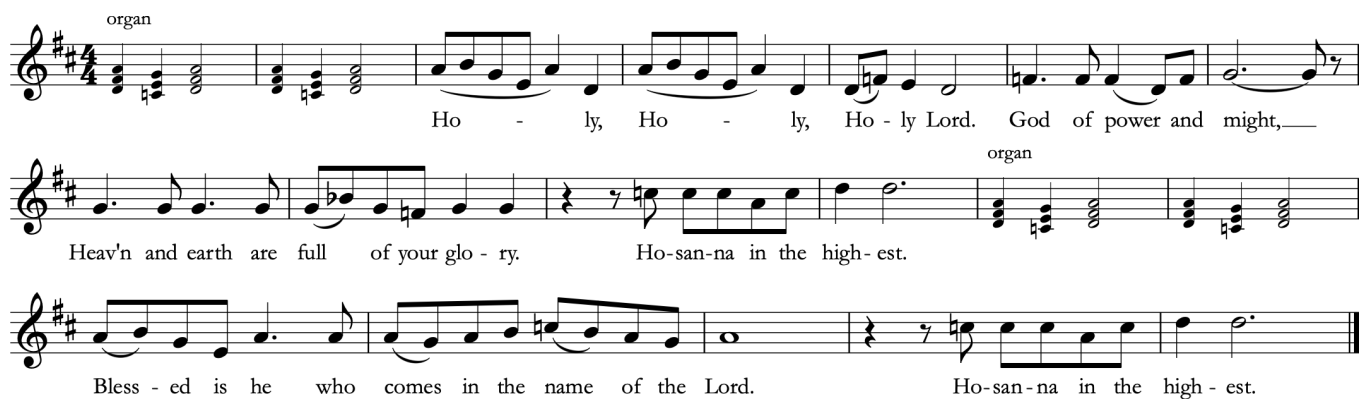
<i>Leader</i>	<i>People</i>
<p>The Lord be with you. And also with you.</p>	
<i>Leader</i>	<i>People</i>
<p>Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.</p>	
<i>Leader</i>	<i>People</i>
<p>Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.</p>	

* COMMUNION PRAYER

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. Baptized by your Spirit into one body, we testify to your faithfulness toward those of every time, nation, people, and language, and we give you thanks. 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.

* SANCTUS S168

William Mathias



organ

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord. God of power and might, —

organ

Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high- est.

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

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.

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

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.

ANTHEM

Agnus Dei (Missa Brevis in D, KV 194)

Mozart

Melissa Lawson, Jamie Blair, Dustin Jarred, Alex Munson, *soloists*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis..
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy on us..

Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, grant us your peace.

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.

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!**

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

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.

1. In Christ there is no east or west, In Him no south or north;
 2. In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery - where Their high com - mu - nion find;
 3. Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, What - e'er your race may be.
 4. In Christ now meet both east and west, In Him meet south and north;

But one great fel - low - ship of love Through - out the whole wide earth.
 His ser - vice is the gold - en cord Close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.
 All chil - dren of the liv - ing God Are sure - ly kin to me.
 All Christ - ly souls are one in Him Through - out the whole wide earth.

* COMMISSIONING OF YOUTH MISSION TRIP PARTICIPANTS

Rev. Corzine

Leader: ...This coming week, from June 6–10th, these youth and adults will go to the heart of West Franklinton for times of devotion, team building and work experiences with the Senior Assistance Program of Gladden Community House, Star House, Childcare Wonderland, Mid-Ohio Food Collective and homeless camps in Columbus.

All: We support this valuable and unique ministry.

L: Jesus himself commanded us all to go into the world. This summer, youth and adults of First Church have made the commitment to live out this Great Commission.

All: We pray that the Holy Spirit will fill you, empower you and guide you.

L: As this group of First Church travel here in Columbus and West Franklinton, they will be inviting people to seek God's face, to experience Christ's love, and to radiate God's Spirit in the world, as they themselves will also be invited to do the same. The people whom they will meet will have many spiritual, emotional, and physical needs. These youth will feed those they encounter – literally and figuratively - and they themselves will be fed as well.

All: We offer our blessing on those who are soon to leave.

L: God has promised to always be with us. God invites us to abide in him and promises to always abide in us. *Mission Trip Participants: We thank God for this promise. Strengthened by the awareness of God's presence within us, we offer ourselves to God's purposes and accept God's calling to go on this mission trip.*

L: There will be many challenges on this journey, but you are led by the greatest of all shepherds, God. God knows where and how we can find what we need most, in any given situation. God will be with you and will guide you.

Mission Trip Participants: We joyfully offer our gifts and talents, our energy and enthusiasm, as we look towards the many challenges that our mission trip will bring.

All: We thank God for the inspiration you are to us. We offer our prayers and support as you set out on this adventure with God.

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 by Anita Silva Coil, to celebrate and rejoice the May birthdays of her mother, Linda June Silva Stone, and daughter, Aria June Coil.

† TODAY MARKS THE END OF THE SEASON for the First Church Choir. We thank them for their worship and musical leadership throughout the year. The Choir will return to 11 am worship on September 11.

† GREETING AT THE EXITS

Rev. Corzine - Broad Street

Mr. Williams - Education Wing breezeway

LEADERSHIP IN THE LITURGY

The Rev. Emily Krause Corzine, *celebrant and preacher*

Mark S. Williams, *liturgist*

Gail Lowe, *liturgist*

, *dove bearer*

Alyssia Palmer, *crucifer*

The First Church Choir

Kevin Jones, *organist*

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

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Depart to Serve

June 5, 2022

This Week at First Church

6/5

- 9 a.m. Worship (Parish Hall & Virtual)
10 a.m. REALM Training (Fanning Rm)
11 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary & Virtual)

6/6

- Youth Mission Trip through Friday, 6/10
12 Noon Congregational Care Mtg
 (Parish Family Rm)
6:30 p.m. House and Grounds Mtg (Virtual)

6/7

- 6 p.m. Personnel Comm. Mtg (Virtual)
7 p.m. Justice and Mercy Mtg (Off-Site)

6/8

- 7 p.m. Unsheltered Around First Church
 (Virtual)

6/9

- 7 p.m. Security Team Mtg (Virtual)

Ukraine Quilt Auction Extended

Member Claudia Glenn has contributed a handmade quilt to raise money to support Church World Service for Ukraine Support. Claudia grew up in Yorkshire, England in a creative family and took up quilting a few years ago. She came to Ohio in 2011. She and her husband, Jaime, are new to First Church and we are delighted that she can share her gifts in this way.

The auction is on Charity Auctions and will run from May 19 through June 10. You can see the quilt on display in the Education Wing breezeway.

Send questions to Rev. Emily Corzine at ecorzine@first-church.org

To place a bid and check back, click here:

<https://www.charityauctionstoday.com/auctions/ukraine-quilt-32462>

Congregational Care Survey

A brief survey, regarding how best we might respond to our congregation's need for care, went out to all members by email on May 27 and in the order of worship on May 29. A limited supply of surveys is available in the church office. Surveys may be returned by email or printed and returned in the offering plate or left in the church office.

Please return your survey by **Sunday, June 12**. Thank you for your help in this vital ministry.

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=d-Fl4dGlac1NCZW5UbzE4WE5STHR1dz09>

Meeting ID: 821 6050 6973

Passcode: 115473

Global Mission Partner Phyllis Byrd, Kenya

Phyllis Byrd serves with the Organization of Africa Instituted Churches (OAIC) in Kenya. OAIC brings together African Independent and Instituted Churches to develop indigenous forms of worship, theology, and social organization in order to improve the lives of more than 60 million AIC members across the continent. Ms. Byrd is the Director of “Just Communities.” The word ‘just’ means “being honorable or fair in our dealings.” The Just Communities program seeks to walk alongside Africa Independent churches as they work to address good governance, poverty eradication, and a just environment in which the people of God can live with dignity. She also works with the Presbyterian Church of East Africa as the coordinator of the Young Adult Volunteer program, helping to place young adults from the USA to serve in Kenya for a year. Learn more about Global Ministries by visiting <https://www.globalministries.org/>.

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@first-church.org.

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For more information visit <https://www.ucc.org/giving/ways-to-give/our-churchs-wider-mission/strengthen-the-church/>

Food Pantry Donations

Justice and Mercy is accepting canned and boxed foods. On the first Monday of each month, the food will be donated on a rotating schedule to either Broad Street Presbyterian Church Food Pantry (even months) or Gladden House (odd months). Both organizations are in need of canned fruits, vegetables, and meats. There will be baskets by the church office, by the entrance to the Education Wing, and one inside the front entrance of the church.

Monday, June 6: Donations will go to Broad Street Presbyterian Church. Thank you for your generosity.

Upcoming Mission Offerings

June 5	Strengthen the Church
June 12	First Serves
June 19	Heartland Conference Outdoor Ministries
June 26	Jessie's World

Fair Trade Coffee Sales June 5, 10 - 11 a.m. in Education Wing

Profits from sales go to small farmers and to UCC Justice Missions. In 2021, \$2270.00 was given to small farmers by UCC participating churches.

Lunch Bunch

June 22, 12-1 p.m.

Carfagna's Kitchen, 1440 Gemini Place,
Columbus, OH 43240

Who wants lunch? Who needs groceries? Let's do both together at Carfagna's Italian Market near Polaris on June 22 at 12 p.m.! We will meet at the restaurant for lunch to share a delicious meal and a friendly conversation. And, since this restaurant is in a grocery store, feel free to pick up some essentials on your way out! Mark your calendars and sign up via the link provided on or before June 20. All are welcome. We look forward to seeing you there! Mangia!

Register at <https://onrealm.org/TheFirstCongreg/Registrations/Registrants/bf0483fc-223e-46a3-8d11-aea7013375a3?congregantView=true&engagement=true&hideNav=false&rt=955128cb-e1da-11ec-bf80-02e28fdccc9d>

Sunday Stroll

Come take a Sunday stroll with us at Inniswood Metro Gardens on June 26, 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, June 25!

Register at : <https://conta.cc/3wh9H2c>

Time Out Tuesday

June 28, 6-7 p.m.

Gemut Biergarten, 734 Oak Street,
Columbus, OH 43205

Looking for new ways to meet and connect with other church members? Please join us on June 28 at 6 p.m. for Time out Tuesday! We will meet for a casual meal and conversation on the patio at Gemut Biergarten. Come for the company and to enjoy this beautiful historic building that was one of the original Columbus firehouses! Mark your calendars and sign up via the link provided on or before June 25. All are welcome. We look forward to seeing you there!

Register at <https://onrealm.org/TheFirstCongreg/Registrations/Registrants/1f3130d4-2023-4170-8ee1-aea7013626d4?congregantView=true&engagement=true&hideNav=false&returnUrl=https%3A%2F%2Fonrealm.org%2Fevents%2F1f3130d4-2023-4170-8ee1-aea7013626d4%2Fmeetings%2F927aca28-b417-4b59-afae-aea7013626d6&rt=22b9d768-e1e5-11ec-ae23-02dd061fa0d7>

“March For Our Lives” Rally at the Statehouse

Join First Church youth and members as we participate in the 2022 “March for our Lives” rally at the Statehouse, Saturday, June 11, at 11 a.m.

We will gather in the church playground and step off towards the Statehouse at 10:30 a.m. We encourage participants to wear orange. Amazon has several Gun Violence shirts at https://www.amazon.com/s?k=enough+shirt&crd=2V7WV4ZKI23VD&srefix=%2CCaps%2C55&ref=nb_sb_ss_recent_4_0_recent.

For more information about the “March for Our Lives” rally visit <https://marchforourlives.com/chapter/mfol-columbus-oh/>.

Keep in Prayer

Members Beth Gelfius; Jim and Carol Woodard; Jane Weddle; Rick Brant; Betsy Zahn; Grace Glaros; Janice White; Martha Huey; Barbara Knox; John Carter and Mary Kay Beall Carter; and Pauline Fritz.

Family and friends Jim Lowe's brother, Greg Lowe; Melissa Kulwicki's friend, Susan Fisher on the death of her husband, Steve Fisher; Annette McCormick's father, Charles McCormick; Steven Ferris's brother, Doug Ferris; Bob Quinichett's daughter, Susan Webster; Stephanie Koscher's mother, Judy Young; Colleen Merrill; Amy Wagner's friend, Ken Burke.

Those who mourn loved ones the communities of Buffalo, NY, and Uvalde, TX, after the deadliest mass shootings of the year; family and friends of Richard Mason upon his passing; Eddie Anderson III, Eddie IV, Chutney, and family on the death of wife and mother, Tammy Anderson.

In the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle, we lift the people and churches of Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa, and Eswatini. We pray for Global Ministries worker Phyllis Byrd in Kenya.

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.

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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