



MORNING PRAYER AND HOLY COMMUNION AT NINE
FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
 UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

June 12, 2022

Trinity 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.*

The liturgy of Morning Prayer is a form of daily worship adapted through the ages that has its earliest roots in our Jewish heritage. Its premise is one of praying to God at the beginning of the day—giving thanks for another day ahead. The service falls roughly into three main parts: Opening sentences and singing/reading of the Psalms; readings from Holy Scripture - usually one from the Hebrew texts, and one from the Gospels - interspersed with ancient songs of the church; and prayers. To this we add Holy Communion, bringing further meaning to the totality of the prayers we have already offered. The liturgy presupposes full and hearty congregational involvement in the spoken and sung responses, preparing us to be sent forth from this house of worship into the wider world to live out the Great Commission.

PRELUDE

David Hogrefe, *pianist*

OPENING SENTENCES

The Rev. Emily Krause Corzine

Leader: This is the day which God has made.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

** Please stand as you are able*

* THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Rev. Corzine

L: O God, open our lips.

P: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

L: Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:

P: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

* OPENING SONG - PSALM 95

O come and let us sing to God on high

Taizé

O come and let us sing to God— our hope. God's mer-cy is for - ev - er. O

come and let us sing to God— our hope. God's mer-cy is for - ev - er. O

* PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 8 (*read responsively by verse*)

Rev. Corzine

L: O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.

**P: Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,
to silence the enemy and the avenger.**

L: When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established;

P: what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

L: Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor.

P: You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet,

L: all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,

P: the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

All: O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

* WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Corzine

L: The peace of God be always with you.

P: And also with you.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Mark S. Williams

THE FIRST READING

Proverbs 8:1–4, 22–31

Rev. Corzine

A reading from the book of Proverbs, chapter 8.

Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice?

On the heights, beside the way,

at the crossroads she takes her stand; beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out:

“To you, O people, I call,
and my cry is to all that live.

The Lord created me at the beginning of his work,

the first of his acts of long ago. Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth.

When there were no depths I was brought forth,

when there were no springs abounding with water. Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth—

when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil.

When he established the heavens, I was there,

when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep,

when he assigned to the sea its limit,

so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside him, like a master worker;

and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always,

rejoicing in his inhabited world

and delighting in the human race.

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

P: Thanks be to God.



1. Blest be the God of Is - ra - el, The ev - er - liv - ing Lord.
 2. Through ho - ly proph - ets did You speak Your word in days of old,
 3. Of old You gave Your sol - emn oath To fa - ther A - bra - ham:
 4. O ti - ny child, Your name shall be The proph - et of the Lord;
 5. The ris - ing sun shall shine on us To bring the light of day



You come in power to save Your own, Your peo - ple Is - ra - el.
 That You would save us from our foes And all who bear us ill.
 Whose seed a might - y race should be And blest for - ev - er - more.
 The way of God You will pre - pare To make God's com - ing known.
 To all who sit in dark - est night And shad - ow of the grave.



For Is - ra - el You now raise up Sal - va - tion's tower on high
 On Si - nai You gave to us Your cov - e - nant of love;
 You vowed to set Your peo - ple free From fear of ev - ery foe,
 You shall pro - claim to Is - ra - el Sal - va - tion's dawn - ing day,
 Our foot - steps God shall safe - ly guide To walk the ways of peace,



In Da - vid's house, who reigned as king And ser - vant of the Lord.
 So with us now You keep Your word In love that knows no end.
 That we might serve You all our days In good - ness, love, and peace.
 When God shall wipe a - way all sins With mer - cy and with love.
 Whose name for - ev - er - more be blest, Who lives and loves and saves.

THE SECOND READING

John 16:12–15

Rev. Corzine

A reading from the Gospel of John, chapter 16.

Jesus said, "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

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

P: **Thanks be to God.**



1. God the_ sculp - tor of_ the moun - tains, God the_ mil - ler of the sand,
 2. God the_ nui - sance to_ the Pha - raoh, God the_ cleav - er of the sea,
 3. God the_ un - ex - pec - ted in - fant, God the_ calm, de - ter - mined youth,
 4. God the_ dress - er of_ the vine - yard, God the_ plant - er of the wheat,



God the_ jewel - er of_ the heav - ens, God the_ pot - ter of the land:
 God the_ pil - lar of_ the dark - ness, God the_ bea - con of the free:
 God the_ ta - ble turn - ing pro - phet, God the_ res - ur - rect - ed Truth:
 God the_ reap - er of_ the har - vest, God the_ source of all we eat:



you are womb of all cre - a - tion, we are_ form - less; shape us now.
 you are gate of all de - liv' - rance, we are_ sight - less; lead_ us now.
 you are pres - ent ev - ery_ mo - ment, we are_ search - ing; meet us now.
 you are host at ev - ery_ ta - ble, we are_ hun - gry; feed_ us now.

HOMILY

“The Power of Three”

Rev. Corzine

THE PRAYERS

Rev. Corzine

L: God be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: That there may be purpose and fulfillment, O God, in all that we do,

P: sung, each time



Christ, have mer - cy.

L: That we may show others this day the love that you have taught us,

P: Christ, have mercy.

L: That the church throughout the world may respond to your call for peace and justice,

P: Christ, have mercy.

L: That those who are in need be helped and comforted,

P: Christ, have mercy.

(We pray for the special needs and concerns of this congregation, the members, family, and friends who are listed in the Depart to Serve and whom we hold in our hearts in prayer. As directed, you are invited to pray silently or aloud for those needs and concerns you have.)

L: That we may be strengthened by your grace for the tasks of this day,

P: Christ, have mercy.

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.

CLOSING PRAYER

Eternal God, you create us by your power and redeem us by your love. Guide and strengthen us by your Spirit, that we may give ourselves in love and service to one another and to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE OFFERTORY

Want to give online? Please scan this QR code link, or see additional instructions in the Depart to Serve leaflet:



MISSION INVITATION

Rev. Corzine

Designated gifts go to support **First Serves**. First Serves is one of First Church's monthly outreach mission opportunities on the fourth Sunday of the month. Started in 2021, First Serves is a combined effort between Faith Formation and Justice and Mercy commissions to engage our community of faith in hands-on mission projects. From hygiene kits for Church World Service to blankets to support children in foster care to "Blessing bags" for the unsheltered in our community, First Church makes a difference in the lives of others. Designated funds to First Serves will help prepare needed items for the summer First Serve mission Sundays. Thank you for your generosity.

OFFERTORY HYMN

Holy, holy, holy

Nicaea



1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y! Ear - ly in the morn - ing our
2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! all the saints a - dore Thee, Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a -
3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark-ness hide Thee, Though the eye of sin - ful - ness Thy
4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y! All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in

song shall rise to Thee; Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and
round the glass - y sea; Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be -
glo - ry may not see, On - ly Thou art ho - ly; there is none be -
earth and sky and sea; Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and

might - y! God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
fore Thee, Who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
side Thee Per - fect in power, in love and pu - ri - ty.
might - y! God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

Eat This Bread

Jacques Berthier

**Eat this bread. Drink this cup. Come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread. Drink this cup. Trust in me and you will not thirst.**

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Rev. Corzine

Almighty God, we give you thanks for the gift of our Savior's presence in the simplicity and splendor of this holy meal. Unite us with all who are fed by Christ's body and blood that we may faithfully proclaim the good news of your love and that your universal church may be a rainbow of hope in an uncertain world; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

COMMUNITY NOTICES - DEPART TO SERVE

Mr. Williams

L: Let us sing the closing hymn as we depart with a heart to serve.

P: Thanks be to God.

* CLOSING HYMN

God be with you

Randolph

God be with you till we meet a-gain; lov - ing coun - sels guide, up - hold you,
with a shep - herd's care en - fold you; God be with you till we meet a-gain.

* PRAYER OF SENDING AND PROMISE OF RETURN OF MARK S. WILLIAMS

Rev. Corzine

Rev. Corzine: As Mark Williams goes forth on his sabbatical, we offer our blessings and our prayers of thanksgiving. We trust the Holy Spirit will guide him, his family, and us, while we are apart one from the other. During this period of refreshment, we will include Mark in our weekly Prayers of the People, and we commend him to all of you for your daily prayers. Let us come together now as a covenant people, sharing our commitment to the grace of God; praying for God's strength and guidance for the journey.

***People:* We pray for refreshment of spirit, by the power of God's Holy Spirit.**

Mr. Williams: God's blessing be upon you all as I seek renewal of God's calling to ministry.

***People:* God be with you while we are away from one another. God fill you with a light spirit as you study, reflect, and visit new surroundings.**

Mr. Williams: I thank God for my ministry among you and the gift of this time you've given me. As you will be praying for me, I, too, will be holding you all in prayer.

***People:* May you experience the gift of spiritual growth in your journey. We will pray that you return renewed and energized for ministry. We send you with our blessing.**

Rev. Corzine: Let us pray. Spirit of God, we pray for Mark Williams's renewal and refreshment during this time of Sabbath rest. Renew him for ministry through this time set aside for reflection and study, the refreshment of a break from daily tasks and routine, and the excitement of new learning and direction. Grace him with your presence and keep him steadfast in the faith while we are gone one from another.

***All:* Amen.**

* BLESSING

Rev. Corzine

POSTLUDE

Enter to Worship Depart to Serve

June 12, 2022

This Week at First Church

- 6/12**
9 a.m. Worship (Parish Hall & Virtual)
11 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary & Virtual)
- 6/13**
7 p.m. Trustees Mtg (Virtual)
- 6/14**
5:30 p.m. Budget and Finance Mtg (Virtual)
6:30 p.m. Christian Education Mtg (Virtual)
- 6/15**
10 a.m. Largest Table Food Prep & Delivery (Education Wing)
2 p.m. Realm Mtg (Virtual)
7 p.m. Unsheltered Around First Church (Virtual)

Mark Williams' Sabbatical

Today, Sunday, June 12, we will send Mark Williams ("Mr. Mark"), director of Faith Formation, off with our prayers and good wishes to begin a three-month sabbatical. During his time away, he will focus on Christian Mindfulness, through reading, walking, and rest. He looks forward to sharing his experience upon his return on Sunday, September 11.

While he is away, you may see him around town. Feel free to speak and greet him, but refrain from discussing church business. Please hold him in prayer during his time away.

We are excited to welcome the return of Rev. Joanna Samuelson as Interim Director of Faith Formation during Mark's time away. Rev. Samuelson served First Church last summer as the Interim Associate Minister during Rev. Ahrens' Sabbatical. If you need to reach Rev. Samuelson, you can email her at jsamuelson@first-church.org.

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>

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>

Global Mission Partners Bruce and Linda Hanson, Honduras

Bruce and Linda Hanson serve with the Association of Evangelical Institutions of Honduras (AIEH). AIEH is the branch of the Evangelical and Reformed Church of Honduras that responds to social needs in their communities. Their work includes providing health care through clinics and more informal “brigades,” and running the Pablo Menzel bilingual school and CEVER (a technical education program). AIEH has also provided emergency food and assisted in reconstruction after the 2020 hurricanes. In addition to these social services, AIEH provides pastoral care and spiritual guidance to the participants of their programs.

The Hansons work in Omoa, an area with great needs due to the devastation of two hurricanes and its proximity to the border with Guatemala, where deportees from the US re-enter Honduras. The Hansons are responding to health care needs of community members and the hurricane victims (still unhoused) and to the immediate needs of returning deportees for food, medical care and diapers. They also work with school children who have been unable to attend school due to the pandemic, many of whom are older elementary children who don't yet read or write.

Happy Birthday, Twink!

Beloved First Church member Rupert “Twink” Starr will celebrate his 100th birthday July 16, 2022! We would love for his First Church friends to join in the celebration by recording a short video greeting or message to Twink, and uploading it to <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1119uCxDAdLDDgKvLw6kW5P-gVF8x1BXRc?usp=sharing>. The deadline for submissions is Sunday, July 10.

You may also mail cards to Twink in care of the church (444 E. Broad St, Columbus, Ohio 43215), and we will be sure to pass those along. If you have any questions or need assistance, please email Melissa Kulwicki at communications@first-church.org.

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>

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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Keep in Prayer

Members Beth Gelfius; Jim and Carol Woodard; 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; 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 including the many communities of America suffering from mass shootings.

We pray for Mr. Mark Williams and family while he is on sabbatical.

In the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle, we lift the people and churches of Botswana and Zimbabwe. We pray for Global Ministries workers Bruce and Linda Hanson in Honduras.

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.

Upcoming Mission Offerings

June 12	First Serves
June 19	Heartland Conference Outdoor Ministries
June 26	Jessie's World

Church Leadership

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

—Adopted September 8, 2002 by the congregation

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God is still speaking,

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