



WORSHIP AT ELEVEN
FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

July 3, 2022

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost/Proper 9

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

Fanfare for the Common Man

Aaron Copland

ENTER TO WORSHIP

Gregory Halbe

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: Praise be to God who has freed us from oppression!

P: Praise be to God who has healed our wounded souls!

L: Let our hearts rejoice at God's redeeming love.

P: Let our voices raise in songs of thanksgiving for all that God is doing for us.

L: Come, let us worship the Lord with our whole hearts!

P: May our praise and voices resound with joy! Amen.

1. Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the sick and preach the word."
 2. Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: "In my name bap - tize and teach."
 3. Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my bod - y, this my blood."
 4. Lord, you show us love's true mea - sure: "Fa - ther, what they do, for - give."
 5. Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing: "I am with you to the end."

Lest the church ne - glect its mis - sion, and the gos - pel go un - heard,
 That the world may trust your pro - mise, life a - bun - dant meant for each,
 Let us all, for earth's true glo - ry, dai - ly lift life hea - ven - ward,
 Yet we heard as pri - vate trea - sure all that you so free - ly give.
 Faith and hope and love re - stor - ing, may we serve as you in - tend,

help us wit - ness to your pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty:
 give us all new fer - vor, draw us clo - ser in com - mu - ni - ty:
 ask - ing that the world a - round us share your chil - dren's li - ber - ty:
 May your care and mer - cy lead us to a just so - ci - e - ty:
 and, a - mid the cares that claim us, hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty:

With the Spir - it's gifts em - power us for the work of min - is - try.

* INVOCATION

The Rev. Emily Krause Corzine

L: God be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Let us pray.

P: O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

* WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Rev. Dr. Timothy C. Ahrens

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

The Rev. Joanna Samuelson

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 66:10–14 (O.T. p. 697)

Dr. Halbe

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah, chapter 66.

Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her—that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast; that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious bosom. For thus says the Lord: I will extend prosperity to her like a river, and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream; and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm, and dandled on her knees. As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem. You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bodies shall flourish like the grass; and it shall be known that the hand of the Lord is with his servants, and his indignation is against his enemies.t.

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

P: Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE

Galatians 6:7–16 (N.T. p. 191)

Dr. Halbe

A reading from Paul's letter to the Galatians, chapter 6.

Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest-time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

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

P: Thanks be to God.

1. In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, Tower - ing o'er the wrecks of time;
 2. When the woes of life o'er - take me, Hopes de - ceive, and fears an - noy,
 3. When the sun of bliss is beam - ing Light and love up - on my way,
 4. Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, By the cross are sanc - ti - fied;

All the light of sa - cred sto - ry Gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
 Nev - er shall the cross for - sake me: Lo! it glows with peace and joy.
 From the cross the ra - diance stream - ing Adds more lus - ter to the day.
 Peace is there that knows no mea - sure, Joys that through all time a - bide.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 10:1–11, 16–20 (N.T. p. 71)

Rev. Ahrens

A reading from the Gospel of Luke, chapter 10.

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

“Freedom”

Rev. Ahrens

A period of silence follows.

THE OFFERTORY

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 the weekly feeding ministry of **The Largest Table** at St. John's United Church of Christ in Columbus. Every Wednesday for more than ten years, volunteers provide food for individuals and families in the community who are in need. This program transitioned to grab-and-go lunches during the Spring of 2020. The First Church meal team gathers on the third Wednesday of each month to make and pack up to 100 lunches. Your gifts will help purchase the supplies for our meal team to support this feeding ministry. Thank you for your generosity.

VOLUNTARY

Variations on the Navy Hymn

Melita, arr. David Johnson

* PRESENTATION HYMN 375

God of all good, stanza 1

Toulon

God of all good, our gifts we bring to You;
 Use them Your ho - ly pur - pose to ful - fill;
 To - kens of love and pledg - es brought a - new,
 That our whole life is of - fered to Your will.

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

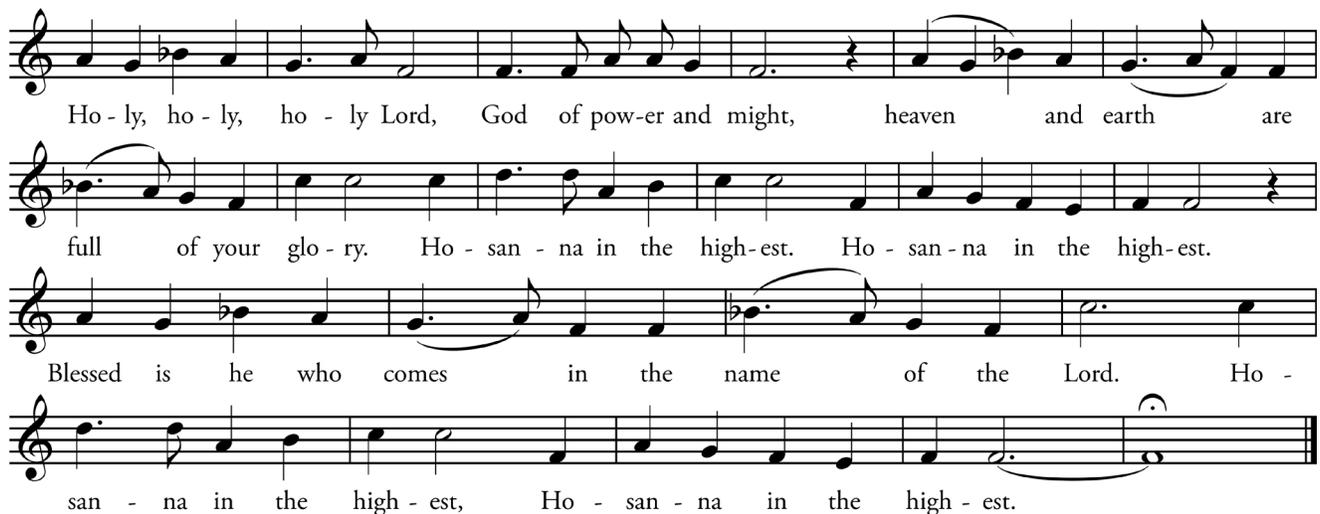
Leader The Lord be with you. *People* And also with you.
Leader Lift up your hearts. *People* We lift them to the Lord.
Leader Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *People* It is right to give our thanks and praise.

* 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 S167

Richard Proulx



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heaven and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Ho - san - na in the high-est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, 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.

COMMUNION HYMN

My song is love unknown

Love Unknown



1. My song is love un - known, My Sav - ior's love to me,
 2. Christ came from heav - en's throne Sal - va - tion to be - stow,
 3. Some - times they strew His way, And His sweet prais - es sing,
 4. They rise, and needs will have My dear Lord made a - way;
 5. Here might I stay and sing, No sto - ry so di - vine:



Love to the love - less shown That they might love - ly be.
 But peo - ple scorned and none The longed - for Christ would know.
 Re - sound - ing all the way Ho - san - nas to their King.
 A mur - der - er they save, The Prince of life they slay.
 Nev - er was love, dear King, Nev - er was grief like Thine.



O who am I That for my sake My Lord should take Frail flesh, and die?
 But O my Friend, My Friend in - deed, Who at my need His life did spend!
 Then "Cru - ci - fy!" Is all their breath, And for His death They thirst and cry.
 Yet stead-fast He To suf - fering goes, That He His foes From thence might free.
 This is my Friend, In whose sweet praise I all my days Could glad - ly spend.

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!**

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

L: Let us depart with a heart to serve.

P: Thanks be to God.

* CLOSING HYMN 371

Lift high the cross

Crucifer

Refrain (unison)

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim
till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

Verse (parts)

1.	Come,	Chris - tians,	fol - low	where	our Sav - ior	trod,
2.	Each	new - born	ser - vant	of	the Cru - ci - fied	
3.	O	Lord,	once lift - ed	on	the glo - rious	tree,
4.	So	shall	our song	of	tri - umph	e - ver be:

to Refrain

the Lamb vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
bears on the brow the seal of Christ who died.
your death has brought us life e - ter - nal - ly.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

* BENEDICTION

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 Lisa Morris and Kent Shimeall in celebration of their grandchildren.

† GREETING AT THE EXITS

Rev. Ahrens – Broad Street

Rev. Corzine – Education Wing breezeway

Rev. Samuelson – Education Wing door

LEADERSHIP IN THE LITURGY

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

The Rev. Emily Krause Corzine, *worship leader*

The Rev. Joanna Samuelson, *worship leader*

Gregory Halbe, *liturgist*

Kevin Jones, *organist*

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

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Enter to Worship
Depart to Serve

July 3, 2022

This Week at First Church

- 7/3**
9 a.m. Service of Morning Prayer
(Parish Hall & Virtual)
10 a.m. Sacred Earth Coffee Sales
(Education Wing)
11 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary & Virtual)
- 7/4** Church Office Closed for July 4
- 7/5**
9 a.m. Good Samaritan Distribution (Virtual)
6 p.m. Personnel Committee Mtg (Virtual)
6:30 p.m. Christian Education Mtg (Virtual)
7 p.m. Justice and Mercy Mtg (Virtual)
- 7/6**
10:30 a.m. Book Study (Virtual)
7 p.m. Book Club (Virtual)
7 p.m. Unsheltered Mtg (Virtual)
- 7/9**
10:30 a.m. Sacred Earth (Outside)
- 7/10**
9 a.m. Service of Morning Prayer
(Parish Hall & Virtual)
11 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary & Virtual)

Virtual Coffee Hour is Today at 10 a.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

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

- Meeting ID: 821 6050 6973

Passcode: 115473

Fair Trade Coffee Sales

Coffee Sales, Today, July, 10 - 11 a.m. in the Education Wing. Profits from sales go to small farmers and to UCC Justice Missions. In 2021, \$2270 was given to small farmers by UCC participating churches. Sales on 1st and 3rd Sundays.

Happy Birthday, Twink!

Beloved First Church member Rupert "Twink" Starr will celebrate his 100th birthday on July 16! We will hold a special Coffee Hour to celebrate Twink on July 10, following 11 a.m. worship.

If you have not had a chance to record a video message to Twink, there is still time! We will be recording them during the July 10 coffee hour, or you can record and submit it at <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1119uCxDAldLDdGkVlw6kW5PgVF8x1BX-Rc?usp=sharing>. The deadline for message submissions is Sunday, July 10.

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

First Church Book Club

All are invited to the First Church Book Club, Wednesday, July 6, at 7 p.m. via Zoom. The book being discussed is *How Beautiful We Were* by Imbolo Mbue. For more information or the Zoom link, email Elaine Warren at melainewarren232@gmail.com.

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.

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Upcoming Mission Offerings

July 3	The Largest Table
July 10	World Central Kitchen
July 17	Good Sam
July 24	Suicide Prevention Hotline
July 31	Church for All People

Keep in Prayer

Members Jim Lowe; Beth Gelfius; Jim and Carol Woodard; Rick Brant; Betsy Zahn; Janice White; Martha Huey; Barbara Knox; John Carter and Mary Kay Beall Carter.

Family and friends Jim Lowe’s brother, Greg Lowe; Annette McCormick’s father, Charles McCormick; Stephanie Koscher’s mother, Judy Young; Colleen Merrill; Amy Wagner’s friend, Ken Burke.

Those who mourn loved ones Melody Leidheiser, on the death of her brother; David Holt on the death of his mother, Elaine Holt; and the communities of America continuing to suffer 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 Sudan, South Sudan, and Uganda. We pray for Global Ministries worker Wally Burman in Costa Rico.

Global Mission Partner **Wally Burman, Costa Rico**

Wally Burman serves with Latin American Biblical University (UBL) in San Jose, Costa Rica. UBL's goal is to promote for students their critical and purposeful participation in the social transformation of their churches, institutions, and communities. Gender justice, economies of well-being, and planetary life are emphasized.

Mr. Burman works with the UBL library, reorganizing the book collection, sharing duplicate copies with other universities and individuals, and scanning the theses of graduating students. This work to improve the collection makes it more accessible to UBL students as well as others in Latin America.

He states that the digitizing project is challenging and interesting because it involves new technology. It enables sharing collections of books that date back many decades.

To learn more about Global Ministries visit Global Mission Partner visit <https://www.globalministries.org>

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.
Associate Minister Rev. Emily Krause Corzine, M.Div.
Minister of Music Kevin Jones, M.M., M.S.E.
Director of Christian Education Mark S. Williams, M.Ed.
(*On sabbatical through September 11, 2022*)
Interim Director of Christian Education Rev. Joanna Samuelson
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Commissioned Minister for Spiritual Formation and Direction Jacquelyn Dean
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Education-elect
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House & Grounds-elect Mike Kennedy
Justice & Mercy Kris Brant
Justice & Mercy-elect Heather Giffen
Music, Arts & Heritage Sandra Mathias
Music, Arts & Heritage-elect Melissa Kulwicki
Members-at-Large Dayna McCrary and Alyssia Palmer
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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OF CHRIST
God is still speaking,

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