



WORSHIP AT ELEVEN

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
**UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

July 10, 2022

The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost/Proper 10

**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

Elegy in B-flat Major

George Thalben-Ball

ENTER TO WORSHIP

Gregory Duncan Glover

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, let us worship the Lord our God,

**P: For the Lord is our God, and we are the Lord's people.**

L: As we wait upon the Lord, let us open our ears,

**P: That we might both hear and heed the word of the Lord.**

L: As we wait upon the Lord, let us open our eyes,

**P: That we might both see and perceive the will of the Lord.**

L: As we wait upon the Lord, let us open our hearts.

**P: That we might understand with our hearts and turn to the Lord for healing.**

\* OPENING HYMN 466

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

*Azmon*

1. O for a thou - sand tongues to sing My dear Re - deem - er's praise, The  
 2. Je - sus, the name that charms our fears, That bids our sor - rows cease; 'Tis  
 3. Christ breaks the power of reign - ing sin, And sets the pris - oner free; Christ's  
 4. My gra - cious Sav - ior and my God, As - sist me to pro - claim, To

glo - ries of my God and King, The tri - umphs of God's grace!  
 mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'Tis life, and health, and peace.  
 blood can make the sin - ful clean, Christ's blood a - vailed for me.  
 spread through all the earth a - broad The hon - ors of Thy name.

\* INVOCATION

The Rev. Joanna Samuelson

L: God be with you.

**P: And also with you.**

L: Let us pray.

**O God, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever 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.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Rev. Samuelson

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM FOR CORY JOANN PAPASIDERO PAUL  
*We welcome Cory, parents Austin Paul and Michael Papsidero,  
godparents Nancy Bowers and Gloria Paul, and Senior Deacon Elect Martha Wilson.*

WELCOME

Leader: . . . But when Jesus saw it, Jesus was indignant, and said to them,

**People: "Let the children come to me, do not hinder them; for to such belongs the realm of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the realm of God like a child shall not enter it."**

ADDRESS

L: . . . the sign and seal of their participation in God's forgiveness, and the beginning of their growth into full Christian faith and discipleship.

**P: This is the water of baptism. Out of this water we rise with new life, forgiven of sin and one in Christ, members of Christ's body.**

QUESTIONS OF THE CANDIDATE

\* CONGREGATIONAL ASSENT

*The congregation is invited to stand.*

L: . . . Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support, and care to the one about to be baptized, as Cory lives and grows in Christ?

**P: We promise our love, support, and care.**

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

L: Let us unite with the church in all times and places in confessing our faith in the triune God.

Do you believe in God?

**P: I believe in God.**

L: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**P: I believe in Jesus Christ.**

L: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**P: I believe in the Holy Spirit.**

*The congregation may be seated.*

PRAYER OF BAPTISM

L: Christ be with you.

**P: And also with you.**

L: Let us pray.

ACT OF BAPTISM

NAMING OF THE CHILD

L: Cory Joann Papisidero Paul, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Rise from the waters of baptism and give glory to God all the days of your life.

**P: Amen.**

PRAYER FOR THE BAPTIZED

L: Grant us grace to receive, nurture, and befriend this newest member of the body of Christ.

**P: Give to Cory strength for life's journey, courage in time of suffering, the joy of faith, the freedom of love and the hope of new life; through Jesus Christ, who makes us one. Amen.**

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURE

Amos 7:7–17 (O.T. p. 697)

Mr. Duncan Glover

*A reading from the book of the Prophet Amos, chapter 7.*

This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will spare them no longer; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.

Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said, 'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.'" And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there, but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom." Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet nor a prophet's son, but I am a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.' "Now therefore hear the word of the Lord. You say, 'Do not prophesy against Israel, and do not preach against the house of Isaac.' Therefore thus says the Lord: Your wife shall become a prostitute in the city, and your sons and your daughters shall fall by the sword, and your land shall be parceled out by line; you yourself shall die in an unclean land, and Israel shall surely go into exile away from its land."

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

**P: Thanks be to God.**

*A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians, chapter 1.*

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father. In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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

**P: Thanks be to God.**

\* GOSPEL HYMN 424

O Jesus Christ, May Grateful Hymns Be Rising

*Charterhouse*



1. O Je - sus Christ, may grate - ful hymns be ris - ing, In ev - ery cit - y for Your  
 2. Grant us new cour - age, sac - ri - fi - cial, hum - ble, Strong in Your strength to ven - ture  
 3. Show us Your Spir - it, brood - ing o'er each cit - y, As You once wept a - bove Je -



love and care; In - spire our wor - ship, grant the glad sur -  
 and to dare; To lift the fall - en, guide the feet that  
 ru - sa - lem, Seek - ing to gath - er all in love and



pris - ing That Your blest Spir - it rous - es ev - ery - where.  
 stum - ble, Seek out the lone - ly and God's mer - cy share.  
 pit - y, And heal - ing those who touch Your gar - ment's hem.

*A reading from the Gospel of Luke, chapter 10.*

An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” He said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself.” And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.”

But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.’ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

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

**P: Thanks be to God.**

## BAPTISMAL MEDITATION

“Am I a Neighbor?”

Rev. Corzine

*A period of silence follows.*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Samuelson

## 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 **World Central Kitchen** (WCK), a worldwide organization that is first to the frontlines, providing meals in response to humanitarian, climate, and community crises. WCK builds resilient food systems with locally led solutions. Begun in 2010 after the huge earthquake devastated Haiti, WCK affirms that cooking alongside those in need has transformed the way to rebuild a sense of community, put people back to work preparing it and put lives back together by fighting hunger. Today’s donation will be designated for Ukraine. Please give generously.

## OFFERTORY

Chorale-prelude on *Melcombe*

C. Hubert H. Parry

\* 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.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. Corzine

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

Rev. Samuelson

L: Let us depart with a heart to serve.

**P: Thanks be to God.**

\* CLOSING HYMN 538

Lord, dismiss us with Thy blessing

Sicilian Mariners

1. Lord, dis - miss us with Thy bless - ing; Fill our hearts with joy and peace:  
 2. Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion For Thy gos - pel's joy - ful sound;  
 3. So that when Thy love shall call us, Sav - ior, from the world a - way,

Let us each, Thy love pos - sess - ing, Tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace.  
 May the fruits of Thy sal - va - tion In our hearts and lives a - bound.  
 Let no fear of death ap - pall us, Glad Thy sum - mons to o - bey.

O re - fresh us, O re - fresh us, Trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.  
 Ev - er faith - ful, Ev - er faith - ful To the truth may we be found;  
 May we ev - er, May we ev - er Reign with Thee in end - less day.

\* BENEDICTION

Rev. Corzine

POSTLUDE

Postlude on A Ground

Herbert Murrill

*Please be seated for the Postlude*

† THE FLOWERS THIS MORNING are given to the glory of God by Nancy Braverman in celebration and in appreciation of the First Church ministry of Rev. Emily Corzine.

† GREETING AT THE EXITS

Rev. Corzine – Broad Street

Rev. Samuelson – Education Wing breezeway

LEADERSHIP IN THE LITURGY

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

The Rev. Joanna Samuelson, *worship leader*

Gregory Duncan Glover, *liturgist*

Jefferson McConnaughey, *organist*

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

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**Depart to Serve**

July 10, 2022

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## This Week at First Church

- 7/10**  
9 a.m. Service of Morning Prayer  
(Parish Hall & Virtual)  
11 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary & Virtual)  
12:15 p.m. Twink Starr's Birthday Reception  
(Parish Hall)
- 7/11**  
6:30 p.m. House and Grounds Mtg (Virtual)  
7 p.m. Trustees Mtg (Virtual)
- 7/12**  
5:30 p.m. Budget and Finance Mtg (Virtual)  
7 p.m. Deacons Mtg (Virtual)
- 7/13**  
2 p.m. Realm Mtg (Virtual)  
7 p.m. Unsheltered Discussion (Virtual)
- 7/14**  
7 p.m. Security Team Mtg (Virtual)
- 7/17**  
9 a.m. Service of Morning Prayer  
(Parish Hall & Virtual)  
10 a.m. Coffee Sales (Education Wing)  
11 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary & Virtual)

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## 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 today in Parish Hall following 11 a.m. worship.

## Reception For Kevin Jones

Sunday, July 24 will be Kevin's last Sunday as Minister of Music at First Congregational Church United Church of Christ. He has accepted a position at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Cleveland Heights, Ohio.

We will honor and celebrate him with a special reception in Parish Hall after the 11 a.m. service on Sunday, July 24. Please register for the reception by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/fcccelebratekevin>.

We will also receive donations as a gift for Kevin. Donations to this purse will be accepted on or before Monday, July 18, 2022. Please make your check payable to First Congregational Church with the memo indicating your gift to Kevin Jones. Checks may be placed in the Sunday offering plates or mailed to Annette McCormick, Business Administrator, First Congregational Church, 444 E. Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3885.

Thank you for your generosity as we thank one who has been so generous with his time and talent to First Church, friends, and supporters beyond.

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## Champions of Justices

Who is your social justice champion?

Through September 1, those who make a contribution toward our goal of \$10,000 for the Social Justice Window, will have the opportunity to have the name of their hero placed on the wall by the west entrance.

Download a nomination form by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/championsofjustice> below. Forms can be returned by mail to the church (444 E. Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio, 43215) or emailed to [home@first-church.org](mailto:home@first-church.org).

We look forward to celebrating your champions along with you!

## 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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## Ice Cream Social at the PBJ & Jazz Concert

August 13, 12-1 p.m.

Topiary Park, 480 E. Town Street, Columbus, Ohio

Calling all ice cream lovers! Calling all Jazz lovers! We are excited to announce that we are hosting an ice cream social at Topiary Park with live Jazz music! We chose this date for our ice cream social to coordinate with the PBJ & Jazz performance that’s being hosted at the park by the Jazz Arts Group of Columbus. While you eat ice cream, you can listen and/or dance to the wonderful music of the late Jeanette Williams, a Columbus vocalist and jazz star, performed by her friends Thomas Carroll on guitar, Bobby Floyd on piano, Mary McClendon on voice, and Jim Rupp on Drums. For this event, FCC will provide the ice cream and YOU bring your favorite topping to share. Bring the whole family and let’s celebrate summer and church fellowship together!

Register by August 10 by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/fccicecream>

## Keep in Prayer

**Members** Marti Rideout; Lola Edwards; Pat Liebchen; Jim Lowe; 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; Stephanie Koscher’s mother, Judy Young; Amy Wagner’s friend, Ken Burke.

**Those who mourn loved ones** Melody Leidheiser, on the death of her brother, John Buddy; Gayle Henderson and the Everett family on the loss of Gayle’s brother, Bill Everett; the family of Adah Krokono, friend of Todd Cunningham; the family of Bob Jones, friend of Todd Cunningham; and the communities of America continuing to suffer from shootings, including the recent shooting in Highland Park, Illinois.

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 Eritrea and Ethiopia. We pray for Global Ministries worker Miriam Chimhungwe in Botswana. Please note that individuals will remain on the prayer list for three weeks, unless specified to clergy or staff.

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## Time Out Tuesday

July 26 from 6-7p.m.

Budd Dairy Food Hall

1086 N. 4th St, Columbus, OH 43201

Looking for new ways to meet and connect with other church members? Please join us on July 26, at 6 p.m. for Time Out Tuesday! We will meet for a casual meal and conversation on the rooftop patio at the historic Budd Dairy Food Hall. This location has 10 different food kitchens to choose from and some amazing rooftop views! Mark your calendars and sign up via the link below on or before July 25. All are welcome. We look forward to seeing you there!

Register at <https://tinyurl.com/fcctortuesday>

## Global Mission Partner

### Miriam Chimhungwe, Botswana

Miriam Chimhungwe serves with Synod of Botswana at Kgolagano College of Theological Education, an ecumenical college founded in 1974. It is solely committed to training men and women to serve in various leadership positions in the church. She is a biochemist married to a theologian and always accompanies him wherever the Lord calls them. She will be working in the college library. She has previously worked with Peace Corps volunteers, starting from scratch a library that had over 3000 volumes when she finished. She has a passion for sharing with those planning to serve in God's Kingdom.

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

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## 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 inside the front entrance of the church.

The food donated in August will benefit Broad Street Presbyterian Church Food Pantry.

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## Upcoming Mission Offerings

<b>July 10</b>	<b>World Central Kitchen</b>
July 17	Good Sam
July 24	Suicide Prevention Hotline
July 31	Church for All People

## 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  
Commissioned Minister for Social Justice Tom Brownfield  
Commissioned Minister for Spiritual Formation and Direction Jacquelyn Dean  
Administrative Manager Amy Wagner  
Office Assistant Pat Patterson  
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Nursery Staff Miranda Brooks, Norma Secor, Shelly Gies, Miranda Gumbita, Courtney Palmer  
Senior Deacon Gregory Halbe  
Deacons Chris Gelpi, Scott Graham, Tom Kiesel, Antoinette Koolemans-Beynen, Nancy Kreimer, Gail Lowe, James Lowe, Allison Lowery Palmer, Dayna McCrary, Lynn Wallich, Hank Wilson, Martha Wilson, Marty Worth  
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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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