



MORNING PRAYER AND HOLY COMMUNION AT NINE  
**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.*

*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

Ann Eliot, *pianist*

OPENING SENTENCES

The Rev. Joanna Samuelson

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. Samuelson

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

L: To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

**P: O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me.**

L: Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

**P: Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.**

L: Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

**P: Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.**

L: Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;

according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O LORD!

**P: Good and upright are you, O LORD; therefore you instruct sinners in your way.**

L: You guide the humble in doing right, and teach your way to the lowly.

**P: All your paths are love and faithfulness, to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

## \* WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Rev. Emily Krause Corzine

L: The peace of God be always with you.

**P: And also with you.**

## CHILDREN'S TIME

The Rev. Joanna Samuelson

## THE FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 30:9–14

Rev. Samuelson

*A reading from the book of Deuteronomy, chapter 30.*

“And the Lord your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the Lord will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, when you obey the Lord your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul. Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. It is not in heaven, that you should say, ‘Who will go up to heaven for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?’ Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, ‘Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?’ No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.”

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

**P: Thanks be to God.**

\* CANTICLE: THE SONG OF ZECHARIAH (*Today, we sing stanzas 1 and 2*)*Kingsfold*

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

Colossians 1:1-14

Rev. Corzine

*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.**



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

“Am I a Neighbor?”

Rev. Corzine

THE PRAYERS

Rev. Samuelson

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 **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 the food, and put lives back together by fighting hunger. Today's donation will be designated for Ukraine. Please give generously.

OFFERTORY HYMN

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Azmom

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.

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

Rev. Samuelson

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.

\* BLESSING

Rev. Corzine

POSTLUDE



Enter to Worship  
**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 Krokoko, 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  
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Office Assistant Pat Patterson  
Communications Consultant Melissa Kulwicki  
Business Administrator Annette McCormick  
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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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Education-elect  
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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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