



WORSHIP AT ELEVEN

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

July 17, 2022

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost/Proper 11

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

Praise to the Lord

Helmut Walcha

ENTER TO WORSHIP

Elaine Warren

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: We gather this day from a week filled with needs and demands.

P: We come to find rest and renewal of our spirits.

L: Open your hearts in love to hear the voice of God.

P: We want to quietly rest in God's presence, free from the clamor of the world.

L: This is the day that the Lord has made.

P: Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Amen.

* OPENING HYMN 339

Be Thou My Vision

Slane

1. Be Thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart; Nought be all else to me, save that Thou art—
 2. Rich-es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise, Thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
 3. Be Thou my wis - dom, and Thou my true word; I ev - er with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;

Thou my best thought, by day or by night, Wak - ing or sleep - ing, Thy pres - ence my light.
 Thou and Thou on - ly, first in my heart, Great God of heav - en, my trea - sure Thou art.
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall, Still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

* INVOCATION

The Rev. Joanna Samuelson

L: God be with you.

P. And also with you.

L: Let us pray.

P: Holy One, you know us already. Help us to know you better. Let us see you both in front of us and behind us. Infuse our worship with your Spirit so that we may learn to recognize your presence in all places; through the worthiness of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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 HEBREW SCRIPTURE

Genesis 18:1–10a

Ms. Warren

A reading from the book of Genesis, chapter 18.

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him.

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

P: Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE

Colossians 1:15–28

Ms. Warren

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

Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him, provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a minister of this gospel. I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its minister according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

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

P: Thanks be to God.

1. Lord, when I came in - to this life You called me by my name;
 2. With - in the cir - cle of the faith As mem - ber of Your cast,
 3. In all the ten - sions of my life, Be - tween my faith and doubt,
 4. So, help me in my un - be - lief And let my life be true:

To - day I come, com - mit my - self, Re - spon - ding to Your claim.
 I take my place with all the saints Of fu - ture, pres - ent, past.
 Let Your great Spir - it give me hope, Sus - tain me, lead me out.
 Feet firm - ly plant - ed on the earth, My sights set high on You.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 10:38–42

Rev. Corzine

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke, chapter 10.

Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

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

P: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"Growing Up"

Rev. Corzine

A period of silence follows.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Samuelson

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.

THE OFFERTORY

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MISSION INVITATION

Rev. Corzine

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OFFERTORY

Wer nur den lieben Gott lässt walten, BWV 691

J.S. Bach

* PRESENTATION HYMN 375

God of all good, v. 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

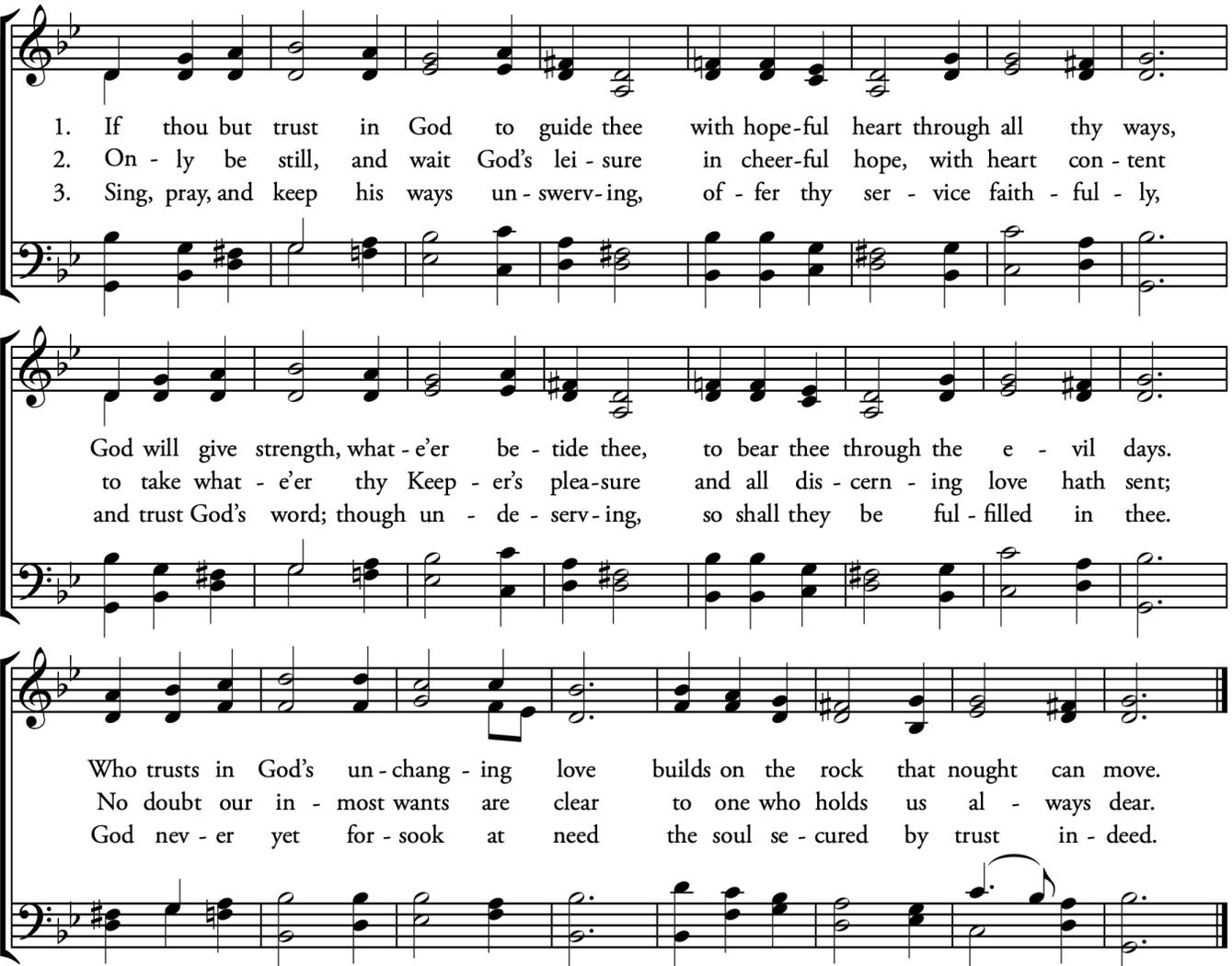
COMMUNITY NOTICES - DEPART TO SERVE

Rev. Samuelson

L: Let us depart with a heart to serve.

P: Thanks be to God.

Gott

*  Musical notation for the hymn 'Gott', consisting of three systems of a vocal line and a bass line. The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are as follows:

1. If thou but trust in God to guide thee with hope-ful heart through all thy ways,
 2. On - ly be still, and wait God's lei - sure in cheer-ful hope, with heart con - tent
 3. Sing, pray, and keep his ways un - swerv-ing, of - fer thy ser - vice faith - ful - ly,

God will give strength, what - e'er be - tide thee, to bear thee through the e - vil days.
 to take what - e'er thy Keep - er's plea - sure and all dis - cern - ing love hath sent;
 and trust God's word; though un - de - serv-ing, so shall they be ful - filled in thee.

Who trusts in God's un - chang - ing love builds on the rock that nought can move.
 No doubt our in - most wants are clear to one who holds us al - ways dear.
 God nev - er yet for - sook at need the soul se - cured by trust in - deed.

* BENEDICTION

Rev. Corzine

POSTLUDE

A Mighty Fortress

Walcha

Please be seated for the Postlude

† THE FLOWERS THIS MORNING are given to the glory of God by Jim and Carol Gallagher in honor of their 57th wedding anniversary.

† GREETING AT THE EXITS

Rev. Corzine – Broad Street

Rev. Samuelson – Education Wing breezeway

LEADERSHIP IN THE LITURGY

The Rev. Emily Krause Corzine, *preacher*

The Rev. Joanna Samuelson, *worship leader*

Elaine Warren, *liturgist*

Kevin Jones, *organist*

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

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This Week at First Church

- 7/17**
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)
1 p.m. Winchester Choir Rehearsal
(Parish Hall)
- 7/19**
7 p.m. Winchester Choir Rehearsal
(Parish Hall & Sanctuary)
- 7/20**
10 a.m. Largest Table Food Prep & Delivery
(Ed Wing)
7 p.m. Unsheltered Discussion (Virtual)
- 7/21**
7:30 p.m. Bon Voyage Choral Evensong
(Sanctuary)

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://onrealm.org/TheFirstCongreg/Registrations/Registrants/ba66a04a-dac1-49d3-bc53-aec900d9048e?congregantView=True>

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.

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>. Forms can be returned by mail to the church (444 E. Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio, 43215) or emailed to home@first-church.org.

We look forward to celebrating your champions along with you!

Ice Cream Social at the PBJ & Jazz Concert

August 13, 12-1 p.m.

Topiary Park

480 E. Town Street, Columbus, OH 43215

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>

Food Pantry Donations Food Insecurity Still with Us

Empty shelves were found at Gladden Food Pantry when the First Church donations were delivered. The explanation given was that food producers raised their prices, causing Mid-Ohio Food Bank to raise prices for the pantries. Gladden has limited funds for the pantry. Additionally, the numerous requests for food have led the Gladden pantry to serve all who are in need, not just those from the Gladden zip code area. The staff was most appreciative of our donation.

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.

First Serves Gladden "Back to School" Backpack Project

First Serves, the collaborative ministry of Justice and Mercy and Christian Education commissions, continues its work to help those in our community on Sunday, July 31, at 10 a.m. Education Wing. We are asking the congregation to donate funds to this important need for the children in West Franklinton. Each backpack kit will be age and grade-appropriate. Our goal is 200 kits. The cost for each backpack kit is \$15.

Please make a monetary donation to help purchase the supplies now through July 31. The Church will purchase the backpacks and supply the materials. We need your help with the last touches to prepare the backpacks and distribute them to Gladden.

Please contact Rev. Emily Corzine (ecorzine@first-church.org) or Rev. Joanna Samuelson (jsamuelson@first-church.org) for more information.

Take Me Out to the Ball Game At Huntington Park

Columbus Clippers vs. Iowa Cubs
Friday, September 2
First Pitch at 7:05 p.m.

Join a group from First Church for a Clippers Game. A block of tickets will be ordered. Reserve your place by **Friday, August 12**. The Donatos stand on the Left Field Concourse will offer a slice of pizza and soda for \$5.

COST: \$8/per person. Register and pay at <https://onrealm.org/TheFirstCongreg/PublicRegistrations/Event?linkString=NTQyZmY2ODUtMDIyNy0>

Contact home@first-church.com for more information.

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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Global Mission Partner G. Lou, Henan Province, China

Henan province is in central China. It has a population of approximately 9.9 million, the third most populous Chinese province. Henan also has one of the largest Christian populations in China and East Asia. Since 2010, Global Ministries has been supporting a Christian council in Henan with their agriculture technology projects. Last year Henan Province was affected by severe flooding, caused by a period of prolonged heavy rainfall. The local churches in Henan distributed food and water to flood-affected people in their areas. As they continue to face the Covid 19 pandemic, they ask for continued prayers for people who have been affected by both flood and disease.

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

Keep in Prayer

We celebrate the arrival of Savannah Kirker, daughter of Christina and David Kirker, and baby sister to Isabella, Beau, Logan, and Noah, born Friday, July 8, 2022.

Congratulations to Alexandra Rhoades and Kevin Putnam, married at First Church on Saturday, July 16, 2022.

We celebrate with Chase Wagner on his graduation from boot camp at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas.

Members Marti Rideout; Twink Starr; Lola Edwards; Pat Liebchen; Jim Lowe; Jim and Carol Woodard; Rick Brant; Betsy Zahn; Janice White; Barbara Knox; John Carter and Mary Kay Beall Carter.

Family and friends Jim Lowe’s brother, Greg Lowe; and Amy Wagner’s friend, Ken Burke.

Those who mourn loved ones Gayle Henderson and the Everett family on the death of her brother, Bill Everett; Melody Leidheiser on the death of her brother, John Busey; the family of Adah Krokonko, friend of Todd Cunningham; the family of Bob Jones, friend of Todd Cunningham; and the communities of America continuing to suffer from 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 Djibouti and Somalia. We pray for Global Ministries worker G. Lou in China.

Please note that individuals will remain on the prayer list for three weeks, unless specified to clergy or staff.

Upcoming Mission Offerings

July 17	Good Samaritan Fund
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
Communications Consultant Melissa Kulwicki
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Building and Grounds Superintendent Mark Dahnke
Custodian Jenkins Smith
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Miranda Gumbita, Courtney Palmer
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James Lowe, Allison Lowery Palmer, Dayna McCrary, Lynn Wallich, Hank Wilson, Martha Wilson, Marty Worth
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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)

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