

# Legacy Sunday

The 170<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of First Church  
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# Welcome to First Congregational Church

If you are visiting today and looking for a church home, welcome! For 170 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.*

## A GREETING FROM THE REVEREND DR. TIMOTHY C. AHRENS, *SENIOR MINISTER*

Welcome to Legacy Sunday at First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ!

On September 26, 1852, 42 Abolitionist Christians formed a new congregation in downtown Columbus. They could no longer abide in a church which owned slaves and called itself "Christian." Following a Savior who they believed was just and peaceful, God guided their hearts and minds in faith. They made a difference in our city and in this world.

We, who claim membership at First Church, are heirs of our forebears' radical vision of love, justice and peace. We have grown to more than 1,200 members in our 170 years of life in this glorious city. We are called in our time to be ever vigilant in living our faith with integrity.

We are glad that you have joined with us today. If you would like to be part of a growing church in the heart of our Capital City, keep coming back. We would love for you to become part of our community of faith.

There are many ways to get involved. Check our website – [www.first-church.org](http://www.first-church.org). Call me and we can talk face to face.

Remember, wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

Blessings to you on this beautiful day of celebration in the life of this congregation.

Love to you in Christ,



Reverend Dr. Timothy C. Ahrens, *Senior Minister*

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# MORNING PRAYER AND HOLY COMMUNION AT NINE

## PRELUDE

## OPENING SENTENCES

THE REV. JOANNA SAMUELSON

Leader: Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me,

**People: and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling.**

*\* 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

*Tallis' Canon*



1. Come, let us sing to God on high, The Rock of our sal - va - tion praise; Come  
2. For God is high a - bove all gods, The heights and depths are in God's hand; God  
3. Bow down and let us wor - ship God Who is our Ma - ker and our Lord; We



with thanks-giv - ing to God's courts And raise our joy - ful psalms in praise.  
made the sea and all there - in, God's hands have mold - ed the dry land.  
are God's peo - ple and God's sheep; To - day, then, heark - en to God's Word.

## \* PSALTER — Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16

Rev. Samuelson

L: You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,

**P: will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust."**

L: For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence;

**P: he will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.**

L: You will not fear the terror of the night, or the arrow that flies by day,

**P: or the pestilence that stalks in darkness, or the destruction that wastes at noonday.**

L: Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name.

**P: When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them.**

L: With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

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The Rev. Dr. Timothy C. Ahrens

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My Lord, What a Morning  
*Dameon D. Jones, soloist*

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THE FIRST READING — Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

Dr. Gregory Halbe

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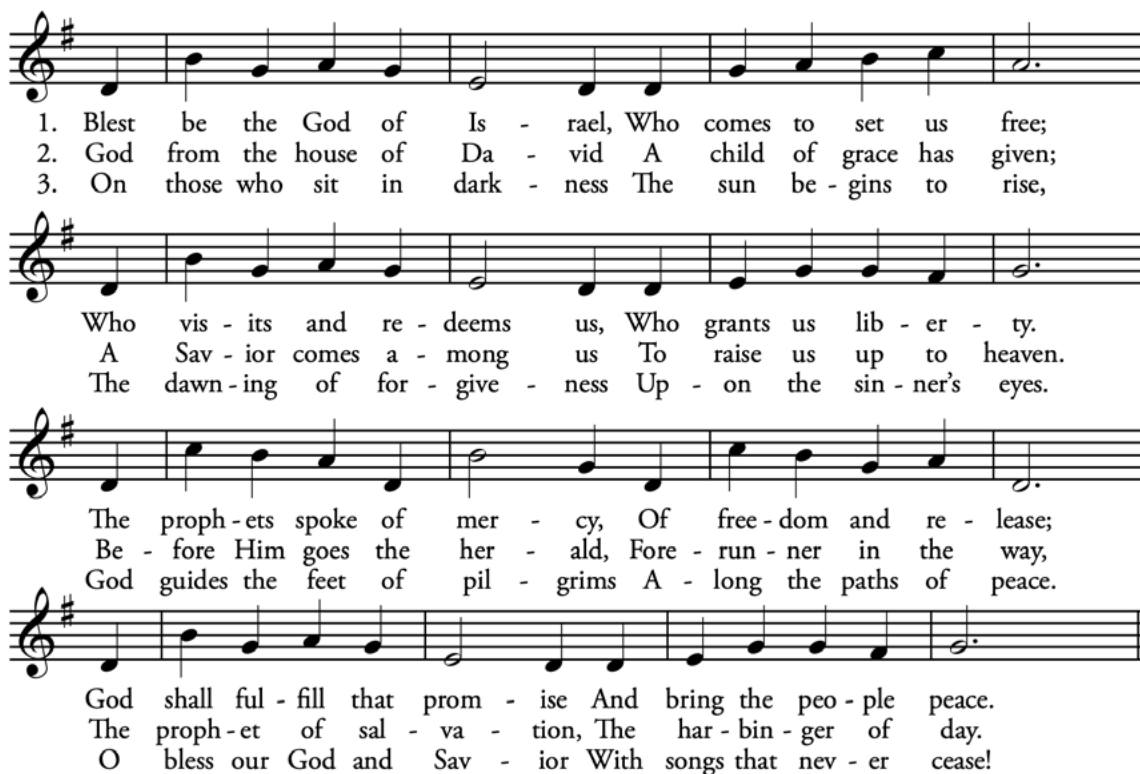
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1. Blest be the God of Is - rael, Who comes to set us free;  
 2. God from the house of Da - vid A child of grace has given;  
 3. On those who sit in dark - ness The sun be - gins to rise,

Who vis - its and re - deems us, Who grants us lib - er - ty.  
 A Sav - ior comes a - mong us To raise us up to heaven.  
 The dawn - ing of for - give - ness Up - on the sin - ner's eyes.

The proph - ets spoke of mer - cy, Of free - dom and re - lease;  
 Be - fore Him goes the her - ald, Fore - run - ner in the way,  
 God guides the feet of pil - grims A - long the paths of peace.

God shall ful - fill that prom - ise And bring the peo - ple peace.  
 The proph - et of sal - va - tion, The har - bin - ger of day.  
 O bless our God and Sav - ior With songs that nev - er cease!

## THE SECOND READING — LUKE 16:9-31

Dr. Halbe

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1. Let all cre - a - tion bless the Lord, till heav'n with praise is ring - ing.  
 2. All liv - ing things up - on the earth, green fer - tile hills and moun - tains,  
 3. O all you peo - ple ev - ery - where, lift up a hymn of glo - ry;

Sun, moon, and stars, peal out a chord, stir up the an - gels' sing - ing.  
 sing to the God who gave you birth; be joy - ful, springs and foun - tains.  
 let all who know God's stead - fast care tell our sal - va - tion's sto - ry.

Sing, wind and rain! Sing, snow and sleet! Make mu - sic, day, night, cold and heat:  
 Lithe wa - ter life, bright air - borne birds, wild rov - ing beasts, tame flocks and herds:  
 No tongue be si - lent; sing your part, you hum - ble souls and meek of heart:

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*Rev. Samuelson:* O God, from living stones you prepare an everlasting dwelling-place for your majesty. Grant that in the power of the Holy Spirit those who serve you here may always be kept within your presence. This we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord who taught us to pray:

**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

*Want to give online? Please see the Depart To Serve insert for more information and a QR link.*



#### MISSION INVITATION

Rev. Ahrens

Designated gifts go to support the Trustees choice of the **Dorinda White Fund** and the **Fund for Social Concerns**. The **Dorinda White Fund** supports the church's education programs for children, youth, young adults, families, and parenting. The **Social Concerns Fund** enhances the church's response to social concerns to promote human dignity, caring and justice within and between communities.



1. O Mas - ter, let me walk with Thee In low - ly  
 2. Help me the slow of heart to move By some clear,  
 3. Teach me Thy pa - tience; still with Thee In clos - er,  
 4. In hope that sends a shin - ing ray Far down the

paths of ser - vice free; Tell me Thy se - cret;  
 win - ning word of love; Teach me the way - ward  
 dear - er com - pa - ny, In work that keeps faith  
 fu - ture's broad - ening way; In peace that on - ly

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 feet to stay, And guide them in the home - ward way.  
 sweet and strong, In trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong.  
 Thou canst give, With Thee, O Mas - ter, let me live.

HOLY COMMUNION

REV. SAMUELSON

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.**

*Please remain seated for the Postcommunion Prayer and Notices.*

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Rev. Ahrens

**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 to serve.

**P: Thanks be to God.**

\* CLOSING HYMN

God Be with You

*Randolph*



God be with you, God be with you, God be with you till we meet a - gain.



God be with you, God be with you, God be with you till we meet a - gain.

\* BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

REV. AHRENS

POSTLUDE

WORSHIP LEADERS

The Rev. Dr. Timothy C. Ahrens, *preacher*  
Rev. Joanna Samuelson, *liturgist and celebrant*  
Dr. Gregory Halbe, *liturgist*  
Ann Eliot, *pianist*  
Dameon D. Jones, *soloist*  
Casey Cook, *accompanist*  
The Livestream Ministry



## WORSHIP AT ELEVEN

This service is being livestreamed.  
Please silence all electronic devices.

Assistive listening devices are available at the Sanctuary doors. Deacons wearing white roses can assist you.

Cards requesting prayer are in the pew racks and placed in the offering plate.

(\*) Indicates the congregation should stand as they are able.

*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

Inveni David

Anton Bruckner

Arr. by Mark McDunn and Clifford Barnes

Voluntary on Old 100<sup>th</sup>

Henry Purcell

Arr. by Nick Birch

Introit

My Lord, What a Morning

Arr. Mark Hayes

*Dameon D. Jones, soloist*

ENTER TO WORSHIP

Ms. Jacquelyn Dean

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.**

*\* Please stand as you are able*

L: How awesome is this place.

**P: This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gateway of heaven.**

L: I saw a ladder which rested on the ground with its top reaching to heaven,  
and the angels of God were going up and down it.

**P: This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gateway of heaven.**

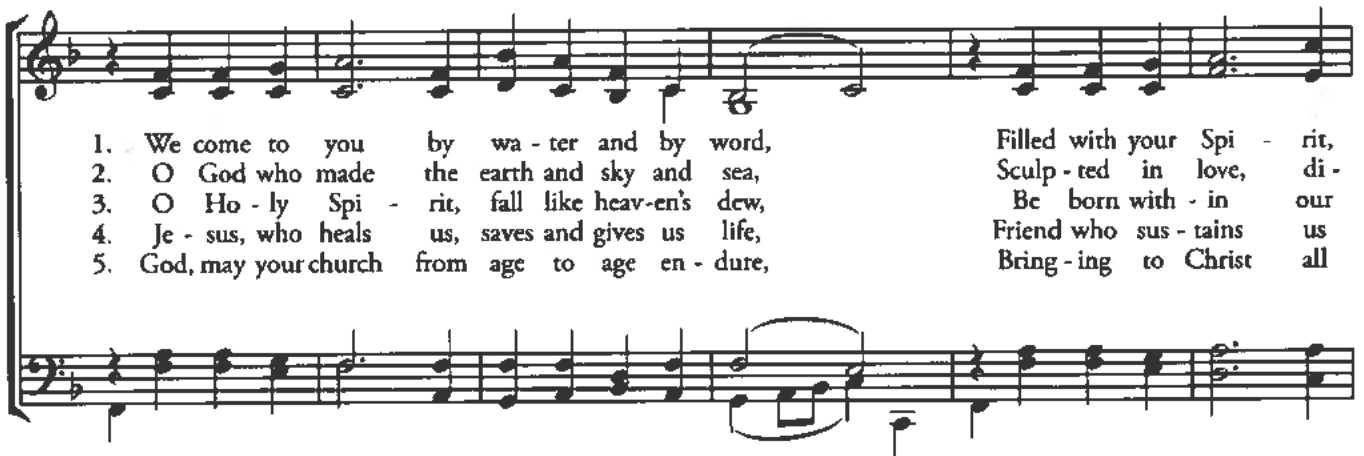
L: You will see greater things than this. You will see heaven wide open,  
and God's angels ascending and descending upon the Son of God.

**P: This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gateway of heaven.**

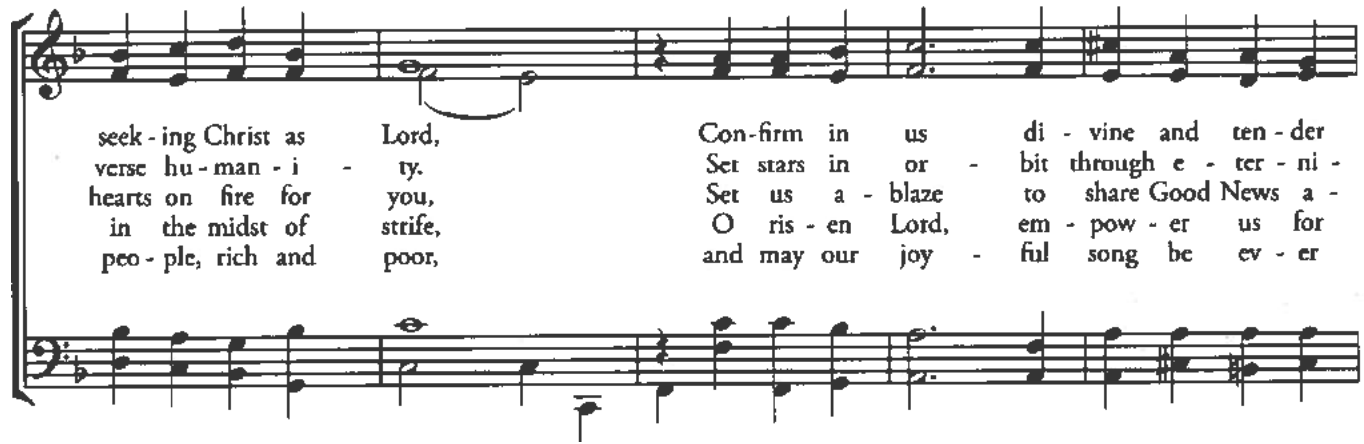
L: You are the temple of the living God, and the Spirit of God dwells in you.  
The temple of God is holy, and you are that temple.

**P: This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gateway of heaven.**





1. We come to you by wa - ter and by word, Filled with your Spi - rit,  
 2. O God who made the earth and sky and sea, Sculp - ted in love, di -  
 3. O Ho - ly Spi - rit, fall like heav-en's dew, Be born with - in our  
 4. Je - sus, who heals us, saves and gives us life, Friend who sus - tains us  
 5. God, may your church from age to age en - dure, Bring - ing to Christ all



seek - ing Christ as Lord, Con - firm in us di - vine and ten - der  
 verse hu - man - i - ty. Set stars in or - bit through e - ter - ni -  
 hearts on fire for you, Set us a - blaze to share Good News a -  
 in the midst of strife, O ris - en Lord, em - pow - er us for  
 peo - ple, rich and poor, and may our joy - ful song be ev - er



love.  
 ty. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. lu - ia.  
 new.  
 life.  
 sure.



L: God be with you.

**P: And also with you.**

L: Let us pray.

**P: Almighty God, to whose glory we celebrate the dedication of this house of prayer: we praise you for the many blessings you have given to those who worship you here: and we pray that all who seek you in this place may find you, and, being filled with the Holy Spirit, may become a living temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

WELCOME AND RECOGNITION OF 15+ YEAR MEMBERS (See page 22)

The Rev. Dr. Timothy C. Ahrens

50+ YEARS

40–49 YEARS

30–39 YEARS

20–29 YEARS

15–19 YEARS

0–15 YEARS

*Please stand as you are able*

\* PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Ahrens

L: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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L: Let us greet one another with the sign of Christ's peace.

*Please be seated.*



*A reading from the book of Jeremiah, chapter 32.*

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CHILDREN’S TIME

Rev. Ahrens

ANTHEM

On a Hymnsong

Philip Bliss, David R. Holsinger

THE EPISTLE — I TIMOTHY 6:6-19

Ms. Dean

*A reading from the letter of I Timothy, chapter 6.*

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time--he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.



As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

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\* GOSPEL HYMN

O Master Let Me Walk with Thee

*Maryton*

Text by Washington Gladden, 1879

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**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

*Want to give online? Please see the Depart To Serve insert for more information and a QR link.*



#### MISSION INVITATION

Designated gifts go to support the Trustees choice of the **Dorinda White Fund** and the **Fund for Social Concerns**. The **Dorinda White Fund** supports the church's education programs for children, youth, young adults, families, and parenting. The **Social Concerns Fund** enhances the church's response to social concerns to promote human dignity, caring and justice within and between communities.

Rev. Ahrens

#### OFFERTORY

Sonata pian'e forte

Giovanni Gabrieli

*Please stand as you are able*





\* PRESENTATION HYMN

Behold a Sower

*Ellacombe*  
Washington Gladden

**Shine forth, O Light, that we may see, With hearts all unafraid,  
The meaning and the mystery Of things that Thou hast made:  
Shine forth, and let the darkling past. Beneath Thy beam grow bright;  
Shine forth and touch the future vast, With Thine untroubled light. Amen.**

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. Samuelson

*Please be seated for the Notices.*

COMMUNITY NOTICES - DEPART TO SERVE

Rev. Samuelson

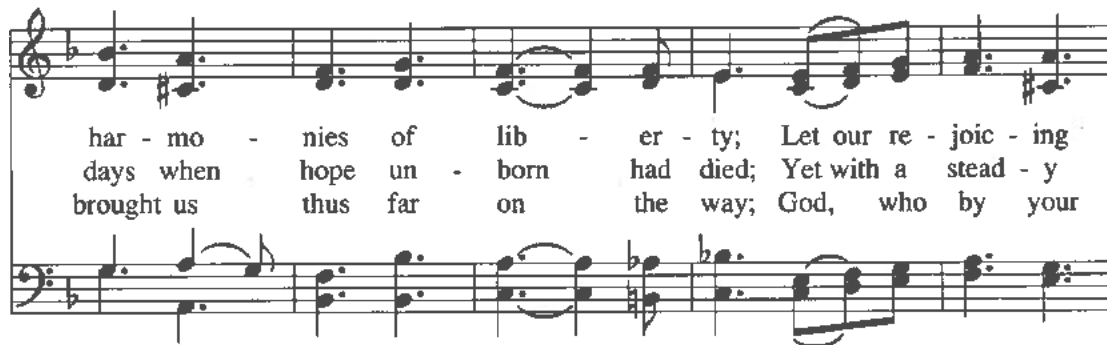
L: Let us depart with a heart to serve.

**P: Thanks be to God.**





1 Lift ev-ery voice and sing, till earth and heav - en ring, ring with the  
 2 Ston-y the road we trod, bit-ter the chas-tening rod, felt in the  
 3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears, God who has



har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty; Let our re - joic - ing  
 days when hope un - born had died; Yet with a stead - y  
 brought us thus far on the way; God, who by your



rise, high as the lis - tening skies, let it re - sound loud as the  
 beat, have not our wea - ry feet, come to the place for which our  
 might, led us in - to the light, keep us for - ev - er in the



roll - ing sea. Sing a song full of the  
 peo - ple sighed? We have come o - ver a  
 path, we pray. Lest our feet stray from the

*(over)*

faith that the harsh past has taught us, Sing a song full of the  
 way that with tears has been wa - tered, We have come, tread - ing our  
 plac - es, our God, where we met you, Lest our hearts, drunk with the

hope that the pres - ent has brought us; Fac - ing the  
 path through the blood of the slaugh - tered, Out from the  
 wine of the world, for - get you; Shad - owed be -

ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun, let us march  
 gloom - y past, till now we stand at last where the white  
 neath your hand, may we for - ev - er stand, true to our

on till vic - to - ry is won.  
 gleam of our bright star is cast.  
 God, true to our na - tive land.



\* BENEDICTION

Rev. Ahrens

POSTLUDE

Walk Together Children

Eric Alexander

*Please be seated for the postlude.*

*Thank you for attending worship this morning. We hope that you have found peace and grace here and invite you to return often. If you would like more information or have any questions about First Church, please ask anyone wearing a nametag. We'd be delighted to assist you. Please join us on the West Lot for a Legacy Sunday Celebration.*

† THE FLOWERS TODAY are given by Jim and Carol Woodard: in loving memory of our beloved parents, Charles and Katherine Woodard and Harold and Florence Brooks.

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# ABOUT FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

WELCOME TO FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH. As you can see and hear from the soaring Gothic Revival architecture, the stained glass windows, and the sound of music in this space, beauty is truly a multimedia encounter here.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES are held at 9:00 a.m. (Morning Prayer and Holy Communion) and 11:00 a.m. Following the Social Gospel tradition of Washington Gladden, senior minister of this church from 1882 to 1914, First Congregational Church welcomes all people and extends its mission and witness into the community.

THIS BUILDING was designed by renowned architect John Russell Pope, dedicated in 1931 and renovated in 1997. The lead gifts for this property and building were given by J.A. and Celia Jeffrey.

THE BRUSSELS TAPESTRIES were woven in 1575 in Belgium, embodying the artistic ideals of the Renaissance. Part of a larger series, they depict events in the life of Abraham.

THE STAINED GLASS WINDOWS: Seven studios have placed their work in this church. Above the Chancel, the Jeffrey window, given in thanksgiving for the lives and generosity of J.A. and Celia Jeffrey (Nicola d'Ascenzo Studios, 1931), depicts Christ's earthly life and ministry, and the East Chancel window (Charles J. Connick Studios, 1937) honors Mary, the Mother of Jesus. The Friendship window (East wall, East Transept, Charles J. Connick Studios, 1931) represents Christ and Saint John, and in the South bay, two lancet windows portray the Good Samaritan (Connick Associates Studio, 1966), while the Gladden window (West wall, West Transept, Oliver Smith, 1931) honors the social justice witness of Washington Gladden, tracing Gladden's love of his alma mater, Williams College, and in the South bay, two lancet windows represent the Resurrection and the New Jerusalem (Gabriel Loire, built by Jacques Loire Vitraux, 1984). High above the Nave, the eight Clerestory windows (designed by Francis Deck, built by Emil Frei Studios, 1976–1983) depict the story of Creation, and the Fall of Adam and Eve. Below, the Aisle windows (Gabriel Loire, 1988) illustrate parables of Jesus from the Gospels. The Rose window (designed by Wilbert C. Ronan, built by Oliver Smith, 1931) above and behind the Beckerath organ case portrays Christian cardinal virtues. The Barnard window (Ellen Miret, the Willet Stained Glass Studio, 2004) in the East Narthex, which celebrates music, was inspired by Bach's Fantasia and Fugue in G minor and honors G. Dene Barnard, who served First Church as Organist/Choirmaster for thirty years.

THE BANNER STAND is rolled steel and made by Albert Paley in 2003.

THE CHANCEL CROSS is made of red enameled copper facets on Brazilian rosewood, by William J. Thompson, sculptor, in 1963.

THE COLLECTION OF LITURGICAL BANNERS is made by artist Deb Anderson.

THE HONOR ROLL in the southwest corner of the Sanctuary honors the men and women who served our nation in WWII. An accompanying book offers all the opportunity to give thanks for all others who have served.

THE WASHINGTON GLADDEN SOCIAL JUSTICE PARK on the corner of Cleveland Avenue and Broad Street celebrates the legacy of Social Justice in Columbus and was built with lead gifts from Nancy Jeffrey and family celebrating Robert Hutchins "Tad" Jeffrey II. The park was dedicated on October 28, 2018. On January 18, 2021, a new sculpture was dedicated in the park, "The Single Garment of Destiny," created by Julian and Adriana Voss-Andrea.



*Legacy Sunday is the day we honor our members' support over the decades. Because of the generosity of our members who have endowed this church in a variety of ways, we are able to continue to do God's work in this world. The commitment of our membership is truly remarkable. The listed members have made this church their home for more than fifteen years. We are proud of this testimony to the strength of First Church and look forward to serving our members and community well into the future.*

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 Mrs. Andrea Hire  
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Mr. Jordan Cole  
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Mrs. Susan (Suzie) Rhoads  
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Mrs. Christa Ewing  
Mr. Eric Ewing  
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Mr. Robert (Rob) Loevy  
Mrs. Mary-Margaret (Missy)  
Zimmerman  
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Ms. Julie Delong  
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Mrs. Dawn George  
Mr. Barbara Mason  
Mr. Peter Murray  
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**The Legacy Connection...**  
**Linking generosity to vital spiritual and material needs.**

**First Congregational Church**  
**Endowments, Funds and Gifts**  
**Administered by the FCC Board of Trustees**

**Building Preservation**

**The Legacy Fund.** Addresses major current and future church needs including emergency repairs, property insurance, church operations, West Lot mortgage and capital improvements. Funds Project 2020, a five-year, \$1,000,000 program addresses the most pressing church maintenance needs to forestall further building and infrastructure deterioration. Current project, which is nearing completion, is the repair and restoration of the exterior stone and windows of the Parish House.

**Building Endowment Fund.** Provides support for improvements, maintenance and care for the church's structure, grounds and equipment.

**Stained Glass Preservation Fund.** Preserves and restores the magnificent, inspiring stained glass windows.

**Starr-Wingfield Furnishings Fund.** Maintains and improves furnishings and design within church facilities.

**Samuel B. Gordon Playground Fund.** Maintains the children's playground.

**Johannes Landscape Maintenance Endowment Fund.** Helps maintain the church grounds, landscaping and equipment.

**Church Acquisition, Expansion, Development and Maintenance Fund.** Funds acquisition, expansion, development, and maintenance of the church.

**The Repair, Restore, Enhance Reserve** is a new unrestricted fund to be used by the House and Grounds Commission to address major preventive maintenance repairs or necessary improvements that are not provided for by the usual maintenance budget of the church's operating budget.

**Arts and Music**

**Music, Arts and Heritage Endowment Fund.** Supports worship through the beauty of music, visual arts and artistic expression.

**Jackie Owen Memorial Music Fund.** Supports special musical initiatives that enhance worship.

**Barnard Music Fund.** Supports the church's traditional and classical sacred music program.

**Martin-MacNevin Organ Maintenance Fund.** Helps fund maintenance and preservation, particularly the historic Kimball organ.

**Organ Preservation Fund.** Supports maintenance and preservation, particularly the von Beckerath organ.

**Flower Fund.** Provides flower arrangements for worship services and special church events.

**Education**

**Education Endowment Fund.** Supports projects to increase our knowledge and understanding of the Christian faith.

**Alma Keeler Youth Fund.** Supports Christian education programs for children and youth, and the Children's Library.

**Alma Keeler Adult Library Fund.** Supports the church's adult library.

**Dorinda White Education Fund.** Supports the church's education programs for children, youth, young adults, families and parenting.



### **Mission and Social Concerns**

**Good Samaritan Fund.** Provides emergency aid to individuals and families in crisis.

**Mission Endowment Fund.** Supports mission programs of the local church and organizations dedicated to relieving human suffering and related social and systemic problems.

**Social Concerns Fund.** Enhances the church's response to social concerns to promote human dignity, caring and justice within and between communities.

**Knight-Perry Fund.** Provides support for people in the church in financial need.

**Gladden Lecture Fund.** Sponsors speakers who address community issues of faith and social justice.

### **Church and Pastor Support**

**Church Support Endowment Fund.** Helps defray the annual operating expenses of the church.

**Stewardship Continuity Fund.** Enables persons to maintain their annual support for the church after moving away, disability or death or other situations that may cause interruption or stop their annual support.

**Pastor's Fund.** Provides an annual sum to the Senior Minister for use at his discretion.

**Lucetta G. Gearhart Remembrance Trust Fund.** Supports worship enhancement, historic preservation, artistic enrichment, community service, improved accessibility, seminarian and ministerial support, and the welcoming of visitors.

### **Other Funding**

The Trustees encourage outright gifts to any of the endowment funds by direct gifts of cash or securities. Gifts of appreciated securities can be attractive from a tax standpoint. If you are 71-1/2 or older, you can direct your IRA trustee to make a distribution directly from your IRA that will count toward satisfying any required minimum distribution.

The Trustees also encourage you to remember First Church in your will or trust. Not only is it important to have documents in place that reflect your final wishes, but it is a thoughtful way to continue to support a particular interest or passion that can:

- Provide a lasting tribute
- Preserve your gift in perpetuity
- Permanently support your passion and interests
- Make a lasting impact on First Church.

Donor-advised funds, charitable trusts, life insurance, and naming First Church as a beneficiary of a bank, brokerage or IRA account are other ways to support First Church.

Earnings from endowments and other funds established by members or friends of First Church under the stewardship of the Columbus Foundation support a variety of initiatives supporting the church budget and Major Projects.



# DONATIONS TO THE ENDOWMENT FUNDS OF FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

October 1, 2021–September 30, 2022

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*Enter to Worship*  
**Depart to Serve**

September 25, 2022

## **This Week at First Church**

- 9/25**  
9 a.m. Service of Morning Prayer  
(Parish Hall & Virtual)  
10 a.m. Faith Formation for All Ages  
11 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary & Virtual)  
12 Noon Legacy Sunday Celebration  
(Playground)  
First Serves (Education Wing)
- 9/26**  
12 Noon Grief Group (Virtual)
- 9/27**  
6 p.m. Time Out Tuesday  
(BrewDog Columbus)  
7 p.m. Deacon's Mtg (Virtual)
- 9/29**  
7:15 p.m. First Church Choir Rehearsal  
(Parish Hall)
- 10/1**  
10:30 a.m. Sacred Earth Mtg  
(Roosevelt Coffee Shop)
- 10/2**  
9 a.m. Service of Morning Prayer  
(Parish Hall & Virtual)  
10 a.m. Faith Formation  
Coffee Sales (Education Wing)  
11 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary & Virtual)  
2 p.m. Testament in Tapestry Lecture Series 3  
(Columbus Museum of Art)

## **Legacy Sunday Celebration**

Join us for Legacy Sunday, the 170th anniversary of First Congregational Church, today, following the 11 a.m. service on the West Lawn. There will be light refreshments, activities, including a First Serves project for Church World Services, and plenty of time to connect with your First Church family and friends! We invite everyone to wear bright "rainbow colors" to help celebrate First Church's 20th anniversary of becoming an open and affirming congregation on September 8, 2002.

We look forward to gathering in thanks and praise for those who contributed their time, talent, and treasure to build this house of worship and justice.

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## **Adult Faith Formation for Legacy Sunday**

In celebration of Legacy Sunday, please join us for a presentation at 10 a.m. in Parish Hall. Rick Sayre, our First Church archivist, and historian of 40-plus years will be sharing several of our church's treasures that are housed in our church's archives. If you are interested in our church's history and love our church's architecture, you won't want to miss this session. Rick will be assisted by Rev. Tim and David Mailer. The presentation will begin immediately after the 9 a.m. worship service.

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## **Liturgical Banner Exhibit to Open on October 2, 2022**

First Church will celebrate the fabric artwork of one of our members, Deb Anderson, with an exhibit of her work from October 2 – 28, 2022. The exhibit will be on display in the Chapel. We hope you will visit this exhibit during the month of October and learn more about this artist and her special contribution to our church through the legacy of her banners.



**First Serves:  
Church World Services  
Hygiene Kits  
September 25  
Legacy Sunday  
Following 11 a.m. Worship  
West Lawn  
Under the Tents**

Help us reach our goal of assembling 300 hygiene kits during the Legacy Sunday Celebration. The kits will be distributed to those in need around the world. Monetary donations are also needed to purchase the necessary supplies.

Thank you for your generosity!

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**Time Out Tuesday  
September 27  
6-7 p.m.  
BrewDog DogTap Columbus  
96 Gender Rd  
Canal Winchester, Ohio 43110**

Let's get together for another Time Out Tuesday! We will meet at BrewDog DogTap Columbus in Canal Winchester where they offer burgers, pizzas, salads, tacos, sharing boards, 20+ taps of fresh craft beer, a beer museum, and a game area with pinball and tabletop shuffleboard!

Feel free to stay after our gathering and enjoy Trivia Night at 7 p.m. Dogs are welcome in their outdoor seating areas. Register at <https://onrealm.org/TheFirstCongreg/PublicRegistrations/> by **September 26!**

We look forward to seeing you there! Cheers!

## **Calling All (Potential) Acolytes!**

As you may have noticed, our young people have returned to worship leadership, lighting our candles at the 11 a.m. service. Is there a young person in your family that would like to join this ministry? The only requirement is that they be tall enough to comfortably reach the top of those taaalllll candles with our loooooonggg candle lighters. On the Sundays you serve (once, maybe twice a month), you'll need to arrive in the narthex, on the Broad St. end of the sanctuary, by 10:45.

If you have someone in your family who would like to try this ministry on for size, please call, text or email Greg Halbe, 262-902-4848, greghalbe@gmail.com.

We have the following dates and times available for training/orientation:

Saturday, September 24, 11 a.m.

Sunday, September 25, after the 11 a.m. service

Saturday, October 1, 10 a.m.

Sunday, October 2, after the 11 a.m. service

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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 9th St. entrance, by the entrance to the Education Wing, and inside the front entrance of the church.



## 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).

Designated gifts on Legacy Sunday go to support the Trustees choice of the Dorinda White Fund and the Fund for Social Concerns. The Dorinda White Fund supports the church’s education programs for children, youth, young adults, families, and parenting. The Social Concerns Fund enhances the church’s response to social concerns to promote human dignity, caring, and justice within and between communities.

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### Global Mission Partner

### Taylor Rapp, Dominican Republic

Taylor Rapp serves with Social Services of Dominican Churches (SSID), in the Dominican Republic.

SSID is working to help improve the living conditions and quality of life of underserved populations in the area, including women, children, and refugees from Haiti. It does this through education and peaceful initiatives to cross the cultural divides between Haitian and Dominican people. As a mission intern, she works on research at the home office in Santo Domingo and has also been able to observe several projects in the field.

## Keep in Prayer

**Members** Katie Kutschbach; Mark Williams and Tim Carsey; Mitchell Dean; Lisa Dean; Bill Catus; Amy Wagner; Larry Dixon; Martha Huey; Tom Gies; Sarah Ahrens Stadie; Bob Davis; Twink Starr; Lola Edwards; Rick Brant; Betsy Zahn; Janice White; Barbara Knox; John Carter and Mary Kay Beall Carter.

**Family and friends** Charlie Weaver’s daughter and family, Stefanie and Chris Bonhert and twins Malcolm and Madeline; Martha Huey’s sister, Stephanie Childs; Melissa Kulwicki’s friends and neighbors, John and Carrie Mosley; Heather Jones’ father, Sam Gray; Bev and Bert Cook’s sister-in-law, Sue Jones; Gretchen Atkinson’s cousin, Linda Lambeth; and Amy Wagner’s friend, Ken Burke.

**Those who mourn loved ones** Tom Kiesel on the death of his father, Harvey Kiesel; and Gretchen Weller-Cooks on the death of her grandmother, Olive Weller.

In the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle, we lift the people and churches of Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, and Peru. We pray for Global Ministries worker Raul Santiago-Rivera in Puerto Rico.

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

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### BREAD House Meeting with Rev. Ahrens

Rev. Ahrens will start off the BREAD house meeting season with a meeting on Thursday, September 29, at 12 p.m. via Zoom. If you are already part of a network, your Team member will call you and invite you to attend the house meeting for your network, but if you are not part of a network and would like to find out how this works, join Rev. Ahrens. Email [home@first-church.org](mailto:home@first-church.org) for registration information.



# Church Leadership

Senior Minister: Rev. Dr. Timothy C. Ahrens, D.Min., M.Div.  
Interim Associate Minister: Rev. Joanna Samuelson, M.Div.  
Director of Christian Education: Mark S. Williams, M.Ed.  
Interim Organist: Barry Moenter  
Commissioned Minister for Social Justice: Tom Brownfield  
Commissioned Minister for Spiritual Formation and Direction: Jacquelyn Dean  
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Nursery Staff: Miranda Brooks, Shelly Gies, Courtney Palmer

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James Lowe, Allison Lowery Palmer, Dayna McCrary, Lynn Wallich, Hank Wilson, Martha Wilson, Marty Worth

## Church Council Leadership

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House & Grounds-elect: Mike Kennedy  
Justice & Mercy: Kris Brant  
Justice & Mercy-elect:  
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.

## 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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