

# Welcome!

First Congregational Church  
of Webster Groves United Church of Christ



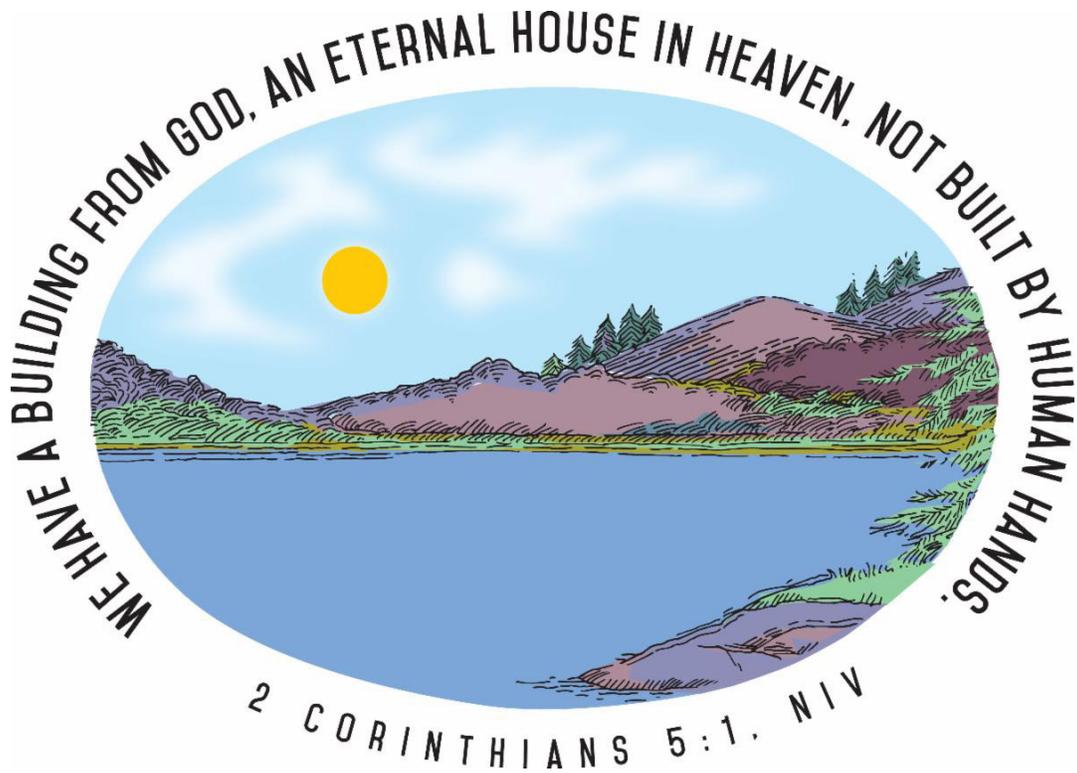
*Seek Christ in each. Serve God in all.*

JUNE 6, 2021

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
SACRAMENT OF CHRIST'S TABLE

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*We respond to God's call by welcoming everyone regardless of ability, age, ethnicity, race, gender identity, sexual orientation or socio-economic background.*

*To proclaim in word and deed the love of Christ, we affirm that all may share in the full life, ministry, fellowship, responsibilities and blessing of our congregation.*

*No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.*

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## Order of Worship

**PRELUDE** *Morning Has Broken* arr. Michael Joy

**TOLLING THE BELL**

**INTROIT** *Joyful Acclamation* Michael Joy

**LIGHTING THE CANDLES**

**WELCOME** Jane Porchey

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (Responsive – Leader; **People**) based on Psalm 138

Let us give thanks to God with our whole hearts.

**We bow toward your temple and give thanks for your steadfast love and faithfulness, for your name and word are above everything.**

Whenever we call, you answer and increase our souls' strength.

**We know that you will fulfill your purposes for us; your steadfast love endures forever.**

**\*RAISING THE COVENANT** (Unison) *Covenant of 1977*

**We who are called of God into this Christian community covenant together: to seek to know the will of God, to experience the joy and struggle of discipleship, to proclaim in word and deed the love of Christ, and to work for peace and justice among all people. We trust God's promise of grace and forgiveness and the presence of the Holy Spirit in our trials and rejoicing.**

**\*HYMN** *Great Is Your Faithfulness* T. O. Chisholm, ad.

Great is your faithfulness, O God Creator.

With you no shadow of turning we see.

You do not change, your compassions they fail not.

All of your goodness forever will be.

*Refrain.*

Great is your faithfulness,

Great is your faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see.

All I have needed your hand has provided.

Great is your faithfulness, God, unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace so enduring,  
Your own dear presence to cheer and to guide.  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside. *Refrain.*

**\*PRAYER OF APPROACH** (Unison) Jane Porchey

**O God, maker of all that is beautiful, in this time together, touch us, teach us, sow and cultivate us through our ministries. We want all to be able to share in Creation's abundance to make true the promise that no one will know scarcity and no one will suffer deprivation in this community or beyond. Gracious God, you are indeed generous, granting us the gifts of the Spirit which enable us as we work to do your will. Let us never forget that we have been recipients of your generosity and the generosity of others. Believing that what we have is ours, we can forget that all we have is yours. Forgive us and guide us to new understandings of who and how we are. Help us to remember that being made in your image, we should be as generous as you. By Christ's example and in Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

**NOT FOR CHILDREN ONLY** Halley Kim, *Pastoral Assistant*

*When this message is concluded, students in grades 5 and below in the sanctuary are invited to proceed with Ms. Halley and other Sunday School teachers to their classes. They will return to the sanctuary for the Sacrament. (Youth remain in the sanctuary.)*

**THE WORD SHARED**

*From the Gospels*

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Jane Porchey

*NRSV, ad.*

Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture ("I believed, and so I spoke"), we also believe and so we speak. This is because we know that the one who raised the Sovereign Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into God's presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure. This is because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

*Response.*

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**MESSAGE OF THE DAY**

*“Good Grief”*

Rev. David Denoon, *Pastor*

**INTERLUDE**

**WE SHARE OUR BLESSINGS WITH OTHERS**

*Invitation*

*\*Song of Praise*

*Doxology*

Tune: OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise God, all creatures here below!  
Praise God above, you heavenly host:  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost! Amen.

*Ritual of Dedication*

*Commissioning for the Summer of Conversations*

*This ritual includes brief responses to be spoken by those who will lead the Summer of Conversations and other worshipers. The Pastor will indicate what to say at the appropriate times.*

**RITUAL FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CHRIST’S TABLE**

*Ritual of the Iona Community*

*Prayers of Joy and Concern*

*Invitation*

*\*Sursum Corda (Responsive)*

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift our hearts to God.**

Let us give thanks to God most high.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*\*Sanctus (Unison)*

It is right to praise you, ... singing the hymn of your everlasting glory:

**Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God most high. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God! Hosanna in the highest!**

*Fraction*

*Prayer of Our Savior (Unison)*

**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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

*Distribution*

*The elements are passed among the Congregation by communion stewards.  
Bread is gluten-free. The drink in the cups is grape juice.*

*\*Benediction*

Rev. Denoon

**POSTLUDE**

*Toccata*

Domenico Zippoli

**DISMISSAL**

Jane Porchey

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*Sunday worship each week will be shared in person for those who wish to attend and streamed live on YouTube, starting at 10:00am ([bit.ly/FCCWG-YT](https://bit.ly/FCCWG-YT)).*  
*In-person worshipers will be masking and social distancing while in the hallways and sanctuary.*

*A Time for Fellowship will be provided in Memorial Hall and the Jubilee Garden, each Sunday after worship for those in person. Masking and distancing are optional in Memorial Hall and outdoors. Our Virtual Coffee Fellowship is no longer available.*

## **CONFIRMATION BEGINS, TUESDAY, JUNE 8**

A group of nine students will assemble on Tuesday, June 8, with leaders Pastor Dave Denoon and Pastoral Assistant Halley Kim at 6:30PM in the William Sample Chapel, to begin their regular, twice-monthly meetings. Using the curriculum, *Confirm Not Conform*, students will become acquainted with Christianity, our church, and our denomination.

The Confirmation Class will have all the parts you have come to expect – adult mentors (please see the following article), experiences at houses of worship of other religions, a lock-in at the church, and service opportunities. The class will be in recess during the months of July and December, but the remaining ten months will accommodate the twenty sessions planned and our celebration of their work – the “iConfirm” worship service on June 5, 2022.

If you know someone who ought to be enrolled in Confirmation, this year, please have them contact Halley at (314) 962-0475, ext. 12 or [Halley.Kim@FirstChurchWG.org](mailto:Halley.Kim@FirstChurchWG.org).

## **SEEKING CONFIRMATION MENTORS**

If you read the article above, then you can imagine that we are seeking adults who are church members who would be interested in serving as mentors for the Class of 2022. *Would you please consider serving as a mentor, to accompany one of these vibrant young people on an exploration of faith and discipleship?* If so, please contact the Pastor (with a call to 314-962-0475, ext. 11; or an email to [DDenoon@FirstChurchWG.org](mailto:DDenoon@FirstChurchWG.org)).

## **UPCOMING MEMORIALS**

**Dennis Fales** – Saturday, June 19, at 10:00AM

**James H. Bennett, Jr.** – Tuesday, June 29 at 1:00PM

**Fred Kaul** - Tuesday, July 6 at 10:00AM

All these services will follow the same health protocols as for Sunday mornings – masks and social distance required in the sanctuary and hallways; masks and distance optional in Memorial Hall.

## **We Hold in Our Prayers**

- Our residents in assisted living and skilled care – Sharon Beal, Joyce Berger, Paul Davis, Margery Gable
- All people who are living with dementia, their families and their caregivers – Bob Buerk and others
- People we love who are living with cancer – Bill Barrett, Margaret Gustafson, Peter McHugh, Bob Moody
- All those the world regards as disabled – especially David & Becky Scott
- People recovering from recent hospitalizations – Jean Kohler
- People with mental illnesses, as well as the people who love and care for them
- People who are lonely or alone because of the pandemic
- Those whose employment and businesses are at risk
- COVID-19 patients
- Front line workers and their loved ones
- For our governmental leaders, and for healing for our country and all its people
- Peace with justice
- Congratulations to Luke and Ellie Ferguson, new parents of Theodore Calton Ferguson (born May 28, 6lbs 15oz, 19.5")
- Congratulations to Tracy and Jim Harris, new grandparents and to Jorie and Eric Moeller, parents of Harper Joy Moeller, (born May 30, 6lbs 5oz)

## **Thank you to this Week's Hospitality Team**

Judy & Bob Borutta, Margaret Gustafson, Herb Niemeyer, Diane McLean, Susie Barnes, and Chris Von Weise

## **Electronic Device Users**

If you wish to access our wi-fi, our network connections are: fccwg1, fccwg2 or fccwg3. The password for each is firstchurch.

## **Finding Your Way at First Church**

**The Nursery:** The Nursery is attended today. The Nursery is located through the double doors at the end of the Narthex (foyer), turn left. Nursery/Toddler Room is on your right (Dutch doors).

**Restrooms:** Family restrooms are located to the right of the Narthex (foyer) as you go to the Library (look for the blue library banner) and to the left of the Narthex just before the double doors. ***If you need to step out during worship, please use the aisle closest to your seat, and enter/exit by using the nearest door.***

## **Week at a Glance**

**Sunday, June 6** – Sacrament of Christ's Table

**9:00 AM** Brown Baggers

**9:00 AM - 11:00 AM** Nursery Care Available

**10:00 AM** Worship

**10:15 AM** Sunday School

**11:05 AM** Coffee Fellowship – Memorial Hall / Jubilee Garden

**2:00 PM** ***"Spread the Love" Parade***

**Tuesday, June 2, 2021**

**10:30 AM** Staff Meeting

**6:30 PM - 8:00 PM** Confirmation Class

**6:30 PM** Practicing Our Faith (Inglis Room)

**Wednesday, June 9**

**9:30 AM** Yoga with Jeanene - Inglis Room

**6:00 PM - 9:30 PM** Bridge Club

**Thursday, June 10**

**6:00 PM - 7:00 PM** Canterbury Bells - Practice

**7:30 PM - 8:30 PM** Chancel Choir - Practice

**Sunday, June 13**

**9:00 AM - 11:00 AM** Nursery Care Available

**10:00 AM** Worship

**10:15 AM** Sunday School

**11:05 AM** Coffee Fellowship – Memorial Hall / Jubilee Garden

**3:00 PM** Earthwalk Concert



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