

Welcome!

First Congregational Church
of Webster Groves United Church of Christ

Seek Christ in each. Serve God in all.



JUNE 13, 2021

**FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JAZZ WORSHIP**



*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.*

Order of Worship

And to the angel of the church in Laodicea write:
The words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness,
The origins of God's creation.
Rev. 3: 14

An asterisk () invites worshipers to stand in body or in spirit.*

PRELUDE

Up the Downspout

Cliff Aerie

TOLLING THE BELL

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

Opening Words

As God, our Creator, gave light to the universe, we bring light into this space giving us notice that God is indeed among us.

WELCOME

Kedra Tolson

***INVOCATION (Unison)**

God of calmness, we know you are here. You see our slightest movement. You hear our every breath. Be with us and help us to feel your presence. Awaken our senses. Help us to know your warmth through the sun on our skin. Help us to feel your strength with each step we take on the firm ground. Help us to smell your sweetness in the fragrance that fills the air. Help us to see you in the bright constellations. We know you are here. Surround us. Amen

***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.

***PRAYER OF APPROACH**

Rev. Jan Barnes

Please God, let us never take for granted the beauties and wonders of nature. Let us never look with jaundiced eyes at a sunrise or a sunset, without feeling those may be for us truly faith filled moments. Let us always be filled with pleasure at seeing the first crocus pushing its way up through the hard, cold ground, the new leaves appearing on trees and the golden leaves ready to fall to the ground. Let us pay attention to the striped chipmunks darting from place to place, the robins looking for food for new little ones waiting to be

fed. Let us always look to the sky, to see the beauty of the clouds and feel the warming rays of the sun. Let us look to the sky for the dark clouds, too, promising rain to a parched field. You have given us such a beautiful world; help us to always marvel at it and be truly in it. Amen.

INTERLUDE *Prayer* Keith Jarrett

SCRIPTURE READING *Genesis 1* The Logos Readers
(A Retelling of God's Original Blessing)

TESTIMONIES OF THE MORNING

Introduction Rev. Barnes

Testimony *Transition* Halley Kim

Prayer
The Logos Readers

Interlude *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* C. Crovat Converse

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged, take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness, take it to the Lord in prayer.

Testimony *Not for Children Only* Debbie Tolstoi

Prayer
Rev. Cliff Aerie

WE SHARE OUR BLESSINGS

Invitation Kedra Tolson

Offertory *For the Beauty of the Earth* F. S. Pierpoint

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour, of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flow'r, sun and moon, and stars of light,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

Prayer of Dedication (Unison)

Kedra Tolson

Holy One, whose heart abounds with gifts, receive our gifts as signs of our intention to live surrounded by your mercy, inspired by your Spirit, open to the joy of your presence, hospitable to one another, and generous toward your world. Amen.

TESTIMONIES (CONTINUING)

Testimony

Lead Poisoning Our Children

Roger Barnes

Prayer

Rev. David Denoon

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.

Interlude

Blue Boat Home

Peter Mayer

Testimony

Justice

Rev. Elston McCowan

Reading

Amos 5:21-24

Rev. Barnes

“Let justice flow...”

***HYMN**

Amazing Grace

John Newton

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved and set me free!
I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Barnes

POSTLUDE

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

Traditional

DISMISSAL

Kedra Tolson

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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).

In-person worshippers 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.

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

Carrie, Lucy & Rick Herrick, Andrea Welnick, Kristy & Doug Barton

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 13 – Jazz Worship

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*

Monday, June 14, 2021

7:00 PM Three Ministries (Zoom)

Tuesday, June 15, 2021

10:30 AM Staff Meeting

Wednesday, June 16

9:30 AM Yoga with Jeanene - Inglis Room

6:00 PM - 9:30 PM Bridge Club

Thursday, June 17

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

6:30 PM Scout Troop #301 – Court of Honor

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

Saturday, June 19

10:00 AM Memorial Service: Dennis Fales

3:00 PM Concert: Christina Harnisch – Piano

Please register your Christian Education student!

If you have a child who will be participating in nursery care, kids' church, or youth activities, please complete a 2021-2022 registration form and return it to Halley Kim. There are printed forms on the table in the Narthex next to the Covenant News.

Music Concerts to Feed the Soul in June!

A Piano Recital in the Sanctuary

Swiss artist, Christina Harnisch

June 19 at 3:00 pm

Tuesday, June 22, 2021, 7:00PM

Bebop, Ballads, Blues & Bossas!

A benefit concert for the 25th annual International Summer Jazz Academy. Performers include current and former faculty members and alumni from Webster University's jazz studies program.

General admission \$10

26th Anniversary Celebration of the Cassavant Organ

Polish organist, Andrzej Zahorski

June 27 at 3:00 pm

Party Time!

Join Mike Lenard at his home for incomparable food and beverage. Join old and new friends! The party is on June 26 at 5:00 pm. Tickets are \$30 each. You can sign up by going to The Donate Page on our website or by sending a check to:

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The cutoff date to purchase tickets is June 14th!

Be sure to put "Cocktail Party" on the memo line. (The proceeds go towards the Minister's Discretionary Fund, allowing Pastor Denoon to help those in need.)

June Birthdays

Donna Hull June 1

Jennifer Jones June 3

Leon Burke June 4

Christina Hood June 5

Charles Griffith June 9

Lauren Bakker-Arkema June 11

Suzie Barnes June 11

Ginnie Conlee June 16

Laszlo Kopetti June 17

Cliff Aerie June 19

Jonathan Brader June 24

Bob McCoy June 24

Rosemary Hensley June 27

Ron Gomez June 29

Jane Bolliger June 30



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