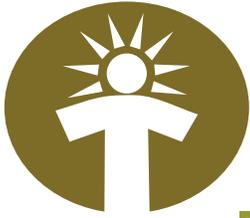


Welcome!

First Congregational Church
of Webster Groves United Church of Christ



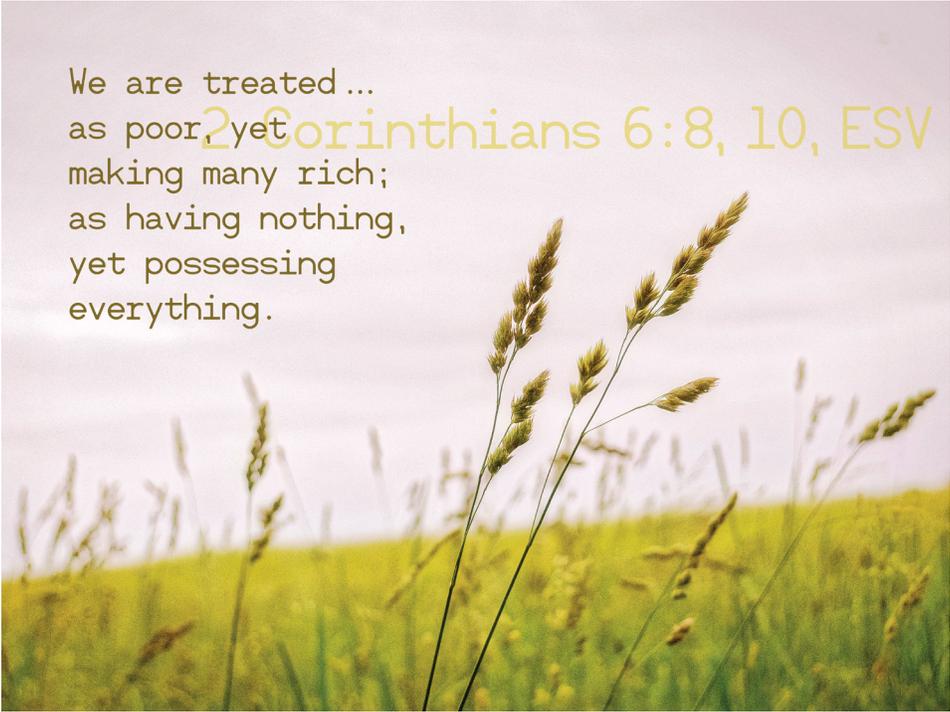
Seek Christ in each. Serve God in all.

JUNE 20, 2021

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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SUMMER SOLSTICE • FATHERS DAY



We are treated...
as poor, yet [2 Corinthians 6:8, 10, ESV](#)
making many rich;
as having nothing,
yet possessing
everything.

*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

An asterisk () indicates that worshipers are invited to stand in body or in spirit.*

The policy of the First Congregational Church is that, in the hallways and sanctuary, masks covering nose and mouth are to be worn, and social distance of at least three feet is to be observed.

PRELUDE *Brother James's Air* arr. Dale Wood

TOLLING OF THE BELL

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME Joan Musbach, *Announcer*

***RAISING THE COVENANT** *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.

***GATHERING HYMN** *God Made from One Blood* T. H. Troeger

God made from one blood all the families of earth,
the circles of nurture that raise us from birth,
Companions who join us to work through each stage
of childhood and youth and adulthood and age.

We turn to you, God, with our thanks and our tears
for all of the families we've known through the years,
The intimate networks on whom we depend
of parents and partners and children and friends.

Through families we've tasted the value of trust
and felt what it means to be loving and just,
Yet families have also betrayed their best goals,
mistreating their members and bruising their souls.

Help families in all of their various forms
to face with integrity struggles and storms;
Grant peace to our homes that will nurture the bud
of peace for the families you made from one blood.

***PRAYER OF APPROACH (Unison)** Joan Musbach
God of the Sabbath, you have provided us our example for today.

Here at rest, we give you thanks, we sing your praise, we remember and declare your steadfast love. Your works are great, and your thoughts are deep. Sometimes we may not have known or understood how full and true your blessing and love are manifest around us. If we have missed these marks of your faithfulness, or if we have sinned in thought, word, or deed and fallen short of who and how you would have us be, draw us prodigals back to your bosom. Forgive us, we pray, and help us flourish by your grace. For you are our rock, O blessed Trinity, one God in glory everlasting. Amen.

NOT FOR CHILDREN ONLY

Halley Kim, *Pastoral Assistant*

THE WORD SHARED

Joan Musbach

From the Epistles

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

NRSV

As we work together, we urge you not to accept the grace of God in vain. For God says,

*At an acceptable time I have listened to you,
and on a day of salvation I have helped you.*

See, now is the acceptable time: now is the day of salvation!

We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with your ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God, with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors and yet are true, as unknown and yet are well known, as dying and (See!) we are alive, as punished and yet not killed, as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing, as poor, yet making many rich, as having nothing and yet possessing everything.

We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. In return (I speak now as to children), open wide your hearts also.

Response.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

With a Voice of Singing

Martin Shaw

MESSAGE OF THE DAY

“Unpacking Abundance” Rev. David Denoon, *Pastor*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We Lift Our Joys and Concerns to God

Prayer of the Day

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.

WE SHARE OUR BLESSINGS WITH OTHERS

Invitation

**Song of Praise*

Doxology

Tune: OLD 100TH

**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.**

**Prayer of Dedication* (Unison)

Holy God, Founder of faithfulness and Parent of all who practice faith, out of our relationship with you and our devotion to you and our brothers and sisters, we present these gifts. By your Holy Spirit receive and bless them, we pray, that they may extend the work of your Realm, in Jesus' name. Amen.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Nearer, My God, to Thee

arr. Diane Bish

DISMISSAL

Joan Musbach

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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 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.*

We Hold in Our Prayers

- Our residents in assisted living and skilled care – Sharon Beal, Shirley Chase, 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
- First responders and their loved ones
- For our governmental leaders, and for healing for our country and all its people
- Peace with justice

Thank you to this Week's Hospitality Team

Lelia & Eric Lindhorst, Doug Miller, Laura Cooper, Nancy Rudolph and Jeanene Harris

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 20 — *Father's Day*

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

Monday, June 21 — *First Day of Summer*

4:00 PM Executive Ministry (Zoom)

7:00 PM Benefit Concert

Tuesday, June 22

10:30 AM Staff Meeting

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Confirmation Class

7:00 PM Lady Elect

Wednesday, June 23

9:30 AM Yoga with Jeanene - Inglis Room

6:00 PM - 9:30 PM Bridge Club

Thursday, June 24

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

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

Saturday, June 19

10:00 AM Memorial Service: Dennis Fales

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!

Monday, June 21, 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

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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