

Welcome!

First Congregational Church
of Webster Groves United Church of Christ



Seek Christ in each. Serve God in all.

JUNE 27, 2021

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PRIDE SUNDAY



*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

PRELUDE

O Perfect Love

arr. Hal Hopson

TOLLING OF THE BELL

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

INTROIT

Joyous Acclamation
(Canterbury Bells)

Michael Joy

WELCOME

Mark Edwards, *Announcer*

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive – Leader; **People**)

Here, our Creator holds us in everlasting arms.

Here, our Savior heals us with wounded hands.

Here, the Spirit is present as we reach out to one another in love.

**Surrounded with all-embracing love, with endless
compassion, with infinite peace, let us rejoice that we are
home now, in the realm of God!**

*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.**

*GATHERING HYMN

Spirit of Love

Amanda Udis-Kessler
queersacredmusic.com

Spirit of love, come, fill me up.
Flood me with love till my heart overflows.
Draw forth my joy, heal all my pain.
Spirit of love, lead me on!

Spirit of peace, come, ease my soul.
Wash me in peace till my heart knows relief.
Set me at rest, calm all my fears.
Spirit of peace, ease my soul.

Spirit of hope, come, lead me on.
Bathe me in hope till my heart lives in faith.

Send me to serve, teach me to love.
Spirit of hope, lead me on.

Spirit of love, Spirit of peace, Spirit of hope,
Lead me on!

***PRAYER OF APPROACH (Unison)**

God of peace, we come desiring to be in mutual love, acceptance, and respect for one another as we worship you. In our rainbow variety you have gathered us as one. Still, we must acknowledge that we have not always been as welcoming and accepting of others as you would have us be. We have failed to understand that, like Christ, even broken we can heal. So we approach you, praying to be reminded and forgiven. Offer us your word again; refresh our thoughts and words and deeds. In this assembly of forgiveness and love, lead us by your word and redeem us. Grant us courage for both the pain and the joy of transformation, we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

NOT FOR CHILDREN ONLY

Halley Kim, *Pastoral Assistant*

THE WORD SHARED

Mark Edwards

From the Prophets

1 Samuel 17:57-18:5

NRSV

On David's return from killing Goliath the Philistine, Abner took him and brought him before Saul, with the head of the Philistine in his hand. Saul said to him, "Whose son are you, young man?" And David answered, "I am the son of your servant Jesse the Bethlehemite."

When David had finished speaking to Saul, the soul of Jonathan was bound to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul. Saul took him that day and would not let him return to his father's house. Then Jonathan made a covenant with David, because he loved him as his own soul. Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that he was wearing, and gave it to David, and his armor, and even his sword and his bow and his belt. David went out and was successful wherever Saul sent him; as a result, Saul set him over the army. And all the people, even the servants of Saul, approved.

Response.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Everything Possible

Fred Small

MESSAGE OF THE DAY

“Love and Power”

Rev. David Denoon, *Pastor*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We Share Our Joys and Concerns

Prayer of the Day

Prayer of Our Savior

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

Offertory Music

All Things Bright and Beautiful
(Canterbury Bells)

arr. Susan Geschke

**Prayer of Dedication (Unison)*

Great Source of love and power, we pray for your world which has become broken and incomplete. By our humble gifts, restore and remake it; accompany these offerings with your Spirit that blessings of restoration and transformation may announce that your will is being done, through Christ our Savior. Amen.

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Psalm 119

Benedetto Marcello

DISMISSAL

Mark Edwards

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.

How to Donate to First Congregational Church

You may leave a donation in the offering plate in the Narthex.

Send a check made out to **FCCWG** at:

First Congregational Church

United Church of Christ

10 W. Lockwood Ave.

Webster Groves, MO 63119

or visit the Donate page on our website at: <http://firstchurchwg.org/donate> to make an electronic contribution

We Hold in Our Prayers

- Our residents in assisted living and skilled care – Sharon Beal, Shirley Chase, Joyce Berger, Paul Davis, Margery Gable, Charles Griffith
- 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

Linda & Laszlo Kopetti, Faye Dyer, Elaine Coe, Marilyn Claggett, Dana Romeis, and BJ Kaul

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.

Week at a Glance

Sunday, June 27 – *Pride Sunday*

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

10:00 AM - Worship

10:15 AM - Sunday School

11:00 AM - Inquirers Orientation

11:05 AM - Coffee Fellowship

3:00 PM - Concert: Andrzej Zahorski – Pipe Organ – 26th Anniversary Celebration of our Cassavant Organ.

Monday, June 28

Chip is on Vacation and will return Tuesday, July 6

Tuesday, June 29

10:30 AM - Staff Meeting

1:00 PM - Memorial Service: James H. Bennett Jr.

Wednesday June, 30

9:30 AM - Yoga with Jeanene - Inglis Room

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

7:00 PM - Inquirers Orientation

Saturday, July 3

10:00 AM - Fourth of July Parade

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.

June Birthdays (Plus 1)

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
Connie Kitchen – July 2



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