

Welcome!

First Congregational Church
of Webster Groves United Church of Christ



Seek Christ in each. Serve God in all.

July 25, 2021

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



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.

Journey thru Creation Worship

“If you hit a wall, climb over it, crawl under it, or dance on top of it.”
—Unknown

An asterisk () indicates that worshipers are standing in body or in spirit.*

Pre-Service Preparation

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| Prelude | “The World Keeps on Spinning” | by Cliff Aerie |
| Ring of Bell | | |
| Lighting Candles | | |
| Welcome to Worship | | Andrea Welnick |

Celebrating our Connection with God’s Creation

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| Introit | “The World Keeps on Spinning” | by Cliff Aerie |
| Call to Worship | | Logos Readers |

Unison: With our shared stories, our journeys and our dance, we will worship God!

*Raising the Covenant Andrea Welnick
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.

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| *Hymn #5 | “Praise to God” | Sakura |
| An Earth Story | | Logos Readers |
| Not for Children Only | “Morning” | by Yusef Lateef |

Recognizing the Environmental State of Our World

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| Mother Nature Check-In | | Logos Readers |
| Music Meditation | “Everybody’s Crying Mercy” | by Mose Allison |

Prayer for Earth Stewarding

Wondrous and almighty God, you created the world and gave it into our care so that, in obedience to you, we might serve all people. Inspire us to use the riches of creation with wisdom, and to ensure that their blessings are shared by all; that, trusting in your bounty, all people may be empowered to seek freedom from poverty, famine, and oppression. Be merciful as we wander through the blessings of your creation. Amen.

Exploring God's Call to Embrace Creation's Blessing

God's Word for Today

Job 7-12

Logos Readers

Our Quest for Meaning "Walking and Dancing on the Journey" Jan Barnes & Cliff Aerie

*You are invited to share a brief reflection of your journey
—a time when you walked or danced in Creation*

Music Meditation

"Contemplation"

by McCoy Tyner

Dedicating Ourselves to be Faithful Earth Stewards

Offering of Gifts

Andrea Welnick

Offering

"Summertime"

by George Gershwin

Doxology

Tallis' Canon

**Praise God who gives all blessings birth;
Praise God all creatures of the earth;
Praise God who makes, sustains, sets free;
One holy God, eternally. Amen.**

Prayers for the Earth and Its People

Jan Barnes & Logos Readers

Prayer of Our Savior

[Chime] **Our Father who art in heaven . . .**

[Chime] **Hallowed be thy name . . .**

[Chime] **Thy kingdom come . . .**

[Chime] **Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven . . .**

[Chime] **Give us this daily our daily bread . . .**

[Chime] **And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors . . .**

[Chime] **Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil . . .**

[Chime] **For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever . . .**

[Chime] **Amen!**

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| *Hymn #89 | “Awake, Awake to Love and Work” | Morning Song |
| Blessing / Benediction | | Logos Readers |

Post-Service Conclusion

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| Postlude | “Just a Closer Walk with Thee” | Traditional Gospel |
| Commissioning | | Andrea Welnick |

The Oikos Ensemble
Kim Fuller Barnes, Carolbeth True, Glen Smith, David True, Cliff Aerie

Logos Readers
Halley Kim, Leon Burke III, Marilyn Davis, Roger Barnes

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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).

A Time for Fellowship will be provided in Memorial Hall and the Jubilee Garden, each Sunday after worship for those in person. *Please wear a mask in the Sanctuary and in the halls. Masking and distancing are optional in Memorial Hall.*

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, Bob McCoy
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, John & Betty Kerr
- 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

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

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.

This Week at First Congregational Church

Sunday, July 25 – Jazz Worship with Oïkos

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

10:00 AM Worship

10:15 AM Sunday School

11:05 AM Coffee Fellowship

Wednesday, July 28

9:30 AM Yoga with Jeanene - Inglis Room

6:00 PM - 9:30 PM Bridge Club

Friday, July 16

6:00 PM Vigil for Black Lives

July Birthdays

Connie Kitchen – July 2

Kara Hoganson – July 6

Katie Didriksen – July 9

Loryl Breitenbach – July 10

Katy Ver Hagen – July 11

Barbara Krewson – July 12

Marilyn Davis – July 13

Jeanene Harris – July 13

John Shoulberg – July 19

Greg McCoy – July 28

Emma von Weise – July 29

Alice McHugh – July 31



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