

Welcome!

First Congregational Church
of Webster Groves United Church of Christ



Seek Christ in each. Serve God in all.

JULY 18, 2021

TENTH 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.

brother, said to him, ⁹“There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?” ¹⁰ Jesus said, “Make the people sit down.” Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹ Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted.

30 (The next day the crowd asked Jesus), “What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? **31** Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” **32** Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. **33** For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” **34** They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.” **35** Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

⁵⁵ For my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶ Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷ Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me.

Response.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PERSONAL TESTIMONY

Mark Cereghino

ANTHEM

We Are Setting the Rainbow Table
(Mark Cereghino – Soloist)

Amanda Udis-Kessler

MESSAGE OF THE DAY

“Give Bread and Be Bread”

Halley Kim,
Pastoral Assistant

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Abide with Me

arr. H. Hopson

WE SHARE OUR BLESSINGS WITH OTHERS

Invitation

Prayer of Dedication (Unison)

O God, we share these gifts in the spirit of those who shared their loaves and fishes: we ask that you take these gifts and use them to feed all of creation—to produce seed and grain, filling humans and animals alike, and to restore wholeness in the places where malnourishment exists.

RITUAL FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CHRIST’S TABLE

Prayers of Joys and Concerns

Communion Liturgy (Responsive)

Today we share bread, and we encounter the mystery of the holy in ordinary things.

We remember that Jesus broke bread with his friends and shared it at the Passover in a time of great crisis in his own life.

*In the fullness of his heart he looked at them, offered the bread,
He asked that we break bread as we remember.*

**Bread is broken;
As Jesus was;
As we sometimes are.
Broken to be healed:
Broken to be shared.
The bread of life, broken for you.
A reminder of the God who meets us
in the most broken places in our lives.**

*We also share this cup; remembering Jesus' spirit and the life poured out for healing
Wholeness, which in scripture is often called salvation.*

**Wine of healing hope poured out with love,
offered with thanksgiving;
reminding us of the Cup of covenant
Jesus shared with his friends
on the night before his trial.**

The cup of Healing poured out for us.

*By these signs of bread and wine
we recognize the longings of all of our hearts
for a time when all humanity will be one family,
when justice and compassion will be the Way we live
according to the One we seek.*

*Holy Spirit, hover over our lives,
uniting us in these signs and strengthening us to live
the resurrected life of Christ in the world.*

*Blessed be the Ancient of Days,
Blessed be the Beloved,
Blessed be the Holy Spirit.*

AMEN

Distribution

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

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.

BENEDICTION

Halley Kim

DISMISSAL

Marilyn Davis

POSTLUDE

We Are Setting the Rainbow Table — Reprise]

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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)).

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.***

### **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
- Health concerns in the Hayes family
- Bill Moore hospitalization and subsequent care needs for the couple
- All those the world regards as disabled – especially David & Becky Scott
- The McCoy family for their recent loss
- People with mental illnesses, as well as the people who love and care for them
- People who are alone or ill due to Covid-19
- Those whose employment and businesses are at risk
- 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

## **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:

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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

## **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.

## **August Birthdays**

Sue Stepleton – August 10

John Paci – August 13

Edward Hoganson – August 18

Julie McHugh – August 20

Sharon Beal – August 23

## **This Week at First Congregational Church**

### **Sunday, August 1**

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

### **Tuesday, August 4**

St. Louis County Special Election

10:30 AM Staff Meeting

1:00 PM Communications Team

### **Wednesday, August 3**

9:30 AM Yoga with Jeanene - Inglis Room

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

### **Friday, August 6**

6:00 PM - 6:30 PM Vigil for Black Lives

### **Meal-A-Month August Shopping List**

*(Please leave donations in boxes in Narthex)*

- Canned Chicken
- Brown Rice
- Canned Soup (low or no salt)
- Canned Corn (low or no salt)
- Canned Fruit in own juices
- Powdered Milk, shelf stable milk, soy milk
- Diapers
- Diaper Wipes
- Formula with Iron



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