

# Welcome!

First Congregational Church of Webster Groves  
United Church of Christ

*Seek Christ in each. Serve God in all.*

May 1, 2022

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER SACRAMENT OF CHRIST'S TABLE ALL AGES WORSHIP



OWE NO ONE  
anything.



EXCEPT TO LOVE  
ONE another.

Romans 13:8, NRSV

*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 the Congregation standing, in body or in spirit.*

**PRELUDE** *The Souls of the Righteous* T. Tertius Noble

**WELCOME** Marilyn Davis, *Liturgist*

**TOLLING OF THE BELL**

**LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (Responsive – Leader; **People**) *from Deuteronomy 5:1-22*

Here we are together, to offer God our praise:

**Here we are to discern what God is speaking to us.**

Yes, the Ageless and Ever-Living One has spoken a covenant:

**I am your God, and you shall have no other. You shall not make an idol. You shall not mention my name as if it were nothing. You shall keep the sabbath. Honor your parents. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against another. You shall not covet anyone else's spouse or their belongings.**

With these words the covenant of God with Israel begins. In Christ, this has become God's covenant with all humanity.

**From these words the wonders we know in God spring forth!**

**\*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** *Great Is Your Faithfulness* T. O. Chisholm  
No. 423, vv. 1,4 – *New Century Hymnal*

**RITUAL OF APPROACH**

*We Bring Our Stories Before God*

*Prayer of Confession* (Unison)

**God, we want to love you with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. But too often we engage our faith in a one-dimensional way and neglect the holistic covenant you offer. We love you with all our mind, or with all our heart, but with rarely both, let alone with our whole selves. We confess that we have conceived of and settled for a small God who can only interact with us in limited ways. Great God, expand our understanding, our worship, and our imaginations so that we can experience your complexity within all the complexity of ourselves. Amen.**

*Silence for Personal Confession*

*Assurance of Pardon*

**THE WORD REMEMBERED**

*From the Epistles*

Romans 13:8-10

Halley Kim, *Presenter*

Pew Bible, p. 1034

*For our All Ages services, scripture is remembered by the presenter,  
rather than being read. It is followed by this response:*

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM**

*Easter Carol*

Traditional French

**MESSAGE OF THE DAY**

Rev. David Denoon, *Pastor*

*“Resurrection and Covenant: Head, Heart, Faith”*

**SACRAMENT OF CHRIST’S TABLE**

*\*Prayers of Intercession*

*Communion is served in the pews, first the bread and then the cup.  
The bread is gluten-free. Wine is white; grape juice is red. Each is  
consumed at the indication of the Pastor, unless this presents a  
hardship for the individual.*

*\*Invitation*

*\*Sursum Corda*

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift our hearts to God.**

Let us give thanks to the Holy One.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*\*Prayer of Thanksgiving*

*\*Sanctus*

No. 792, *New Century Hymnal*

Martie McMane

**Holy, holy, holy**

**God of love and majesty,**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Glory be to you, O God!**

**Blessed is the One who comes,**

**Who comes in the name of our God!**

**Hosanna, hosanna!**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

*Fraction*

*Prayer of Our Savior*

setting by Mary Baker Eddy

**Our Father-Mother God, all-harmonious and adorable One: Thy  
kingdom is come, thou art ever-present. Enable us to know – as  
in heaven, so on earth – God is omnipotent, supreme. Give us  
grace for today; feed the famished affections; and Love is  
reflected in love. God, lead us not into temptation, but deliver us  
from sin, disease, and death. For God is infinite, all-power, all  
Live, Truth, and Love, over all, and All. Amen.**

## Communion

*\*Prayer after Communion (Unison, standing)*

**We give you thanks, O God, for blessing us around this table with the presence of Christ. Send us forth, rejoicing, with our siblings in faith, to share your abundant love and grace with all we meet. Amen.**

**\*PARTING HYMN**

*We Offer Christ*  
No. 527, vv. 1,4 – *New Century Hymnal*

Brian Wren

**OPPORTUNITIES ARISING BENEDICTION**

Marilyn Davis

**Benediction**

Rev. Denoon

**POSTLUDE**

*Ariosa*

Alexander Schreiner

**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

<https://bit.ly/FCCWG-Meeting>

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***Would you would like to serve as a Liturgist in an upcoming worship service, and to tell a story of your own during the Ritual of Approach?*** If so, please take advantage of the sign up sheet in the Church Office (on a wall-mounted clipboard) or online at <https://bit.ly/FCCWG-Liturgist>.

Sunday worship each week is shared in person for those who wish to attend and streamed live on YouTube, starting at 10:00 am ([bit.ly/FCCWG-YT](https://bit.ly/FCCWG-YT)).

### **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 located through the double doors at the end of the Narthex (foyer), turn left. Nursery/Toddler Room is on your right.

**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.

### **We Hold in Our Prayers**

- Our residents in assisted living and skilled care – Sharon Beal, Joyce Berger, Paul Davis, Margery Gable, Shirley Moore
- All people who are living with dementia, their families, and their caregivers
- People we love who are living with cancer – Margaret Gustafson
- Leo Gomez
- David & Becky Scott
- People with mental illnesses, and those who love and care for them
- Peace with justice

## What the heck is the Enneagram?!

I'm so glad you asked. The Enneagram is a modern personality typing system derived from ancient wisdom. It's a tool for personal growth as well as relational growth. If you're familiar with Myers Briggs or Strength Finders, it's sort of like that. However, the Enneagram is primarily about your motivations, not your behaviors. There are nine basic types within the Enneagram. Here is a very basic teaser for each type from The Enneagram Institute:

- 1 **The Reformer:** Principled, Purposeful, Self-Controlled, Critical & Perfectionistic
- 2 **The Helper:** Caring, Interpersonal, Generous, People-Pleasing & Possessive
- 3 **The Achiever:** **Excelling**, Pragmatic, Adaptive, Competitive & Image-Conscious
- 4 **The Individualist:** Sensitive, Expressive, Dramatic, Self-Absorbed & Temperamental
- 5 **The Investigator:** Cerebral, Perceptive, Innovative, Secretive & Isolated
- 6 **The Loyalist:** Security-Oriented, Engaging, Responsible, Anxious & Suspicious
- 7 **The Enthusiast:** Fun-Loving, Spontaneous, Versatile, Distractible & Scattered
- 8 **The Challenger:** Powerful, Self-Confident, Decisive, Willful & Confrontational
- 9 **The Peacemaker:** Easygoing, Self-Effacing, Reassuring, Stubborn & Complacent

Hmmm...are you a 2 or a 7? A 1 or a 5? What about your spouse? Your kids? Your parents? Well, come to the **Enneagram Workshop** on May 21st at 9am to get more information! It's four hours of content for the bargain price of \$20!

Our speaker, Elisabeth Wurm, will go over the three "centers of intelligence" (gut, heart, head) which divides the types into three triads, and then she will cover each distinct type. Proof of vaccination required; light refreshments provided. Register at:

<https://tinyurl.com/enneagram-registration>. Questions? Contact Halley Kim.

### **A Performance of Music from the Classic Blue Note Record Label Today at 4:00 PM in our Sanctuary \$10 Adults / \$5 Students**

3:00 pm Lecture: "The Blue Note Label Legacy" by Paul DeMarinis.

This Benefit Concert for the 26th annual International Summer Jazz Academy in Krakow, Poland, will begin at 4:00 pm.

### **Composer Emmanuel Sikora to Play at First Church May 8 – 3:00 pm in the Sanctuary**

Take Mom to a concert on May 8th (Mother's Day) at 3pm! Composer and pianist Emmanuel Sikora will be performing in our sanctuary. The *Washington Post* describes his music as "an appealing melding of the romantic and the contemporary, unselfconscious and unpretentious."

## How to Donate to First Congregational Church

You may leave a donation in the offering plate in the Narthex. Send a check made payable to FCCWG at:

First Congregational Church  
10 W. Lockwood Ave. | Webster Groves, MO 63119

Visit <http://firstchurchwg.org/donate> to make an electronic contribution or scan the QR code at right.



## What's Going on at First Church

### Sunday, May 1

**9:00 AM** Brown Baggers  
**9:45 AM** Nursery Care Available  
**10:00 AM** All Ages Worship  
**11:05 AM** Annual Meeting  
**11:20 AM** Coffee Fellowship  
**3:00 PM** Lecture: Blue Note Legacy  
**4:00 PM** Benefit Concert for Jazz Musicians in Poland

### Monday, May 2

**7:00 PM** Scout Troops 301B and 301G – Memorial Hall

### Tuesday, May 3

**10:30 AM** Staff Meeting  
**1:00 PM** Communications Team - Church Office

### Wednesday, May 4

**9:30 AM** Yoga - Inglis Room  
**6:00 PM** Bridge Club - Inglis Room

### Thursday, May 5

**6:00 PM** Canterbury Bells Practice  
**7:30 PM** Chancel Choir Practice

### Sunday,

**May 8**

### Mother's

**Day**

**9:45 AM** Nursery Care Available  
**10:00 AM** Worship  
**10:15 AM** Kids' Church  
**11:05 AM** Coffee Fellowship  
**3:00 PM** Emmanuel Sikora Piano Concert

## The globe is lighted for...

Lighting the globe is a tradition we use to celebrate, memorialize, and note our blessings. If you would like to dedicate a lighting, please contribute any amount and include a note describing your memory or celebration. Donations received are added to the Minister's Samaritan Fund, used to benefit members and neighbors in need.





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