

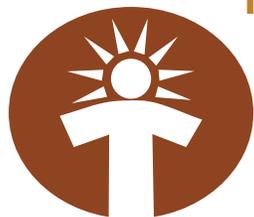
# Welcome!

First Congregational Church of Webster Groves  
United Church of Christ

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

MAY 22, 2022

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



NOW IF WE HAVE  
DIED WITH CHRIST,  
WE BELIEVE THAT  
WE WILL ALSO LIVE  
WITH HIM. ROMANS 6:8, ESV

*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.*



*Prayer of Confession (Unison)*

**Mother-Father God, be close to us when we are in pain and when our faith becomes complicated by life and grief. Be present to us in this community as we question what we know and continually reorient ourselves to a more nuanced spirituality. Forgive us if we have failed to hold space for others in this way, and help us to intentionally cultivate relationships that embody the vulnerable love you teach us. You are always doing a new thing, but sometimes we cling to what we know instead of welcoming the new. Help us be open-hearted as well as open-minded with our faith and practices. Help us live so that it is clear we know, you are indeed still speaking. Amen.**

*Words of Assurance*

**NOT FOR CHILDREN ONLY**

Halley Kim, *Pastoral Assistant*

*The children are invited forward for a time of enrichment.  
Afterward, they may proceed to Kids' Church, or return to their seats.*

**ANTHEM**

*Rigaudon*  
(Viola and Keyboard)

J. P. Rameau

**THE WORD SHARED**

*From the Law*

Deuteronomy 28:58-61, 67-68

*Women's Lectionary*

*From the Epistles*

Romans 6:5-11

*From the Gospels*

John 11:17-27

*Pause briefly.*

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**MESSAGE OF THE DAY**

*Resurrection and Covenant: Rev. David Denoon, Pastor  
"The Joys and Struggles of Discipleship"*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*We Lift Our Joys and Concerns*

*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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory for ever. Amen.**

**\*PARTING HYMN**

*Wonderful Words of Life*  
No. 319 – *New Century Hymnal*

Philip P. Bliss

**OPPORTUNITIES ARISING**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Jump in the Line*  
(Solo Steel Drum)

Harry Belafonte

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***Would you 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 a signup 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

In a spirit of celebration, The St. Louis Association of the United Church of Christ  
in covenant with St. John United Church of Christ – Manchester, Missouri

**Invites you to the Service of Installation for  
Rev. Tracey L. Harris  
As Associate Pastor and Teacher  
Today, May 22nd at 3:00 p.m.**

St. John United Church of Christ | 332 Old Sulpher Springs Road  
Manchester, Missouri 63021 | 636-391-6655

**Lady Elect End-of-Year Potluck**  
Tuesday, May 24 at 6:00 PM in the Inglis Room.  
For more information, contact Laura Cooper.

**“First Saturday” Drive-thru collection scheduled for June 4th for  
St. Louis Area Food Bank**

Summer is a brutal time for families struggling with food insecurity. St. Louis Area Food Bank will be delivering 25 barrels that hold 120 cans each (that's 3000 cans!) on Friday, June 3, in the morning and will pick up the barrels the following Monday. **Wouldn't it be fantastic to fill ALL 25 barrels and have members and visitors see what we can do as a church when we work together!** Please sign up for either the 1st or 2nd shift on June 4th when we will collect food for the St. Louis Area Food Bank. Use the following address to sign up!  
<https://tinyurl.com/fccwg-stlarea>. Thank you!

**Jazz for the Journey**  
*A Guidebook for the Journey*  
**Sunday, June 5, 2022 at 5:00 pm**

A multi-faith Meditation exploring the adventurous landscape of the soul through the transformative spirit of jazz, storytelling and the arts. Everyone, young and old, are welcome to attend this FREE event. Join us in a Coffee House setting in Memorial Hall. There will be free coffee/tea and homemade baked goods. Please BYOB (wine/beer) or a picnic basket. This journey will feature the Oikos Ensemble. Jazz for the Journey is presented by First Congregational Church's Ministry of Imagination, Creativity and the Arts (MICA).

We need 5 volunteers to provide two dozen baked goods or treats for the event. Please go to <https://tinyurl.com/fccwg-j4j> to sign up. Questions? Ask Halley. Thank you!

## **Second Annual Caring Parade!**

**Sunday, June 12th at 2:00 PM**

If you missed the parade last year, the idea is to spread joy to our home bound or otherwise isolated church members — and it makes the kids in the parade pretty happy too! Participating cars will be decorated during Kids Church the morning of the parade. Use the following link to sign up to be a driver: <https://tinyurl.com/fccwg-parade> Questions? Ask Halley Kim.

### **Update from Community Support Group on Refugee Family**

We first were assigned a family of 10 from Afghanistan and had just begun our journey with them when it was discovered that they already had a community support group from another organization. The International Institute of St. Louis then reassigned us another family, this time from Eritrea. The family includes a single woman and her 6-year-old twins. Although they have been in the US since September circumstances have made it difficult for her to learn English and gain employment, though she did work as a beautician in Eritrea. The children both attend school.

Because she is not yet gainfully employed the community support group is working with her social worker from the International Institute to expedite that process with other cooperating agencies in St. Louis and is seeking as many sources of income as she is entitled to receive. The goal of the International Institute is to promote independence of the refugees, so we always keep that in our minds. We are given 3 months to help a family achieve that independence and our time is running out. We continue to work with her on English language skills, navigating the local laundromat, setting up and providing transportation to medical appointments, assisting with budget and banking, the probable need for childcare, and cooperating with her own small church support group to allow for a smooth transition to independence. AND we are learning more about Eritrean food!

Feel free to contact us if you want to know more or if you would like to participate in the future with another family.

The Community Support team includes Laura Cooper, Joan Musbach, Annie Sampath, Pat Doyle-Grace, Kay Roush, and Marilyn and Dan Claggett

### **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 This Week**

### **Sunday, May 22**

**9:45 AM** Nursery Care Available

**10:00 AM** Worship

**10:15 AM** Kids' Church

**11:05 AM** Coffee Fellowship

**3:00 PM** Installation: Rev. Tracey Harris at St. John - Manchester

### **Monday, May 23**

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

**7:00 PM** Peace and Justice Coalescence (Zoom)

### **Tuesday, May 24**

**10:30 AM** Staff Meeting

**7:00 PM** Lady Elect Potluck – Inglis Room

### **Wednesday, May 25**

**8:30 AM** Journeymen - Parlor

**9:30 AM** Yoga - Inglis Room

**6:00 PM** Bridge Club - Inglis Room

### **Sunday, May 29**

**9:45 AM** Nursery Care Available

**10:00 AM** Worship – with Oikos Ensemble

**10:15 AM** Kids' Church

**11:05 AM** Coffee Fellowship



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