



# Welcome!

First Congregational Church of Webster Groves  
United Church of Christ

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

JULY 24, 2022

SEVENTH 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.*



## Order of Worship

*An asterisk (\*) indicates the Congregation standing, in body or in spirit.*

**PRELUDE** *Up the Downspout* Cliff Aerie

**WELCOME**

**TOLLING OF THE BELL**

**INTROIT** *Morning* Yuself Lateef

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: A new day dawns—rise and welcome the morning.

**All: God sets a new day before us.**

One: Wake up! Pray and give thanks for this morning.

**All: A day filled with limitless possibilities.**

One: Blessings reach out before you.

**All: A day filled with spectacular blessings!**

One: Love calls out to embrace you.

**All: A day filled with enormous hugs of love!**

One: A new day dawns—rise and welcome the morning.

**All: A day to gather as God's children on a journey of faith!**

**\*GATHERING HYMN** *Awake, Awake to Love and Work* #89  
*New Century Hymnal*

**\*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.**

**NOT FOR CHILDREN ONLY** *Good Morning* Halley & Cliff  
*The children are invited forward for a time of enrichment.*

*Afterward, they may proceed to Kids' Church, or return to their seats.*

**THE WORD SHARED** Logos Readers  
*From the Epistles* Ephesians 2: 17-22  
*From the Gospels* Luke 11: 5-10

**MUSIC MEDITATION** *Children of the Heavenly Father* Oïkos Ensemble

**MESSAGE** *Who's That Knocking at the Door?* Rev. Cliff Aerie

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Joys and Concerns*

*Prayer of the Day*

*Our Savior*

**Our Mother in heaven, make your name holy. Reveal your love, and teach us your way. Make earth alike with heaven. Provide bread for today, so that we do not worry about tomorrow. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Keep us from things that would keep us from you, but deliver us from the evil one. For here is your love: where power and glory are shared, now and forever. Amen.**

**\*PARTING HYMN**

*Now is the Time*

Cliff Aerie

Now is the time of wonder – amazement!  
This is the place where miracles dwell.  
Fashion your dream with love and compassion.  
All things are possible, for now is the time.

Down in the soul a spirit awakens.  
Deep in the heart a melody soars.  
Reach for the stars with imagination.  
All things are possible, for now is the time.

Sing with your heart a song of rejoicing.  
Share with your hands the truth of your love.  
Live out your dream, each moment a blessing.  
All things are possible, for now is the time.

**OPPORTUNITIES ARISING**

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Yes, God is Real*

Kenneth Morris

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**The Oikos Ensemble**

Kim Fuller Barnes, vocal • Carolbeth True, piano • Glen Smith, bass  
Cliff Aerie, sax • David True, drums

**Our Logos Readers**

Terri Thompson, Andrea Welnick and Roger Barnes

## Wi-Fi Info

Wi-Fi: fccwg1, fccwg2 or fccwg3.

Password: firstchurch.

### 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.



**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)).

## 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

## "Freeing Jesus" Book Study

What does it mean to know Jesus? Is the Jesus you know today different than the Jesus you knew years ago? Does Jesus evolve alongside us? "Freeing Jesus invites us to liberate Jesus & free ourselves when it comes to the ever-compelling & yet often-elusive figure at the center of Christian faith."

Halley will kick off a sermon series on Diana Butler Bass' newest book "Freeing Jesus" on July 31st. After her introduction, Dave will preach 7 sermons that cover the different ways of perceiving Jesus in Bass' memoir: Friend, Teacher, Savior, Lord, Way, Presence, & Universal Jesus. We will be purchasing books for those who would like to read along during our series & enrich their spiritual experience. We will also be hosting discussions of the book + sermons during Coffee Hour. If you would like First Church to purchase a copy for you, please email Halley at [halley.kim@firstchurchwg.org](mailto:halley.kim@firstchurchwg.org)



## **Last Benevolence Event!**

Register at: <https://tinyurl.com/benevolence-2022>

**Summer Garden Party, Saturday, August 12, 6:00PM.** Rosemary Hensley's annual backyard gathering, with flowers and refreshments that make the "dog days of summer" cheerful. Donation: \$30 per person.

### **Red Cross Blood Drive – August 6th from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm**

**\*\*We need volunteers for this event! There will be two shifts for the blood drive. Please go to: <https://tinyurl.com/red-cross-blood-drive> to help!\*\***

- Blood donation saves lives. It helps accident & burn victims, those undergoing heart surgery & organ transplants, & cancer patients. Someone needs blood every 2 seconds in the US.
- If you are at least 110lbs, in decently good health, & are at least 16 years old, *you can donate!*
- A Red Cross representative will join us during Coffee Hour on the 24th to answer your questions about donating blood.

The blood drive will be held in Memorial Hall. Walk-ins are welcome, but online registration is preferred. Go to <https://tinyurl.com/8-6-red-cross> to sign up. (Make sure to click on our listing.)

For additional information please contact Pastoral Assistant Halley Kim at First Church by calling (314) 962-0475 ex 12 or by emailing [halley.kim@firstchurchwg.org](mailto:halley.kim@firstchurchwg.org).

## **School Supply Drive for WRHM**

**August 6th from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm (concurrent with blood drive)**

We are pleased to partner with Webster Rock Hill Ministries once again, this time by providing school supplies for their Back-to-School Backpack Program.

In the weeks leading up to the start of school, WRHM distributes backpacks to students in need of school supplies. These backpacks are filled with grade-level appropriate materials, including notebooks, paper, pencils, pens, crayons, three-ring binders, and much more. Students in advanced classes may also receive calculators or other course specific material. During the school year, WRHM has supplies available to replenish any needed materials.

This will be a drive-thru style event. They encourage donors to turn into the parking lot from Lockwood Ave., drop off their items to church volunteers, and then exit by turning on to Elm Ave.

**\* \* We need volunteers for this event too! Please use the same Sign Up Genius link as above: <https://tinyurl.com/red-cross-blood-drive> to sign up and help out! \* \***

## **Time to pitch in to help our church community!**

- Gavin Barrett, Laurel Hayes' son, is moving into a new college dorm and he needs 1-2 helpers to lift & carry boxes. This move needs to occur between Monday, July 25th and Wednesday, July 27th. Email Halley at [halley.kim@firstchurchwg.org](mailto:halley.kim@firstchurchwg.org) if you can help Gavin!

**The Peace and Justice team says,  
OUTRAGED? Get ENGAGED!**

- Sign up to promote Yes for WG Schools (Prop S) (<https://www.yesforwgschools.com/>) at Hudson Elementary (<https://tinyurl.com/props-hudson>) or Givens Elementary (<https://tinyurl.com/props-given>) for the August 2nd Primary.
- DONATE to abortion funds (<https://secure.actblue.com/donate/fundabortionnow>) to keep services accessible and affordable to as many people as possible.
- LISTEN to “Abortion: Family Meeting on Four Things To Do Next,” a podcast episode on “We Can Do Hard Things.” (<http://wecandohardthingspodcast.com/>)
- SIGN this petition at (<https://tinyurl.com/yj2xfkda>) to send to your elected officials to demand Congress enact federal abortion protections.
- SHARE your story at the ACLU website, (<https://tinyurl.com/share-story>) either of having an abortion, being denied an abortion, or being an activist or healthcare provider.
- The Peace and Justice team is working on opportunities for you to help "get out the vote" (registering new voters, driving people to the polls, etc). STAY TUNED!

**The Peace and Justice team meets monthly, on the fourth Monday. Join them for their next gathering, Monday, July 25, at 7:00pm on Zoom. Email Pastor Dave at [ddenoon@firstchurchwg.org](mailto:ddenoon@firstchurchwg.org) or Halley Kim at [halley.kim@firstchurchwg.org](mailto:halley.kim@firstchurchwg.org) for the meeting ID.**

**Medical Leave**

Pastor Dave Denoon will be on medical leave, July 14-31. For pastoral care during this time, please contact Pastoral Assistant Halley Kim at 314-962-0475, ext. 12.

**What's going on At First Church**

**Sunday, July 24**

**Worship – Rev. Cliff Aerie with the Oikos Ensemble**

**9:45 AM** Nursery Care Available

**10:00 AM** Worship

**10:15 AM** Kids' Church

**11:05 AM** Coffee Fellowship

**Monday, July 25**

**7:00 PM** Peace & Justice Meeting (Zoom)

**Wednesday, July 27**

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

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

**Sunday, July 31**

**Worship – Halley Kim, Pastoral Assistant**

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