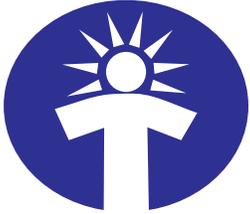


Welcome!

First Congregational Church
of Webster Groves United Church of Christ



Seek Christ in each. Serve God in all.

FEBRUARY 5, 2023

**SACRAMENT OF CHRIST'S TABLE
ALL AGES WORSHIP**

*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 blessings
of our congregation.*

*No matter who you are
or where you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here.*



**SALT &
LIGHT**

Order of Worship

An asterisk () indicates that worshipers are invited to stand in body or in spirit.*

PRELUDE *Adagio in F Minor* Chevalier de Saint Georges

WELCOME Jane Porchey, *Liturgist*
At this time, we invite you to complete an entry in the Friendship Booklet in your pew and to silence the ringer on any cellular device you may have with you.

TOLLING THE BELL

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

***GATHERING HYMN** *Woke Up This Morning* Spiritual

***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.

***RITUAL OF APPROACH**

If able, please remain standing throughout.

Invitation

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God of blessing and promise, you have told us we are the salt of the earth, the light of the world. But we have so often ignored these truths. We have not sought after others' best interests. We have not let our light shine in witness to your grace. We have received your mercy but kept it secret from those who also need a share of some Good News. But we cannot afford to stay this way, and we pray you to forgive our sin and restore our lives. You have done it before in the lives of other disciples. Do it again with us. Restore our saltiness, rekindle our light in Jesus' name. Amen.

Silence for Personal Confession

Words of Assurance

Singing God's Glory *Glory to God in the Highest* Peruvian melody

The congregation repeats each line of the following after the Minister:

Glory to God! Glory to God! Glory in the highest!

To God be glory forever!

Next, the Minister leads the congregation in harmonizing the following:

Alleluia! Amen! Alleluia! Amen!

THE WORD SHARED

Gabriel Requadt, *Student Minister*
and Rev. David Denoon, *Pastor*
Pew Bible, p. 674

From the Prophets

Isaiah 58:1-12
(Translation by Jewish Publication Society)

Response.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE OF THE DAY

“Lunchables: Salt and Light”

Rev. Denoon & Friends

Introduction

Reading

Matthew 5:13
(First Nations Version)

Pew Bible, p. 880

Part 1

“Salt”

with Halley Kim, *Pastoral Assistant*

Song

You Are Salt
No. 181, vv. 1,2,4 – *New Century Hymnal*

Marty Haugen

Reading

Matthew 5:14-16
(First Nations Version)

p. 880

Part 2

“Light”

Song

This Little Light of Mine

Traditional

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine...

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

Hide it under a bushel? No! ...

Everywhere I go ...

This little light of mine...

Conclusion

WE SHARE OUR BLESSINGS WITH OTHERS

Invitation

**Song of Praise*

Doxology

Tune: OLD 100TH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!

Praise God, all creatures here below!

Praise God, above you heavenly host:

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**Prayer of Dedication (Unison)*

You call us, O God, to do your will and establish your justice. For the ministries that we cannot do with our own bodies unless they are united as one body we offer these gifts to the Church, your Body enlivened by your Spirit. Bless these gifts, we pray, to ministries of cleansing, healing, and enlightening all, along the Good Road. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF CHRIST'S TABLE

We Lift Our Joys and Concerns to God

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sanctus

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

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.

Communion

**Prayer after Communion*

In gratitude, in deep gratitude for this moment, this meal, these people, we give ourselves to you. Take us from this time to live as people changed because we have shared the Living Bread and cannot remain the same. Ask much of us, enable much by us, encourage many through us. Thus, Creator, may we live to your glory, both as salt for a world in need of cleansing and healing and as light for a world so often deep in shadow. Amen.

***PARTING HYMN**

This Little Light of Mine (reprise)

Spiritual

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Fugue in C Major

Johann Sebastian Bach

During the Postlude, we encourage you to greet those around you, or to remain at your seat to enjoy the music until it has ended. In the spirit of diversity, please be attentive to the possibility that one who is seated may be meditating.

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Wi-Fi Info

Recommended: fccwg1, fccwg2 or fccwg3
Password for all: firstchurch.

Connecting Remotely to Worship

If you need to join us remotely, Sunday worship each week is streamed live on YouTube, starting at 10am (bit.ly/FCCWG-YT).

How to Donate to First Congregational Church

You may leave a donation in the offering plate in the Narthex, OR
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 accompanying QR code.

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 members who are homebound, in assisted living, or skilled care – Sharon Beal,
- Marj Courtney, Margery Gable, Shirley Moore, Kitty Pearl, Jan Ver Hagen, Joan Whitford
- 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

Get Educated During Coffee Hour

Dementia & Cognitive Functioning – TODAY

ACM CARE (Autonomous Case Management) is a non-profit seeking "to improve the quality of life for frail, elderly and disabled people living in the community through case management and support services, regardless of their ability to pay." AMC Care offers support to families in four areas: Institutional Support Services, Care Management, Medical Management, and Assessments. On Feb 5th they will present on dementia & brain health.

Lady Elect

February 21 – 12:00 noon: Karaoke

Bring Your Own Lunch. The hostesses will provide desserts and drinks.
All are welcome!

Seeking Liturgists!

Would you like to lead worship, some Sunday soon? Liturgists (worship leaders) guide other worshipers through the different elements of worship. Additionally, some liturgists offer a personal "story before God" to introduce the time of confession. It's not required, but it's always appreciated.

If you have appreciated the "stories before God," please consider sharing one of your own! Interested, but don't know where to start? Check out this workshop that Dave and Halley put together: <https://tinyurl.com/fcc-stories>

Alternatively, you might choose a Sunday when a special ritual has been planned in place of a "story before God," *like today!* Please sign up at: <https://tinyurl.com/fcc-liturgist> to volunteer as a liturgist. Questions? Reach out to halley.kim@firstchurchwg.org.

2023 Benevolent Giving Campaign

This year's Benevolent Giving Campaign will offer you three ways to contribute. We will ask you to make a donation to our Benevolence Giving Fund. We will give you an opportunity to buy delightful goods and services at the online Giving Store. And you are invited to attend the Not-So-Trivial Trivia Night on March 11. Buy a ticket, buy a table, and buy at the Silent Auction and Oral Auction.

If you can donate goods or services to stock the shelves of The Giving Store please contact Joan Musbach at jwmusbach@gmail.com

Lent Bible Study

Sundays, Starting February 26 at 11:20 AM

Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week
By Amy-Jill Levine

During Lent this year we will study Amy-Jill Levine's book *Entering the Passion of Jesus*, which focuses on the last week of Jesus' life. Every chapter (and every corresponding Sunday service) considers a particular risk that Jesus or his followers engaged during his final days: risking reputation, righteous anger, challenge, rejection, loss of friends, and temptation. There will be a book discussion every Sunday after church in the Inglis Rm starting on February 26th & culminating on April 2nd. If you would like a copy of the book, please [contact Halley at halley.kim@firstchurchwg.org](mailto:halley.kim@firstchurchwg.org).

How to Revisit the UCC History Presentation

On Sunday, January 29, the Pastor offered a presentation about the history and structure (polity) of the United Church of Christ. Many in attendance stated their appreciation of the slideshow and wondered how they might be able to view and share it. A video version of the presentation may be viewed on YouTube - <https://tinyurl.com/ucc-history>

Alliance for Interracial Dignity presents Pillars of Community – A Celebration of Local Black History

February 26, 2023 – 2:00 - 3:30 pm

Music, Food, History and More

Eden Seminary Commons at 475 East Lockwood Ave

What's Going on at First Church

Sunday, February 5

Sacrament of Christ's Table

All Ages Worship

9:45 AM Nursery Care

10:00 AM **Worship**

11:05 AM Coffee Fellowship

11:20 AM Adult Education: Dementia & Brain Health

Monday, February 6

7:00PM Troops 301 B & G (Dickens)

Tuesday, February 7

1:00 PM Communications Team (Office)

6:30 PM Pastoral Relations Committee (Zoom)

Wednesday, February 8

9:00 AM Yoga w/Jeanene (Inglis Room)

10:30 AM Staff Meeting (Office)

7:00 PM Bridge Club (Inglis Room)

7:00 PM Adult Confirmation (Zoom)

Thursday, February 9

6:00 PM Canterbury Bells

7:30 PM Chancel Choir

Sunday, February 12

Religion & Science Sunday

Scouting Sunday

9:45 AM Nursery Care

10:00 AM **Worship**

10:15 AM Kids' Church

11:05 AM Coffee Fellowship (Chocolate Sunday!)



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