

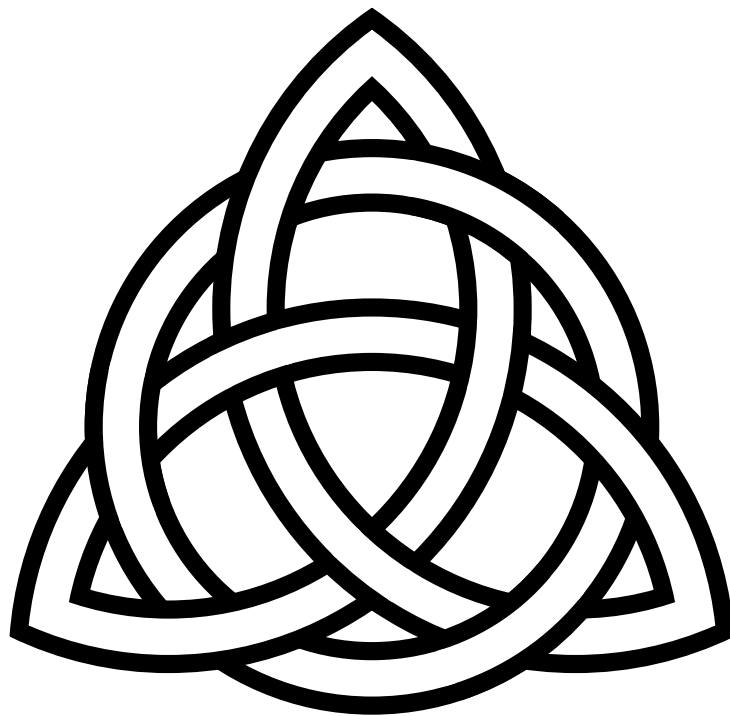
Welcome!

First Congregational Church
of Webster Groves United Church of Christ



Seek Christ in each. Serve God in all.

**JUNE 4, 2023
TRINITY SUNDAY**



*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.*

Order of Worship

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

PRELUDE *Andante from Sonata, Op. 13* L. von Beethoven

WELCOME Bob Moody, *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 OF THE CANDLES

OPENING WORDS (Litany) Based on Psalm 8

Response.

Liturgist: Womb of life, our Sovereign,

People: **How exalted is your name in all the earth!**

***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.

***GATHERING HYMN** *How Great Thou Art* Carl Boberg; tr. S. K. Hine

O Lord my God when I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed,

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee,
"How great thou art, how great thou art!"
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee,
"How great thou art, how great thou art!"

When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze, *Refrain.*

RITUAL OF APPROACH

Prayer (Litany)

Response.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and eternal, have mercy on us.

**Singing God's Glory*

Glory to God in the Highest

Peruvian melody



1. Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high - est!
2. Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to Christ Je - sus!
3. Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to the Spir - it!



To God be glo-ry for-ev - er!)
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To God be glo-ry for-ev - er!)



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THE WORD SHARED

From the Gospels

Matthew 28:16-20

New Revised Standard Version

Response.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE OF THE DAY

"Making Things Better"

Rev. David Denoon, *Pastor*

WE SHARE OUR BLESSINGS WITH OTHERS

Opportunities to Give and Gather

**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!

SACRAMENT OF CHRIST'S TABLE

Invitation (with Joys and Concerns)

Communion Prayer (Responsive)

Come, Christ Jesus, be our guest.

With friend and stranger, young and old, be among us. Come close to us that we may come close to you. Forgive us, that we may forgive. Renew us so that, where we have failed, we may begin again.

Among friends gathered round a table... And as Jesus offered thanks for the gifts of the earth, let us also celebrate God's goodness:

Blessed are you, O God, for you have given us what we eat.

Blessed are you, O God, for you have given us what we drink.
Since the beginning you have watered the earth ... we praise you from our hearts
for your unending greatness.

**Majestic Jesus Christ, present with us now, as we do in this place
what you did in so many settings but especially in an upper room
with your loved ones, breathe your Spirit upon us and upon our
simple fare, that they may be heaven's food and drink for us,
renewing, sustaining, and making us whole, and that we may be
your body on earth, loving and caring in the world.**

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.**

Communion

**Prayer after Communion (Unison)*

**We thank you, our Redeemer, that you have made us one with each
other and one with you, by the grace of the meal that we have shared.
Now, become so much a part of us, that we may be clothed in your
love and guided by your light that shines on all people equally. Show
us your image in everyone we meet, so that nourished by your Spirit
we will share with everyone a portion from your table. Amen.**

***PARTING HYMN**

Womb of Life and Source of Being
Tune: ODE TO JOY

Ruth Duck

Womb of life, and Source of being, home of every restless heart,
in your arms the worlds awakened; you have loved us from the start.
Word in flesh, our brother Jesus, born to bring us second birth,
you have come to stand beside us, knowing weakness, knowing earth.
Brooding Spirit, move among us; be our partner, be our friend.
When our memory fails, remind us whose we are, what we intend.
Mother, Brother, Holy Partner; Father, Spirit, Only Son:
we would praise your name forever, One-in-Three, and Three-in-One.

***BENEDICTION**

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

NRSV

***PARTING WORDS**

Liturgist: Our worship has ended.
People: Let our service begin.

POSTLUDE

Ode to Joy

J. Carter

*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](https://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, Becky Scott, 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 Scott
- People with mental illnesses, and those who love and care for them
- Peace with justice

## National Wear Orange Day Gun Violence Awareness and Prevention March and Rally TODAY at 12pm

The march starts at Webster Groves Presbyterian Church at 45 West Lockwood Ave. and ends at Emmanuel Episcopal Church at 9 South Bompert Ave. There will be prayers, speakers, and information. Organized by Churches Together for Justice: Christ Lutheran Church, Emmanuel Episcopal Church, First Congregational Church, Peace United Church of Christ and Webster Groves Presbyterian Church. For more info: [wearorange.org](http://wearorange.org)

***Be sure to wear orange or a Moms Demand Action shirt!***

## We are Hiring!

Halley's departure in July creates the need for a Coordinator of Faith Formation. We are particularly interested in applicants who have a strong background in religious education in a progressive theological setting, preferably including collaborative partnerships and team building.

Interested individuals should introduce themselves at [personnel@firstchurchwg.org](mailto:personnel@firstchurchwg.org) and detail why their candidacy should be of particular interest to our Christian Education Ministry. A résumé (Word or PDF) should be attached. All applications should be sent to: [personnel@firstchurchwg.org](mailto:personnel@firstchurchwg.org) with the subject "CFF Recruitment." Telephone inquiries will not be accepted.

Deadline for submissions is 11:59PM, Wednesday, June 7th.

**Jazz At 10 West Lockwood – The Oasis Big Band**  
**June 17 – 6:30 pm Dessert and Jazz**  
**Admission is Free**

The Oasis 15-piece big band plays jazz from Glen Miller to the Beatles and everything in between. Under the direction of Chuck Schuder, Ralph Moore and Ted Lau, the Big Band features jazz musicians from the St. Louis area. Jazz at 10 West Lockwood is sponsored by First Church's Ministry of Imagination, Creativity, and the Arts (MICA). A free-will offering will be received to further our programming.

**Red Cross Blood Drive**

We are having another blood drive! Sign up here to donate blood on Thursday, June 29th between 2pm and 6pm. Besides the fact that donating blood is just a great way to love your neighbors, there's an added incentive: all donors will receive a \$10 gift card to a merchant of their choice (even if deferred!).

**Habitat Workday Scheduled**

We have a work date! On Saturday August 26th, we will combine forces with future homeowners and a group from Emmanuel UCC to work at the Lookaway Build site which is near the Chain of Rocks bridge. This is a full day (8:00 AM to 3:00PM) commitment, and I promise you will find it rewarding. Call Phil Shoulberg if you have questions. Sign up sheet is in the office.

**COLLECTING SIGNATURES FOR AN IMPORTANT  
MISSOURI LEGISLATIVE PETITION**

You can help ensure 200,000 Missourians don't have to choose between a paycheck and caring for themselves and their families. Along with other Metropolitan Congregations United (MCU) congregations, we will be collecting signatures for an initiative petition to guarantee earned paid leave plus a raise in the minimum wage in Missouri. With enough signatures, this issue will be on the ballot in Missouri in the fall of 2024.

If you are a registered Missouri voter and want to support getting these issues on the ballot, all you have to do is sign the petition. Doug Miller will be available during the month of June to take your signature on Sunday mornings before and after worship service. The one exception is June 4, when he has other obligations before worship and very limited time afterwards as well. (PLEASE NOTE: your signature on the initiative petition only supports getting the proposed legislation on the ballot. It does not require that you actually vote for the legislation once it is on the ballot.)

If you want to help collect signatures, for example, from family and friends, please talk to Doug about how to get trained to collect signatures and for some background literature and blank petition pages. The training is quite easy both in terms of time commitment and learning time.

We look forward to robust support from FCCWG for this very valuable legislation.

Thank you.  
Doug Miller

**Our Whole Lives (OWL) – Sex Ed for Adults: Info Session  
June 25th in Coffee Hour**

Our lovely CE Support Staff Noel Burke will be offering an OWL class for adults starting in September. **More info to come!**

**Considering Church Membership?  
A class for inquirers is coming, THIS WEDNESDAY**

A session for those curious about membership at First Church will be offered by the Pastor, as a Zoom meeting on Wednesday, June 7, at 7:00pm (<http://bit.ly/FCCWG-Meetings>). The proposed date to join is Sunday, June 18. To register, please contact Pastor Dave Denoon at (314) 962-0475, ext. 11. Please leave a message if voicemail picks up.

If the June 7 session doesn't work for you, but you'd still like to discuss membership, he'd still love to hear from you.

**What's Going on at First Church**

**Sunday, June 4**

**Trinity Sunday**

**Sacrament of Christ's Table**

**9:45AM** Nursery Care

**10:00AM** Worship (All Ages, in Memorial Hall)

**11:15AM** Coffee Fellowship

**12:00PM** Gun Violence Awareness March & Rally (wear orange!)

**Monday, June 5**

**7:15PM** Troops 301B & 301G Court of Honor (Memorial Hall)

**Tuesday, June 6**

**1:00PM** Communications Mtg (Office)

**6:30PM** Practicing Our Faith (Parlor)

**6:30PM** Pastoral Relations Cmte (Zoom)

**Wednesday, June 7**

**9:30 AM** Yoga w/Jeanene (Inglis)

**6:00 PM** Bridge Club (Inglis)

**7:00 PM** Membership Class (Zoom)

**Sunday, June 11**

**9:45 AM** Nursery Care

**10:00 AM** Worship

**10:15AM** Kids Church

**11:15 AM** Coffee Fellowship and Pancake Breakfast w/Scouts!

**1:00PM** Gabriel Requadt's Baptism (WG Christian Church, 1320 W. Lockwood Ave.)

**Monday, June 12**

**7:00PM** Three Ministries (Hybrid)

**Tuesday, June 13**

**10:30AM** Staff Mtg (Office)

**Wednesday, June 14**

**9:30 AM** Yoga w/Jeanene (Inglis)

**6:00 PM** Bridge Club (Inglis)





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