

Welcome!

First Congregational Church
of Webster Groves United Church of Christ



Seek Christ in each. Serve God in all.

**ALL AGES WORSHIP
SACRAMENT OF CHRIST'S TABLE
JULY 2, 2023**



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

PRELUDE

Open Our Eyes

Rain for Roots

WELCOME

Linda Kopetti, *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 OF THE BELL

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

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

The Greatest Commandment

Porter's Gate

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns

Prayer of Our Savior (Unison)

**God in Heaven, your name is holy. Let what happens in your
kingdom happen on earth. Give us everything we need. Forgive
us; help us forgive others. Help us make good choices instead
of bad ones. Amen.** (*Brittany Sky, Celebrate Wonder Bible
Storybook*)

WE SHARE OUR BLESSINGS WITH OTHERS

Opportunities to Give and Gather

MESSAGE OF THE DAY

Children Are The Center
Mark 10:13-16

Halley Kim
Pastoral Assistant

SACRAMENT OF CHRIST'S TABLE

Children & Rev. Cliff Aerie

Invitation & Communion

Prayer after Communion (Unison)

Thank you, Jesus! Amen!

BENEDICTION

Halley Kim

POSTLUDE

This Little Light of Mine

Spiritual

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, 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

Webster Groves 4th of July Parade

Our local "Community Days" parade is right around the corner! Join us at 10am on Independence Day along the Lockwood edge of our property for all the fun and merriment! We will have a pop-up canopy to provide shade and we will also provide water bottles. Bring your kids and grandkids! We need volunteers to help set up the canopy. If you are interested, contact Halley Kim or Linda Kopetti.

Just an FYI – The streets in Webster will be closed at 9:00 on the 4th

Mark your calendars for church on July 9th!

There will be storytelling, awesome music by Cliff Aerie and Jared Owen, Logos Readers, and a bit of Princess Bride.

This is a family worship focusing on the story, 14 Cows for America. If you haven't read it, find a copy and read it to your children. If you have a dry eye at the end, I will be surprised.

Please come in summer garb, ready to hear a story or two.
Rev. Janice Barnes

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.
Doug Miller

Farewell & Good Luck Potluck July 16 at 11:15 in Memorial Hall

In honor of all that Halley has done for us, join the Christian Education Ministry in celebrating her time [with us for a "kid friendly" sweet and savory potluck. Please bring plated finger foods to the kitchen before the service. Cupcakes and ice cream will be provided to enjoy as we fellowship in Memorial Hall during coffee hour.

Webster Rock Hill Ministries...

has plenty of peanut butter they distribute to needy families, but they could use **Bread and Jelly!** Please consider donating bread and jelly to WRHM. You can leave these in the boxes in the narthex. Thank you!

Reminders and Updates

- **Doors** – If you are the last person to leave the church, please be sure the front doors are all shut properly and locked. We have been coming in to open and unlocked doors.
- **Check requests** – There are check request forms in the office. These are to be filled out if you need a reimbursement for a specific event. Checks will not be created without one of these forms. (The forms can be found on the 10 West Lockwood/Seminarian door in the office.)
- **Facility Maintenance Repair Requests** – Please be aware that Chip is busy and keeps a schedule for repairs. Please do not grab him and ask for something unless it is an emergency. Be considerate and fill out a maintenance request form. He will get you on his schedule as soon as he can. (The forms can be found on the 10 West Lockwood/Seminarian door in the office.)
- **Event Diagrams** – If you are having an event at the church and need the room set up in a certain configuration, please draw a diagram (it doesn't have to be beautiful) and leave it with any special instructions in Chip's mailbox.
- **eNews** – We try very hard to send the eNews out on Wednesday afternoons. Occasionally we have to wait until Thursdays. If you have any information that you would like to see make it into the eNews, we will need any/all information emailed to us on by noon on Wednesdays. You can send the info to [Debbie](#), [Dave](#) or [Halley](#). Anything that misses the deadline will have to wait until the following edition, and/or be included in the worship bulletin.
- **Covenant News** – The drop-dead deadline for the Covenant News is always 10 days prior to the last day of the month, or the 20th. Please be sure to email your articles, images or information to Debbie by then (or before) if you would like something included. (There be may times we may not be able to include your article in the Covenant News due to space issues. We do our best!)
- **Name Tags** – Please remember to wear your name tags on Sundays. It will help our new members learn our names.

How to Make a Pledge

If you are new and would like to make a pledge, you can find a current pledge sign up form on the Donate Page of our website at <https://firstchurchwg.org/donate/>. Just fill in the form and click submit! Thank you!!!

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 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 with the subject "CFF Recruitment." Telephone inquiries will not be accepted. Pastor Dave will be on vacation from June 20 through July 10. He will resume the process at that time.

Technology Advances at First Church! New Phones and Door Entry System

The door entry system was installed a couple of weeks ago and that seems to be working just fine. The new phones are in place, and we are still learning how to use them! Please be patient. Of course, not all of the wrinkles have been ironed out. The extensions numbers have changed as the new phones do not work with two digits. Please see the back of the bulletin or the contact page of our website at <https://firstchurchwg.org/contacts-map/> for our new extension numbers.

The Sleeper Legal Strategy that Could Topple Abortion Bans

Jews, Episcopalians, Unitarians, Satanists and other people of faith say the laws infringe on their religious rights.

(Several folks asked Jan Barnes for this link to this article about the interview that took place at First Congregational Church. Here is the link: <https://tinyurl.com/fcc-clergy>)

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.

What's Going on at First Church

Sunday, July 2

All Ages Worship

9:45 AM Nursery Care

10:00 AM All Ages Worship

11:05 AM Coffee Fellowship

Tuesday, July 4

10:00AM Webster Groves Community Parade
(Church building closed)

Wednesday, July 5

9:30 AM Yoga w/Jeanene (Inglis)

6:00 PM Bridge Club (Inglis)

Sunday, July 9

9:45 AM Nursery Care

10:00 AM Worship

10:15 AM Kids Church

11:05 AM Coffee Fellowship

Tuesday, July 11

10:30AM Staff Mtg (Office)

Wednesday, July 12

9:30 AM Yoga w/Jeanene (Inglis)

6:00 PM Bridge Club (Inglis)



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