

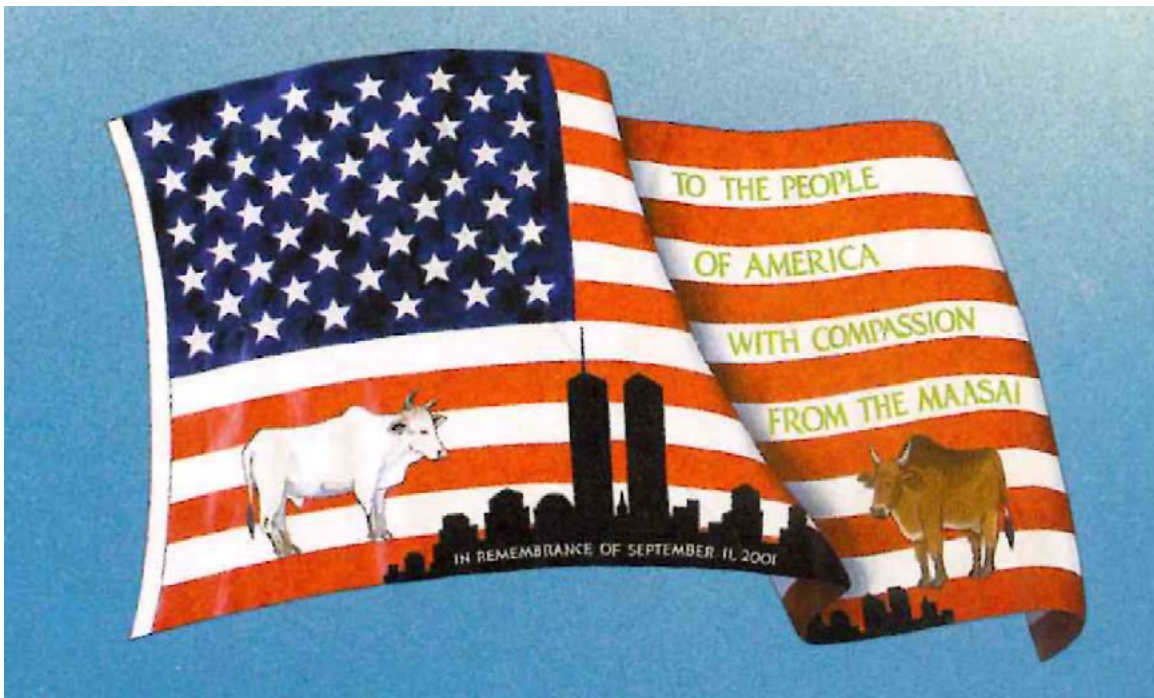
Welcome!

First Congregational Church of Webster Groves United Church of Christ



Seek Christ in each. Serve God in all.

**SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 9, 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

To all the little children who read
this book. You are the peace
the world has been waiting for.

May you grow to be
compassionate diplomats.

W.K.N.

PRELUDE

Afro Blue

Mongo Santamaria

TOLLING THE BELLS

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

WELCOME TO ALL

Roger Barnes

GATHERING MUSIC

Jesu, Jesu

No. 498

New Century Hymnal

INVITATION (Responsive)

We will let even the silence speak with a thousand voices, because we have a loving, living God who dances with us as we celebrate our lives-the priceless gift God has given us.

NOT FOR CHILDREN ONLY

The Lion and the Mouse

Rev. Cliff Aerie

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Leviticus 19: 34, 37b

The Message

“When a foreigner lives with you in your land, don’t take advantage of him. Treat the foreigner the same as a native. Love him like one of your own. Remember that you were once foreigners in Egypt. I am God, your God. Keep all my decrees and all my laws. Yes, *do* them. I am God.”

Acts 20: 35

NRSV

In all this I have given you an example that by such work we must support the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, for he himself said, “It is more blessed to give than to receive.”

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

People: Thanks be to God!

STORY

14 Cows for America

The Logos Readers,
Jan Barnes, Jared Cohen & Cliff Aerie

Music heard during the Story:

Forest Muse, Cliff Aerie

Naima, John Coltrane

Dahomey Dance, John Coltrane

All Blues, Miles Davis

REFLECTION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFER TO SHARE OUR GIFTS

SINGING OUR JOY *Siyahamb, "We Are Marching in the Light of God*

No. 526

New Century Hymnal

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

Holy One, whose heart abounds with gifts, receive this offering as a sign of our intention to live surrounded by your mercy, inspired by your Spirit, open to the joy of your presence, hospitable to one another, and generous toward your world. Amen

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.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Dahomey Dance

John Coltrane

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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It is one of the blessings of First Church to have these people in our community:

**Logos Readers:** Leon Burke, Terri Thompson, and Rebecca Novak

**Musicians:** Rev. Cliff Aerie and Dr. Jared Coen

**Technical Team:** Mark Metcalf, Sharon Love and Halley Kim

### 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](http://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

### Farewell and Good Luck to Halley Kim!

**July 16 — Potluck**

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 bars will be provided to enjoy as we fellowship in Memorial Hall during coffee hour

## **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. 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 website for our new extension numbers.

## **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.

## **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.

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

#### **Sunday, July 9**

**9:45AM** Nursery Care  
**10:00AM** All Ages Worship  
**11:05AM** Coffee Fellowship

#### **Tuesday, July 11**

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

#### **Wednesday, July 12**

~~**9:30AM** NO Yoga w/Jeanene (Inglis)~~  
**6:00PM** Bridge Club (Inglis)

#### **Sunday, July 16**

**9:45AM** Nursery Care  
**10:00AM** Worship  
**10:15AM** Kids Church  
**11:05AM** Fellowship & Potluck for Halley  
 Kim

#### **Tuesday, July 18**

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

#### **Wednesday, July 19**

**9:30AM** Yoga w/Jeanene (Inglis)  
**6:00PM** Bridge Club (Inglis)

#### **Sunday, July 23**

**9:45AM** Nursery Care  
**10:00AM** Worship  
**10:15AM** Kids Church  
**11:05AM** Coffee Fellowship



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