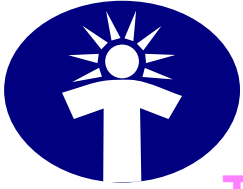


Welcome!

First Congregational Church
of Webster Groves United Church of Christ



Seek Christ in each. Serve God in all.

AUGUST 11, 2024

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

HYMN SING



*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

WELCOME

Phil Shoulberg, *Liturgist*

At this time, we invite you to complete an entry in the Friendship Booklet and to silence the ringer on any cellular device you may have with you.

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

TOLLING OF THE BELL

*CALL TO WORSHIP_ (Responsive – Leader; **People**)

Why have you come to this holy place?

We have come hungry for the bread of life.

Why have you come to this time of worship?

We have come thirsting for the word of God, made known in Christ Jesus.

*GATHERING HYMN

Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart

No. 55 – *New Century Hymnal* vv. 1,3, and 5

*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

Invitation

Prayer of Confession

God, we open our hearts to you today and confess that, as your people, we fall short. Our anger at times overwhelms us and we say things we later regret. At times, we focus on tearing down others instead of lifting them up. Bitterness, wrath, slander, and malice creep into our souls. For all these sins that we commit against our neighbors, forgive us. Forgive us God and show us grace. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

We know that in Christ we are made whole and reconnected with God. Our brokenness is gone, and we are made new. Amen.

SUNG RESPONSE

Make me a Channel of Your Peace

1. Make me a chan - nel of your peace. _____ Where
 2. Make me a chan - nel of your peace. _____ Where
 4. Make me a chan - nel of your peace. _____ It

D F#m/C# Bm A7 D2 A/C# Bm A7

there is ha - tred, let me bring your love. _____ Where
 there's des - pair in life, let me bring hope. _____ Where
 is in par - don - ing that we are par - doned, _____ in

D F#m7/C# Bm G Asus A

Last time to Coda ⊕

there is in - ju - ry, your par - don, Lord, _____ and
 there is dark - ness, _____ on - ly light, _____ and
 giv - ing of our - selves that we re -

Last time to Coda ⊕

Em2 Em Asus A Em A7sus A

where there's doubt, true faith in you. _____ 1
 where there's sad - ness, ev - er joy. _____ D

Em2 Em A Asus A D

2 (optional harmony)

3. Oh, Mas - ter, grant that I may nev - er seek _____

2 D G Bm/F# Em A7 Dsus

so much to be con - soled as to con - sole,

D A7 G Em A D2 Dsus

to be un - der - stood as to un - der - stand,

D G Bm/F# Em A7 A7sus Dsus

to be loved as to love with all my soul.

D E E2 E E2sus E Asus A G/A A6 A

D.C. al Coda

ceive, and in dy - ing that we're

Em Asus A Em2 Em

born to e - ter - nal life.

A7sus A7 D D

NOT FOR CHILDREN ONLY

Johari Hunt,
Coordinator of Faith Formation

*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

From the Gospels

John 6:35, 41-51

p. 972 Pew Bible

Meditation

Hymn History

Hymn Response

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

Leon Burke - solo

HYMN SING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Marty Black, Pastor

We Lift Our Joys and Concerns to God

Prayer Meditation on Psalm 130

Hymn Response

Abide with Me

No. 99 – *New Century Hymnal vv. 1 & 3*

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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

WE OFFER OF OURSELVES

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! Amen.**

***Prayer Of Dedication**

**Thank you, Dearest God, for helping us to learn the joy of giving.
Teach us that open hands are more desirable than closed fists. Help us to learn that when we open our hands to give, we also receive. In the name of the one who gives us life, we pray. Amen.**

***PARTING MUSIC**

You'll Never Walk Alone

Martin Mills, Solo

BENEDICTION

WORDS OF PARTING

Our worship has ended.
Let our service begin.

POSTLUDE

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.

Go to 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 library banner) and to the left of the Narthex just before the double doors.

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 QR code.

How to Reach Pastor Marty Black

If you need to reach her, you may email her at: marty.black@firstchurchwg.org or 715-853-9101 to leave a message, text or talk. You may also leave her a message at 314-962-0475, ext 111. She plans to be in the church office most Tuesdays and Wednesdays between 9:30 and 12:30.

Volunteer Opportunities

Liturgists - bit.ly/Liturgists-2024 | **Kids Church** - bit.ly/FCCWG-Kids-2024

The Flowers on the Alter today are in Memory of Marjorie Richardson from her Daughter and Daughter-in-Law

Marjorie Richardson was always so loving, sweet and very strong, even though she would not have thought herself a strong person. She is so very missed by her family. Happy 100th Birthday.

Looking for a Nursery Attendant

We have started the search for Carina's replacement. If you know of anyone that might fill her shoes, you can find the Nursery Attendant Job Description on the table in the Narthex.

Summer Schedules

Pastor Dave – On Sabbatical – Will return on September 9

Debbie Tolstoi – Away September 2 thru September 4

Chip Isringhaus – Away August 19 thru August 23

Pastor Marty – Away from August 14 thru August 29 – Marty will be unavailable by phone or email while away. For pastoral care emergencies, call Doug Barton at 314-398-7623. All other matters call the church office.

As people are taking vacations, there will be times when nobody is here in the office. Please give us a call at 314-962-0475 before you drop by. It could save you some gas and a wasted trip. Thank you!

Blessing of the Backpacks and Ice Cream Social | Sunday, August 18

We will have our annual Backpack Blessing for students of all ages. **Be sure to bring your backpacks to church that day!**

Our Ice Cream Social will follow worship. Parish Life is taking care of the ice cream. **Just bring yourselves!**

TRIVIA NIGHT for Metropolitan Churches United (MCU)

7pm on August 17, 2024 at Eden Theological Seminary (Doors Open at 6:30)

\$30 per seat or \$210 per table of 8

FCCWG is hoping to fill at least one table for this important event. If you are interested, please use this link to register: <https://tinyurl.com/mcu-trivia-night>. MCU has been championing some very important and valuable activities. Activities include not only trivia challenges but also silent auctions and other games between rounds. If you have any questions, contact Doug Miller before August 14; after the 14th, contact Doug Barton

Cultivating A Multicultural Community

**A free seminar led by Culture Coach, Author and Musician Nikki Lerner
Webster Hills United Methodist Church | Saturday, August 24 | 10:00AM – Noon**

Doors open for coffee, doughnuts and fellowship at 9:30 a.m.

Webster Hills Christian Life Center • 1333 W. Lockwood Ave., St. Louis, MO

Nikki will help us engage, explore and learn about moving from a monocultural community to a vibrant and inclusive multicultural one. *The Saturday seminar is free, but reservations are requested for planning purposes. Sign up at <https://bit.ly/3zspnVP>*

For more information, please contact Lisa Miller at spurz@sbcglobal.net

Learn more about Nikki here: www.Nikkilerner.com

August Meal-a-Month Shopping List

Canned Chicken • Brown Rice

Canned Soup (low or no salt) • Canned Corn (low or no salt)

Canned Fruit in own juices

Powdered Milk, shelf stable milk, soy milk

Diapers • Diaper Wipes • Formula with Iron

August Birthdays

Sue Stepleton August 10

Luke Ferguson August 13

John Paci August 13

Gwen Denoon August 14

Julie McHugh August 20

Sharon Beal August 23

John Claggett August 30

What's Happening at First Church

Sunday, August 11

Hymn Sing!

9:45AM Nursery Care Available

10:00AM Worship

10:15AM Kids' Church

11:05AM Coffee Fellowship

Monday, August 12

7:30PM Three Ministries – Hybrid

Tuesday, August 13

10:30AM Staff Meeting – Church Office

Wednesday, August 7

9:30AM Yoga with Jeanene – Inglis Room

6:00PM Bridge Club – Inglis Room

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THE VISION of First Congregational Church of Webster Groves, United Church of Christ, is to be a dynamic Christian community expressing God's love, hope, joy, and peace for all people.

OUR MISSION is to provide:

- Worship that praises God, shows commitment to the teachings of Jesus, and celebrates the Holy Spirit in ways that express the diversity of our experiences and encourage spiritual growth and commitment.
- Educational activities that promote faith and intellectual growth for children and for adults.
- Advocacy and care for those in need in our community and throughout the world.
- Community that seeks justice, loves kindness, and walks humbly.
- Hope, love, and encouragement to all who seek our support.
- Grace and forgiveness for ourselves and all who seek the ministries we share in worship, music, and fellowship with others on life's journey.

Strategic Planning Committee – 13 November, 2019
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