

Welcome!

First Congregational Church of Webster Groves
United Church of Christ



Seek Christ in each. Serve God in all.

JUNE 15, 2025
TRINITY SUNDAY
FATHER'S DAY



*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

Lamb of God

Georges Bizet

*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.*

WELCOME

Cindy Matlock, *Liturgist*

TOLLING THE BELL

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

CALL TO WORSHIP (Liturgist; People)

Praise to God our Creator, source of being and wellspring of life.

Praise to God our liberator, who sets us free and gives us hope.

Praise to God the Word, love made flesh to dwell among us.

Praise to Jesus the Christ, who feeds the hungry and shows us the Way.

Praise to God the Spirit, fiery light and rushing wind.

Praise to the Holy Spirit, who inspires, challenges, comforts, and sustains us.

Come let us worship the Earth-maker, the Pain-bearer, and the Life-giver.

Let us worship God!

*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.

*GATHERING HYMN

This Is My Father's World

M. D. Babcock

No. 485 – *Pilgrim Hymnal*

*PRAYER OF APPROACH (Responsive)

Psalm 8

How majestic is your name throughout the earth, O God! You made your glory higher than the skies.

From the mouths of nursing babies you have laid a foundation because of your foes, in order to stop vengeful enemies.

When I look up at the sky, at what your fingers made—the moon and the stars that you set firmly in place—I wonder:

What are human beings that you think about us, what are human beings that you pay attention to us?

You have made us only slightly less than divine, crowning us with glory and grandeur.

You have let us rule over your handiwork, putting everything under our feet—

All sheep and all cattle, the wild animals too, the birds in the sky, the fish of the ocean, everything that travels the pathways of the sea.

How majestic is your name throughout the earth, O God!

***SINGING GOD’S GLORY** *Glory to God in the Highest* Tune: GLORIA (HAAS)

Congregation repeats after the leader:

1. Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!

Congregation repeats after the leader:

To God be glory forever!

Congregation harmonizes at the leader’s direction:

Alleluia, amen! Alleluia, amen!

2. Glory to God, glory to God, glory to Christ Jesus! *etc.*

3. Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit! *etc.*

NOT FOR CHILDREN ONLY

Picture Book

Johari Hunt, *Coordinator of Faith Formation*

Love, Dad

Warsh, Gardner, & Cooper

The children are invited forward for a time of enrichment.

Afterward, they may proceed to Kids’ Church, or return to their seats.

SHARING THE WORD

From the Epistles

From the Gospels

Romans 5:1-5

John 16:12-15

Pew Bible, p. 1027

p. 983

Response.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE OF THE DAY

“The Delicate Art of Fathering” Rev. David Denoon, *Pastor*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Preparation

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Edwin Hatch

No. 292, v. 1 – *New Century Hymnal*

We Lift Our Joys and Concerns to God

Prayer of the Day

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 SHARE OUR GIFTS 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! Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication (Unison)

Parent God, you cause us to be and to become. Redeemer God, you open us to endless possibilities. Comforter God, your holy presence reassures our hearts that it is right to be with you. God Three-in-One, bless the gifts of substance and of spirit that we offer this day to you and to your work. Make our offerings extensions of our substance, and agents of your genesis, renewal, and constancy. Amen.

*PARTING HYMN

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
No. 8, vv. 1,3,4 – *Pilgrim Hymnal*

H. van Dyke

*BENEDICTION

*PARTING WORDS

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

POSTLUDE

“Adieu” from *Songs Without Words*

Felix Mendelssohn

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.

Connecting Remotely to Worship

Sunday worship each week is streamed live on YouTube. We apologize in advance for livestream difficulties you may experience: Although we thought we had “worked the kinks out,” some challenges remain. Past worship and videos are also available for viewing. Go to bit.ly/FCCWG-YT

Wifi Connection

Please connect to the network **first_church_guest** using the passcode **firstguest**

“Listen Everywhere” Hearing-Assisted System Active!

The **Listen Everywhere** system is our new accommodation for people who need assisted-listening. **Listen Everywhere** can be downloaded to your phone and can be used with or without hearing aids. If your phone is incompatible with the **Listen** system, we also have stand-alone units available. Please see Mark Metcalf, this Sunday, to get started using the **Listen** system, or email him at markmetcalf@firstchurchwg.org

How to Donate to First Congregational Church

If you would like to support First Church with a monetary gift, here are a few ways to do that:

- Take advantage of the brass offering plate on the small table in the Narthex
- Send a check made payable to FCCWG at:
First Congregational Church
10 W. Lockwood Ave.
Webster Groves, MO 63119
- Visit **FirstChurchWG.org/donate**
- Scan the **QR** code.



Newcomers Orientation

If you are interested to know more about us, we conduct Newcomers Orientations seasonally. To find out when the next Orientation is being scheduled, please see the Pastor. Thank you!

Let Breeze Serve as Your Church Directory

If you would like to access the church directory, change your listing there, or check on your donations, Breeze is the app for you!

Here are a few simple steps to access info from and about the church on your personal device:

1. Download the Breeze app via the App Store (iPhone) or Google Play store (Android)
2. The app will ask you to provide your Church ID, which is: **fccwgstlmo**
3. Use your Username and Password to log into the app! (If you don't know your Username, contact the Church Office.)

Relief from the May 16 Tornado

St. Louis Magazine has compiled a list of resources to help victims at bit.ly/STL-Tornado The City of St. Louis offers a similar list at its website. And the group Action St. Louis has created a list of items needed (and not needed); please see the image after this article, or go to ActionSTL.org/tornado where in addition to finding out how to make material donations you also can volunteer.

Facility and Finance Ministry Update

We have several items to report. First, a big thanks to Chip and Faye for helping to clean and reopen the kitchen. These repairs were paid for by proceeds from the Church Clean Out Sale conducted by F&F several years ago. Second, at our last meeting, June 9, F&F voted to employ a less costly landscaping company, Timme Outdoor Services. Finally, next time you're at church, check out the new copper guttering on the two eastern corners of the sanctuary. These had to be replaced after recent snows. –Phil Shoulberg

Camp MoVal Summer Offerings – Register Today!

Missouri Mid-South Conference Outdoor Ministries have announced the summer programs being offered at Camp MoVal. To register, go to MissouriMidSouth/camp-moval. Also, please remember that the Christian Education Ministry offers scholarships for all our Kids Church and Youth campers. Ask Johari Hunt for more information.

Seeking Assistance for Afghan Family

The church has received a request looking for volunteers this summer, to help an Afghan refugee family residing in the Shaw neighborhood, with transportation and childcare (4 sons, ages 5 to 12). For more information, please contact the Church Office.

Juneteenth Concert in the Park, June 20

The Juneteenth “For the Culture & Arts” concert will take place on Friday, June 20 at 6:00PM in Ivory Crockett Park in Webster Groves. The event, featuring the 3PB Trio Band, **will give a FREE meal to the first 100 guests!** These attendees will get ice cream from Scoops and a meal from The Crooked Boot. Ivory Crockett Park is located at 106 Almentor Avenue in Webster Groves.

Webster Rock Hill Ministries Trivia Night, June 20

WRHM will host a trivia fundraiser, Friday, June 20, at 7:00PM, here in the First Church Memorial Hall. Registration is \$30 per person + a dry or canned good donation. Call 314-961-5082, or email WRHM@WRHM.org, to register or for more information.

Rainbow Bench Coming Soon

The Gateway Open & Affirming partnership (GONA) is a consortium of 25 area UCC congregations, including us. GONA is currently rainbow-colored benches to demonstrate a continued support for the LBGTQ community. We are planning to install one of our own! Learn more at bit.ly/ONA-Bench

Tornado Relief Benefit Concert, June 20

Join UCC member First Congregational Church of St. Louis on Friday, June 20th at 7:30pm for a benefit concert to support those affected by the recent tornado in the area. This powerful evening of music will feature an orchestra of over 50 volunteer musicians conducted by Minister of Music, Tim Clark, as well as a moving choral piece performed by members of the church and the wider community. Admission is FREE, and monetary donations will be received to aid in tornado relief.

Earth Walk, June 29

FCCWG will hold its fourth Earth Walk on 6/29/25 at 3pm. It will include jazz music from The Oikos Ensemble as well as scientific interpretation and poetic reflection. The program will be followed by a Q&A with refreshments. This year's funds will go towards tornado relief.

Volunteers needed for Water Station, July 4

We're looking for volunteers of handing out water for 4th of July! There will be a sign-up sheet starting this Sunday, June 15. Feel free to reach out to Johari if you have any questions or want sign up virtually.

Habitat for Humanity Workday, October 11

Our **Habitat for Humanity Workday** is coming up in October. In past years, we've supplied 5 workers, this year they're asking for 10. This is a wonderful way to spend an October Saturday. Carpentry competency not necessary! You will be working along with the future home owner, and you may even learn a new skill. This is a full day (8 to 3) commitment. As you put away tools, you may tired, but you will feel fulfilled! Sign-up sheet hanging in the office. --Phil Shoulberg

Meal-A-Month June Shopping List

Boxed Whole Wheat Pasta • Pasta Sauce (Low salt and sugar)
Canned Mixed Vegetables (low or no salt) • Canned Fruit in own juices
Powdered Milk • Shelf Stable Milk • Soy Milk • Baby Fruits • Baby Vegetables • Baby Cereal

June Birthdays

Donna Hull - June 1
Jenny Jones - June 3
Christy Hood - June 5
Laszlo Kopetti - June 17
Cliff Aerie - June 19
Abigail Monaco - June 23
Kelsey Tolson - June 25
Rosemary Hensley - June 29
Jane Bolliger Debman - June 30

What's Going on at First Church

For a complete schedule of all church events, observances, and building use,
please visit our online calendar at
FirstChurchWG.org/Calendar

Sunday, June 15

Father's Day

Trinity Sunday

9:45AM Nursery Care Available

10:00AM Worship

10:15AM Kids' Church

11:05AM Coffee Fellowship

Monday, June 16

7:00PM Executive Ministry - Zoom

Tuesday, June 17

10:30AM Staff Meeting - Church Office

Wednesday, June 18

9:30AM Yoga w/ Jeanene - Inglis Room

Thursday, June 19

Juneteenth

OFFICE CLOSED

Sunday, June 22

9:45AM Nursery Care Available

10:00AM Worship

10:15AM Kids' Church

11:05AM Coffee Fellowship



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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
 - ◇ Celebrates the Holy Spirit in ways that express the diversity of our experiences
 - ◇ Encourages 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.

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