



May 2, 2021  
Fifth Sunday of Easter

First Congregational United Church of Christ  
945 G Street NW, Washington, DC

*No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.*



OFFERING

Rev. Sam McFerran

*As we worship virtually, we invite you to give in new ways. Send your check to the office, [give online](#) through our website at [www.firstuccdc.org](http://www.firstuccdc.org), which includes options to give through PayPal or Vanco. Consider signing up for auto-giving in this time of physical distancing.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Sam McFerran

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Rev. Amanda Hendler-Voss

COMMUNION PRAYER

PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR (unison)

Our God, 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 debts as we forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil;  
for thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

CLOSING HYMN

*May the God of Hope Go with Us*

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BENEDICTION

Rev. Amanda Hendler-Voss

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*Rondeau*

Jean Joseph Mouret

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*Connect with us!*

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*We are so grateful to be extending our reach beyond the DC region and welcome you warmly! With gratitude we thank Alyx Cheng and Allison Truhlar for serving as our Zoom moderators each week.*

*Their work makes our worship possible!*

*We also thank Tom Sowers and Graham Marsh, our sound designers.*

Participating in Worship

John Horman, Director of Music

First Church Choir

First Church Ringers

The Marsh Family

## Racial Justice Audit Nurture: Today Following Worship

Following worship, please join us for a congregational conversation on our Racial Justice Audit in which we will receive an update on where we are in the audit process, then break out into small groups for discussion of specific ministry areas of worship, education, membership/outreach, and social action/awareness. You will have the opportunity to select two rooms you wish to join, with 10-12 minutes for each conversation, and then we will return to the larger group and hear reports from each ministry area. Your voice is vital to this process, so please take the time to join us. We want to hear from you, especially if you do not currently serve on a Commission. This conversation will last an hour and will take place on the same link as our worship service in place of our usual coffee hour.



## Second Sunday Offering on May 9: Food Justice DMV

On Mother's Day think about the sustenance and security that every parent wants to provide for their family. My mother, of blessed memory, could always provide my nutritional needs. For our immigrant siblings, food justice and security are difficult challenges. That's why you are being asked to generously support Food Justice DMV for this month's Second Sunday Offering.

With extraordinary bravery and tenacity, immigrants risked it all to get here. Then the pandemic hit, further revealing deep inequities about who gets to eat. Food Justice DMV is a local volunteer colectiva delivering food and standing in solidarity with thousands of our immigrant siblings. They deliver justicia in a grocery bag. 100% of their funds go to our Black and Brown siblings pushed off the economic cliff with no safety net. Your generous donation can be the safety net.

Together we can do incredible things to reduce food insecurity. Food Sanctuary DMV receives thousands of requests area wide, from parents who just want to feed their children, have diapers, and give milk to their babies. In one year they delivered food justice to over 130,000 people. The need only escalates.

To see how they reduce food insecurity one familia at a time and to learn about their dynamic volunteer opportunities go to [www.foodjusticedmv.org](http://www.foodjusticedmv.org). Thank you for your generous giving.

## Theology Book Group: Tuesday, May 25

The Theology Book Group will meet next on Tuesday, May 25, at 6:00 PM, to discuss Etty Hillesum, *An Interrupted Life*. This is the diary of a brilliant woman who grew in spiritual insight and intensity during the Nazi occupation of Holland during World War II. All are welcome. The Zoom link is <https://georgetown.zoom.us/j/2023655260>.

## Sign Up to Serve as a Liturgist or Reader

[Click here](#) to sign up to serve as a liturgist or reader in worship for the spring and summer seasons of 2021. If Google docs don't work well for you, simply email Rev. Amanda at [ahendlervoss@gmail.com](mailto:ahendlervoss@gmail.com) a Sunday and she will sign you up as soon as she receives it.

We welcome members and friends, local and far flung, adults, youth, and children to participate. Your voice helps make us who we are, so please take a moment to sign up. Our worship is enriched by your participation.



## Save the Date! Spring Congregational Meeting May 23, 2021

Please join us for our Spring Congregational Meeting on Sunday, May 23, 2021. We will convene virtually after worship service around 11:40 AM. We will receive updates on (1) plans to regather for in-person worship (as the COVID-19 pandemic eases); (2) progress on our racial justice audit; and (3) church finances. We also anticipate a congregational vote on a statement prepared by the Anti-Racism Task Force of the Social Action and Awareness Commission on

“Becoming an Anti-Racism Church.” Please contact Moderator John Smeltzer or Assistant Moderator Susan Anderson if you have questions or other agenda items.

### **Prayer List**

Prayers of comfort for the family of Suzanne Snyder, following her death.

Rev. Sam and his family following the death of his godfather, Ross Collard

Prayers of comfort for Grace Bassler following Don's death.

Healing prayers for Diane Brenneman's daughter Sara following her diagnosis of breast cancer.

Healing prayers for Suzanne Snyder.

Byron Adams' niece, Valerie, undergoing treatment for breast cancer.

Prayers of hope for our Racial Justice Audit yearlong process.

Prayers of joy and wisdom for our 2021 Confirmation cohort of youth and mentors.

Prayers for all those being vaccinated, for those making it possible, and for those awaiting their turn.

All those who mourn the loss of a beloved one.

Families struggling to eat and make ends meet.

Dwan Reece and Peter Parsons

Garnell Yarbrough, for continued healing

People's UCC, our sibling congregation

Emmanuel Okorie-Dunn and Ellen Bushmiller, who serve as nurses.

Rev. Laura Johnson and Rev. Diana Gomez de Molina, who serve as chaplains.

Pat Ashbrook

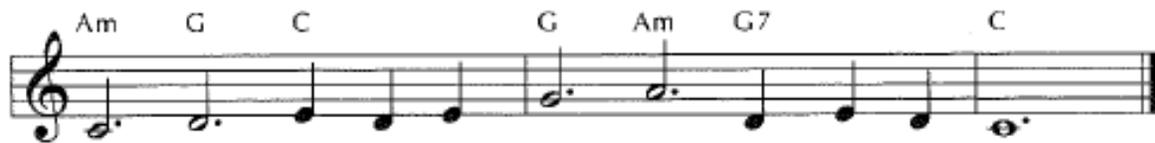
Morning Has Broken



1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black-bird has  
2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from heav - en, like the first  
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing, born of the



spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the  
dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet-ness of the wet  
one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion; praise ev - ery



morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!  
gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.  
morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

May the God of Hope Go with Us



May the God of hope go with us ev - ery day, \_\_\_  
*¡Dios de la es - pe - ran - za, da - nos go - zo y paz! \_\_\_*



fill - ing all our lives with love and joy and peace. \_ May the God of  
*Al mun - do en cri - sis, ha - bla tu ver - dad. \_\_\_ Dios de la jus -*



jus - tice speed us on our way, \_\_\_ bring - ing light and hope to ev - ery  
*ti - cia, mán - da - nos tu luz, \_\_\_ luz y es - pe - ran - za en la os -*

*Refrain*



land and race. \_\_\_ Pray - ing, let us work for peace; \_  
*cu - ri - dad. \_\_\_ O - re - mos por la paz, \_\_\_*



sing - ing, share our joy with all; \_\_\_ work - ing for a  
*can - te - mos de tu a - mor. \_\_\_ Lu - che - mos*



world that's new, \_\_\_ faith - ful when we hear Christ's call. \_\_\_  
*por la paz, \_\_\_ fie - les a ti, Se - ñor. \_\_\_*



Welcome to First Congregational UCC. We were founded in 1865 by abolitionists as the first racially integrated church in Washington, D.C. In 1867 our mission committee played a prominent role in the founding of Howard University. The church has been located at its present site at 10th and G Streets NW since 1868. In more recent years, the church affirmed its vision as an Open and Affirming (ONA) Church (1987), a Just Peace Church (1985), and a Multiracial/Multicultural Church (2003). Our new building, constructed according to Gold LEED standards, was dedicated in 2012.

First Church continues to follow its faith journey into the future, and to be a prophetic voice for the Spirit in the nation's capital. If you would like to know more about First Church or would like to make it your spiritual home and community, please contact [churchoffice@FirstUCCDC.org](mailto:churchoffice@FirstUCCDC.org) or 202.628.4317.

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