



June 13, 2021
Third Sunday after Pentecost

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

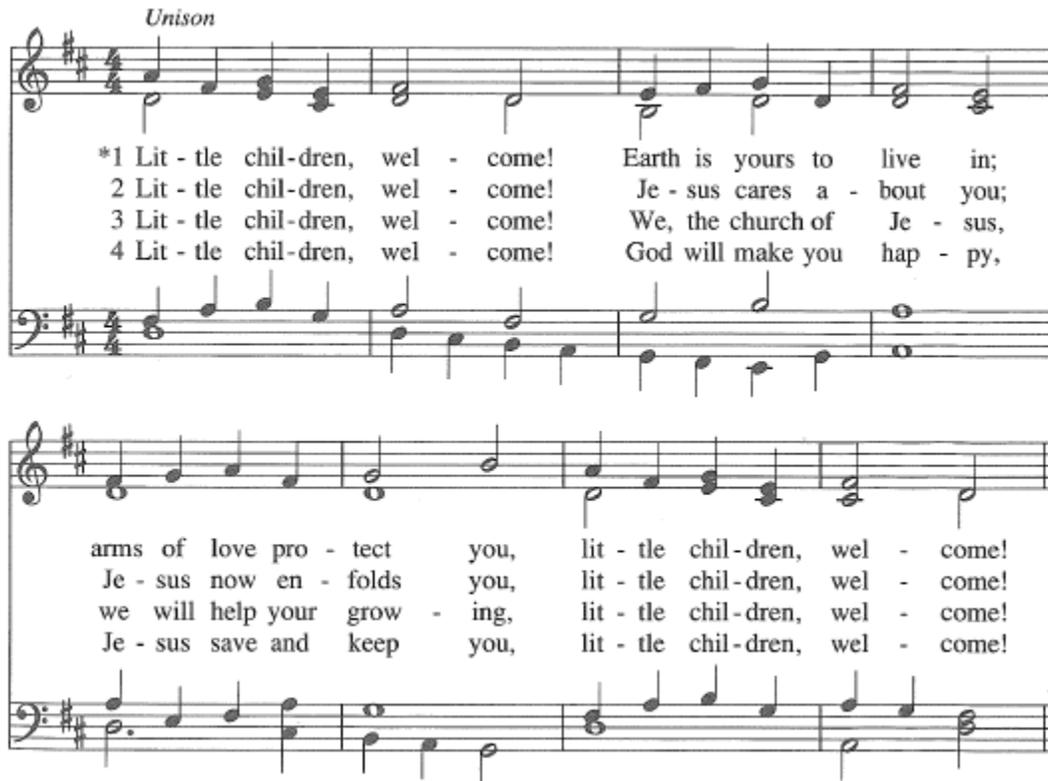
No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

(Please prepare your heart and space for worship.)

OPENING CHIMES	<i>Westminster Chimes</i>	
OPENING VOLUNTARY	<i>Hymn Prelude on TERRA BEATA</i>	Dale Wood
WELCOME		Rev. Amanda Hendler-Voss
OPENING HYMN	<i>Out of Deep Unordered Water</i>	(see page 8)
CALL TO WORSHIP		Rev. Lorain Giles
BAPTISM OF JESSE THAYER		
INTRODUCTION		
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING		
CALL TO PARENTS:		
Pastor:	Do you desire to have your child baptized into the Christian faith? If so, please answer "We do."	
Response:	We do.	
Pastor:	Do you promise, according to the grace given you, to grow with your child in faith, to help him be a faithful member of the Christian community? If so, please answer "We do, with the help of God."	
Response:	We do, with the help of God.	
COMMUNITY ASSENT & COVENANT:		
Moderator:	Today Jesse's community of faith witnesses the sacrament of his baptism. And so I ask all of you who are present as the friends and family of Jesse, do you, who witness and celebrate this baptism, promise your love, support and care to him as he lives and grows in Christ? If so, please answer "We do, with the help of God."	
All:	We do, with the help of God.	
Moderator:	Let us now proclaim our covenant in community:	
All:	In grateful response to the call of Jesus Christ, we covenant with God and with each other to be a church of Christ. We bind ourselves, in God's redeeming presence, to walk together in ways revealed to us by the Holy Spirit in sacrament and Word, study and prayer, fellowship and mission.	
WELCOMING BY NAME		
ACT OF BAPTISM		
PRAYER OF BLESSING		Rev. Lorain Giles
PRESENTATION		

Unison



*1 Lit - tle chil - dren, wel - come! Earth is yours to live in;
 2 Lit - tle chil - dren, wel - come! Je - sus cares a - bout you;
 3 Lit - tle chil - dren, wel - come! We, the church of Je - sus,
 4 Lit - tle chil - dren, wel - come! God will make you hap - py,

arms of love pro - tect you, lit - tle chil - dren, wel - come!
 Je - sus now en - folds you, lit - tle chil - dren, wel - come!
 we will help your grow - ing, lit - tle chil - dren, wel - come!
 Je - sus save and keep you, lit - tle chil - dren, wel - come!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Sam McFerran

*(Please unmute yourself and greet those around you with words such as "The peace of God be with you."
 Let us bless one another with deep peace across time and space.)*

CENTERING MOMENT

Improvisation on "Wade in the Water"

Richard Parker

SCRIPTURE READING

Susan Goodman

Genesis 1:1-23

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together God called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation; plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the days from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. God made the two great lights--the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night--and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

SERMON

Rev. Amanda Hendler-Voss

ANTHEM

Hear My Prayer

Moses Hogan

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, which includes options to give through PayPal or Vanco. Consider signing up for auto-giving in this time of physical distancing.

DOXOLOGY

Lasst Uns Erfruen

Praise God from whom all bless- ings flow. Praise God all crea- tures here be -
4 low. Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Praise God for all that love has done; Cre -
9 a - tor, Christ and Spir - it, One. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
13 lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS (unison)

Rev. Amanda Hendler-Voss

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Amen.

CLOSING HYMN	<i>Wade in the Water</i>	(see page 9)
BENEDICTION		Rev. Amanda Hendler-Voss
ANNOUNCEMENTS		Rev. Amanda Hendler-Voss
CLOSING VOLUNTARY	<i>Toccata in A Major</i>	J.S. Bach

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Connect with us!

Connect with us! If you are worshiping from afar but would like to connect with the First Church community, please [click here](#) to fill out a Visitor's Card and check out our newsletters on our website www.firstuccdc.org.

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.

Following worship, please join us for Zoom coffee hour, a time of fellowship with one another.

Participating in Worship

John Horman, Director of Music
First Church Choir
First Church Ringers



The Rev. Lorain Giles baptized Dan Thayer as an infant, officiated at the wedding of Dan and CJ, and participated in MJ's baptism here. We welcome her worship leadership this morning.

Music Notes



Moses George Hogan (1957-2003) was an American composer and arranger of choral music. He was best known for his settings of spirituals. Hogan was a pianist, conductor, and arranger of international renown. His works are celebrated and performed by high school, college, church, community, and professional choirs today. He is known for single-handedly introducing spirituals into the standard chorale repertoire. Over his lifetime, he published 88 arrangements for voice, eight of which were solo pieces.

Today's Second Sunday Offering: Shaw Community Center

This month's Second Sunday Offering is Shaw Community Center or SCC. Dale Ostrander and Meg Maguire are the First Church caring ambassadors to Shaw. They both volunteer as after-school tutors and help with the Christmas gift drive. Dale is also on the Board of Trustees. They were kind enough to share this information. SCC has services available to all age groups and has been a positive impact for 30 years.



Recognizing the critical need in the Shaw neighborhood for educational and social services to benefit low-income residents, leaders of Lincoln Temple and Westmoreland UCC churches founded Shaw Community Ministry in 1991 with support from the Potomac Association.

While First Church supports Shaw through our June Second Sunday Offering, and while the organization has been successful in receiving grants, the Center needs many additional gifts and talents:

- Donors to help expand day-to-day operations and address the serious structural problems with the building the Center must now manage;
- Donors to the scholarship fund; and
- Volunteers who can help students with their homework during the school year or activities during the summer.

Your contribution will directly enrich the lives of children in our city who live on the margins. Please give generously. For more information, please see the June issue of [Gabriel's Horn](#).



Guest Preacher for Pride Sunday, June 20: LaTayna Purnell, Member in Discernment

LaTayna Purnell lives in Houston, Texas with her wife and two sons. Before moving to Houston six years ago, they called Massachusetts home. After over 25 years of working in education and nonprofits, LaTayna is following the call to ministry. She earned a doctorate in Educational Leadership Policy studies with concentrations in Gender Studies and African American Studies. Currently, she is pursuing a Master of Divinity with United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities. LaTayna is passionate about addressing racial injustice and systemic racism, and subsequently serves on FCUCC's Anti-Racism Task Force. She enjoys spending time with family and friends, is an avid baseball fan, and fitness enthusiast.

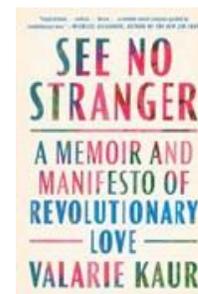


Racial Justice Audit Survey Closes June 30, 2021

Please take the time to complete the congregational survey for our ongoing racial justice audit. Your participation is vital for providing the feedback we need to examine our programs and to live into our commitment to becoming an anti-racist church. Click [here](#) to open the survey link. The survey closes on June 30, 2021.

All-Church Summer Book Read: *See No Stranger* by Valerie Kaur

This year's selection is *See No Stranger* by Valerie Kaur. Valerie is a Sikh activist, filmmaker, and civil rights lawyer. In this memoir/manifesto, Valerie shares her personal experiences confronting racism, sexual assault, and police violence and her vision for a revolutionary love that can transform and heal our personal relationships, our communities, and nation.



Phase 3 Schedule (for Limited In-Person Worship)

We begin "Phase 3" of our Regathering Plan this Sunday, June 13, 2021. During Phase 3, small groups (up to 25 persons) will be invited to attend worship in person to test our protocols and to begin the process of returning to regular worship at 10th and G. Members of the following groups (and family unless noted otherwise) are invited to attend on the designated Sundays. The Regathering Task Force may invite additional persons during Phase 3 on an ad hoc basis. Questions? Contact Kim Darling (kdarling@gmail.com), chair of the Regathering Task Force, or Moderator John Smeltzer (john.smeltzer@gmail.com). For a copy of the regathering plan, click [here](#), For a copy of regathering FAQs, click [here](#).

Phase 3 Schedule	
June 13	Council
June 20	Worship Commission
June 27	Choir (members only)
July 4	TBD
July 11	Outreach & Membership Commissions
July 18	Care of Parish & Facilities Commissions
July 25	Social Action Commission & Sanctuary Group
Aug. .1	Finance & CE Commissions
Aug. 8	Anti-Racism Task Force
Aug. 15	Young Adults
Aug. 22	TBD
Aug. 29	TBD

Prayer List

Prayers of comfort for the family of Pat Ashbrook following her death.
Prayers of gratitude and grace as we celebrate the music ministry of John Horman and bless his retirement.
Prayers of joy as we celebrate Gay Pride
Prayers of healing for Dwan Reece's daughter, Maya, with long haul COVID
Prayers of comfort for the family of Suzanne Snyder, following her death.
Prayers of comfort for Grace Bassler following Don's death.
Byron Adams' niece, Valerie, undergoing treatment for breast cancer.
Prayers of hope for our Racial Justice Audit yearlong process.
All those who mourn the loss of a beloved one.
Families struggling to eat and make ends meet.
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.

Out of Deep, Unordered Water

1 Out of deep, un - or - dered wa - ter God cre -
2 Wa - ter on the hu - man fore - head, birth - mark
3 Stand - ing round the font re - minds us of the

at - ed light and land, world of bird and beast and,
of the love of God, is the sign of death and
He - brews' climb a - shore. Life is hal - lowed by the

lat - er, in God's im - age, wom - an, man.
ris - ing; through the seas there runs a road.
knowl - edge God has been this way be - fore.

There is wa - ter in the riv - er bring - ing life to tree and plant.

Let cre - a - tion praise its giv - er: there is wa - ter in the font.

Wade in the Water

♩ = 80

Dm C#dim7/E Dm/F Em7 A7 Dm C#dim7/B Dm/F Em7 A7

Wade in the wa - ter, wade in the wa - ter chil - dren.

Dm C#dim7/E F/C G/B B7 Dm/A G#dim7/A A7(b9) Dm

Last time, Fine

Wade in the wa - ter, God's gon-na trou-ble the wa - ter.

C#dim7 F/C G7/B Bb7

1. Who's that yon - der dressed in red? _____
 2. Who's that yon - der dressed in white? _____
 3. Who's that yon - der dressed in blue? _____

Dm/A G#dim7/A A7(b9) Dm

God's gon - na trou - ble the wa - ter. Must
 God's gon - na trou - ble the wa - ter. Must
 God's gon - na trou - ble the wa - ter. Must

C#dim7 F/C G7/B Bb7

he the chil - dren that Mo - ses led. _____
 he the chil - dren of the Is - rael - ites. _____
 he the chil - dren, now let them through. _____

Dm/A G#dim7/A A7(b9) Dm D.C.

God's gon - na trou - ble the wa - ter. _____
 God's gon - na trou - ble the wa - ter. _____
 God's gon - na trou - ble the wa - ter. _____

Phase 3 Protocol for In-Person Worship:

- Please keep your mask on at all times
- Observe physical distance from those outside your family group
- Please refrain from singing
- Wait for the usher's signal before exiting the sanctuary
- Place your completed survey in the basket as you exit
- One family group at a time in the elevator
- No fellowship gathering in narthex after service



**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL
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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 or 202.628.4317.

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Designated Senior Minister – Rev. Amanda Hendler-Voss
Associate Minister – Rev. Sam McFerran
Director of Music – Mr. John Horman
Building Manager – Mr. Byron Adams
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