



"Widow's Mite" by Uko Williams

November 7, 2021
Communion Sunday

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.

MUSICAL SELECTION

Hallelujah Sing

The Porter's Gate
(feat. Latifah Alattas
and Audrey Assad)

OFFERING

Rev. Sam McFerran

We invite you to give in person or virtually. 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.

CELEBRATING COMMUNION

For those joining us from home, please lift your elements of bread and cup when invited so that we can witness the power of celebrating communion as one. For those worshipping in the sanctuary, please gather in a circle when invited, eat the bread and drink the cup upon receiving them, and deposit your empty cup into the basket when it comes around.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Rev. Amanda & Rev. Sam

COMMUNION PRAYER

PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR

**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

Now Thank We All Our God

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Amanda Hendler-Voss

SUNG BLESSING

Now I Walk In Beauty (A Navajo Prayer)

Gregg Smith

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

My Jesus, I Love Thee

M. Sherrill Kelsey

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Connect with us!

If you are worshipping 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,

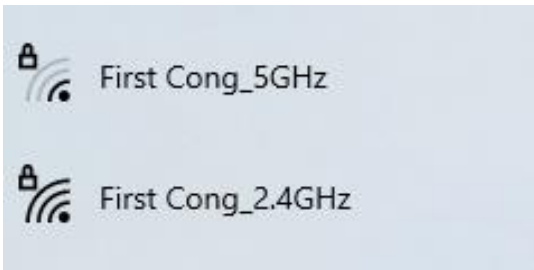
www.firstuccdc.org. We are so grateful to be extending our reach beyond the DC region and welcome you warmly!

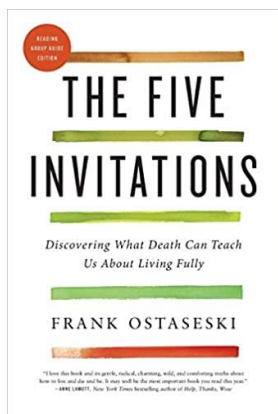
With gratitude we thank Alyx Cheng, Allison Truhlar, and Abigail Cippaorone for serving as our Zoom moderators each week. Their work makes our worship possible! We also thank Tom Sowers and Graham Marsh, our sound designers.

Participating in Worship

First Church Choir
First Church Ringers
Dennis Turner, guest musician

Pre-recorded hymns and anthems were created under the direction of John Horman.

	First Church wifi password: first1865 To avoid echo/feedback, please mute your device when taking part in group discussions.
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Theology Book Group: November 9th

The Theology Book Group will meet on Tuesday, November 9th at 7 pm to discuss Frank Ostaseski's *The Five Invitations: Discovering What Death Can Teach Us About Living Fully*. Ostaseski is the founder of a Buddhist hospice center in San Francisco.

All are welcome. Zoom link:
<https://georgetown.zoom.us/j/95455815750>.

Second Sunday Offering: November 14th

Our November Second Sunday offering is dedicated to two organizations: **Through Piscataway Eyes** and **Strengthen the Church**, a special offering of the United Church of Christ.

Through Piscataway Eyes seeks to "enhance understanding of the Piscataway People as original Native People, Marylanders, and Americans by providing educational and interpretive opportunities regarding Piscataway culture in Southern Maryland." Their initiatives include a land trust, cultural center, housing assistance, and healthcare and education

funds. Through this offering, we acknowledge the legacy and presence of the Piscataway people in this area, and support them in carrying this heritage forward (you can read their detailed master plan [here](#)). During this month of Thanksgiving, we also acknowledge the loss this holiday represents to Indigenous Americans. You can read more about the real history of Thanksgiving in [this Smithsonian Magazine article](#), one of many resources to help us reflect on the sources and costs of white privilege and plenty in this nation.

The UCC's special offering, **Strengthen the Church**, supports new church starts, youth ministry, and innovative projects within local churches. Having previously received grant funding from STC for her new church start, Land of the Sky UCC, Rev. Amanda can attest to its significance in growing the UCC, particularly in places where progressive, ONA churches do not currently exist. Learn more [here](#).

Greening the Sanctuary for Advent and Christmas: November 21st

The Worship Commission invites you to help decorate the sanctuary and narthex on Sunday, November 21st, following worship. We'll start at 11:45 am or thereabouts. Join us! Following past practice, we'll order pizza for lunch. Please let Lucille Dickinson know if you plan to help: lucilledickinson@aol.com.

Next Outdoor Children's Service: Nov. 21st

Our next outdoor service will be at Anacostia Park on Sunday, November 21st at 10:00 AM. We will meet near the Pavillion at 1900 Anacostia Dr., Washington, DC 20020. [Click here](#) to sign up. We hope you can make it! And bundle up, as winter is approaching! If you have any questions or ideas, please don't hesitate to reach out to Rev. Sam at 202-294-5437.

Wanted: Ushers!

Perks:

- Access, access, access—to the “brick-and-mortar” version of church
- Seeing fellow members and friends in person
- The fun of directing crowds (sizes may vary)
- Checklists—who doesn't love a good checklist?!
- Some semblance of what was and what will be
- Not Zoom



Downside:

- Pajamas discouraged (slippers optional)

If interested, please sign up using this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4FAAA72AA1FF2-first1>

Prayer List

Prayers of healing for Peg Lorenz, hospitalized this week.

Prayers of healing for Bob Crossley as he recovers from a fall.

Prayers of healing for Priscilla Waters as she recovers from a back injury.

Prayers of healing for Liz and Lance Warren, as Liz recovers from a fall and Lance recovers from surgery.

Prayers of healing for Diane Brenneman's daughter Sara as she recovers from surgery.

Prayers of mercy for the people of Afghanistan and Afghan families resettling in the U.S.

Prayers of strength for the people of Haiti as they mourn those lost in the earthquake and begin to rebuild.

Prayers of comfort for the family of Joan King, following her death, and for this community who loved her.

Prayers for Monte Hillis and her husband Bert, as she faces the rapid onset of dementia.

Prayers of peace and liberation for Nicaragua, Cuba, and Haiti.

Prayers of healing for Dwan Reece's daughter, Maya, with long haul COVID.

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.

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.

Come, O Fount of Every Blessing

Ps. 36:7-9

Robert Robinson, 1758; alt.

1 Come, O Fount of ev-ery bless-ing, tune my heart to sing your grace;
 2 Here I pause in my so - journ-ing, giv-ing thanks for hav-ing come,
 3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I am drawn a - new!

streams of mer - cy, nev-er ceas - ing, call for songs of end-less praise.
 come to trust, at ev-ery turn - ing, God will guide me safe - ly home.
 Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to you.

Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a - bove.
 Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-dering from the fold of God,
 Prone to wan - der, I can feel it, wan-der from the love I've known:

Praise the mount; I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - fail-ing love.
 Came to res - cue me from dan - ger, bless-ed bod - y, pre-cious blood.
 Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for your ver - y own.

Converted to Methodism at age twenty, Robert Robinson soon became a Calvinistic Methodist preacher and later gained great popularity. The melody, associated with this text since 1813, is an American folk tune.

Tune: NETTLETON 8.7.8.7.D.
 John Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, 1813

1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm come;
 3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
 Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to thee.

Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a - bove;
 Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-dering from the fold of God;
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;

praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un-chang-ing love!
 he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter-posed his pre-cious blood.
 here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT 6.7.6.7.6.6.6.6

Martin Rinkart c. 1858: alt.
Stanza 3 and 4 by Mary Nelson Keithahn

Johann Cruger, 1648

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voic - es, who won-drous things has done, in
O may this boun-teous God through all our lives be near us, with ev - er joy - ful hearts and
In tem - ple, sy - na - gogue, from min - a - ret and stee - ple, let songs of praise ring out from
Sing praise and thanks to God whose rule in love is ground - ed, who cares for all our needs with

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whom this world re - joic - es; who, from our moth - er's arms, has blessed us on our
bless - ed peace to cheer us, and keep us still in grace, and guide us when per -
all God's faith - ful peo - ple, to One who gives us hope, in times of deep des -
grace that is un - bound - ed, the one e - ter - nal God, whom hea - ven and earth a -

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way with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
plexed, and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
pair, that peace will come one day, and jus - tice will be fair.
dore, the God who was and is, and shall be ev - er more.

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 hum, rather than sing, the hymns.
- One family group at a time in the elevator.
- Remain in the sanctuary for an optional time of fellowship with one another.



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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Associate Minister – Rev. Sam McFerran
Building Manager – Byron Adams
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