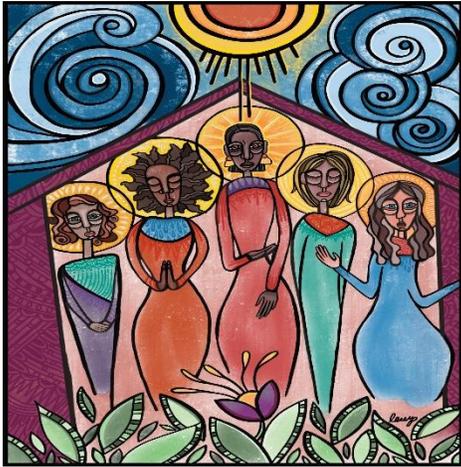


June 17, 2022, at

First Congregational United Church of Christ

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

Worshiping Sundays at 10:30 AM via Zoom and in person



Worship with us this Sunday

[Click here](#) to join us by Zoom or [click here](#) to sign up to worship with us in the sanctuary this Sunday as we continue our theme, "Faces of our Faith." Rev. Sam will offer a children's moment. Meg Maguire and Andrew Hamilton will serve as scripture readers with focus texts from Psalm 42 and Numbers 27:1-11 (daughters of Zelophehad). The choir will sing the anthem, "Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal," and Rev. Amanda will preach. We will also share in prayers of the people as we mark Juneteenth and celebrate the Poor People's Campaign.



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Second Sunday Special Offering: Sasha Bruce Youthworks

June's Second Sunday offering will support the work of Sasha Bruce Youthworks, an organization that provides shelter and services to DC's homeless youth. Founded in 1974, Sasha Bruce has expanded to become one of Washington's largest youth providers, with drop-in centers, street outreach programs, shelters and residential housing, along with various educational and development programs. Many of us at First Church have found meaning in volunteering with the Drop-In Center, serving meals and building relationships with these underserved individuals. The

pandemic of the past two years has created unique challenges for Sasha Bruce and the youth it serves. This month's offering is sure to be put to good use.

June Cluster Gatherings: All are Invited!

With thanks to our hosts, Care of Parish is organizing three outdoor cluster gatherings in different locations for the middle two weeks of June. There is no specific theme related to these gatherings, we are planning time to get together outside of church before the summer - activities may vary by location, but may include things like outside games, snacks, and of course fellowship. Kids are welcome at each of these gatherings. Please sign up in the appropriate location if you are planning to attend; we have capacity beyond 15 at Garfield Park but still would like to know who is coming.

VA: Saturday, June 11 at 10:00am (Tanaka-Dodge family hosting); [Click here](#) to sign up

NW DC: Monday, June 13 at 7:00pm (Barbara Gerlach hosting); [Click here](#) to sign up
SE DC: Saturday, June 18 at 4:00pm (Garfield Park); [Click here](#) to sign up
Questions? Contact Mark Jensen, chair of Care of Parish



Poor People's Campaign March on Washington: Sign Up!

[Click here](#) to sign up for any one of the following: serve food at the community dinner on Friday, June 17 in Freedom Plaza; attend the memorial service for all who died from COVID at the Lincoln Memorial on Friday, June 17; host marchers in your home; provide hospitality

at the church on Saturday, June 18 before the march and rally for UCC folks from around the country. The Poor People's Campaign is asking everyone who plans to march/rally to register, [click here](#) to do so. This is a family-friendly event aiming to shift the moral narrative, build power, and make real policies that fully address poverty. Please remember that you can give to our Second Sunday offering to support PPC throughout the month of May by writing a check or donating on our website through Vanco or PayPal; please indicate "Second Sunday offering" in the memo/note section.



Sign-up to Serve as Scripture Reader or Liturgist this Summer

[Click here](#) to sign up to serve as a scripture reader or liturgist in worship this summer. 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 active participation. Please note that if you

aresigning up to read by Zoom, you need to sign up for the dates indicated on the sign-up sheet as we will not have a Zoom Moderator every week.



Coffee Hour: Seeking Volunteers

Everyone is missing coffee hour, so we are going to restart it with a caveat and an assist from the Care of the Parish Commission.

The caveat is that there will be less food and it will be restricted to the types of items at Amanda's installation:

clementines and bananas that come in their own wrappers that we can individually remove before we eat them, and wrapped snacks. Baked goods and other delights will need to wait until there are fewer viruses running around.

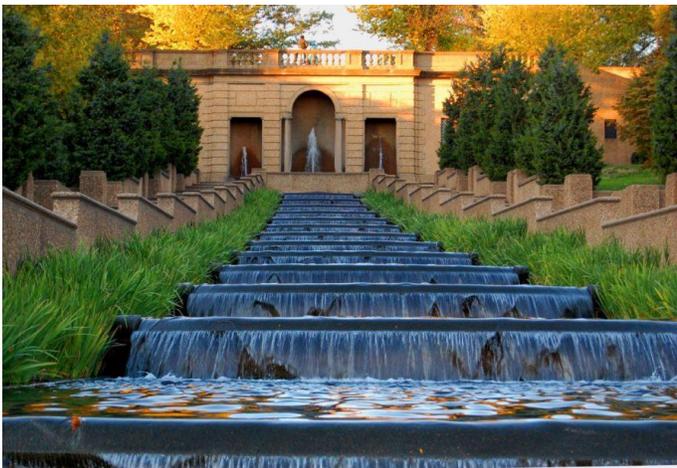
The assist is that Care of the Parish can reimburse people for what they spend, although we would prefer that you don't get your items from a French restaurant or Ye

Olde Expensive Tea House. Costco or Giant sound fine! No one should have to host coffee hour more than twice a year.

[Click here](#) to sign-up starting May 29. Given the reduced size of coffee hour, we are asking for two hosts per session. After sign-ups if there are gaps, Care of the Parish is planning to assign people to coffee hour as we did pre-Covid, with the option of saying that you don't want to be called on for whatever reason you choose. If you want to be taken off the hosting list, contact the Care of the Parish Commission and we'll remove your name for as long as you want.

Care of the Parish

Summer Sunday School



Honor God's Diversity

This Summer, we are so excited to offer 6 weeks of Summer Sunday School where we will be exploring the spiritual practice, "Honor God's Diversity."

Sundays will include June 12, June 19, June 26, July 10, and July 17th, with an opportunity to share on July 24th during the Worship Service

On July 10th, we will meet at Meridian Hill Park, a beautiful oasis in the heart of the city that attracts Washingtonians from all backgrounds and cultures. (We will meet at the base of the water fall at 16th & W St NW at 9:30 AM or 3:00 PM for the Drum Circle)

We can't wait for your child and youth to join us! Have a wonderful Summer!

In friendship and gratitude, Rev. Sam!



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

If interested, please sign up using this link:

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

Prayer List

Prayers of comfort for the communities of Buffalo and Uvalde as we mourn lives lost to white supremacy and gun violence.

Prayers of joy as we celebrate LGBTQ + Pride!

Prayers of comfort for Priscilla Waters and her family following the death of her grand-niece Janiya.

Prayers of support for Andre, the mother of Scott Prentice, as she battles leukemia.

Prayers of healing for Liz and Lance Warren.

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

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

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

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

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.

We are an Open & Affirming congregation, welcoming all LGBTQ+ individuals and families into the full life and leadership of our church.



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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