



**June 5, 2022**

Pentecost, Children & Youth 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.*

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

*(Please prepare your heart and space for worship)*

*PRELUDE	“Meditation from Thais”	Jules Massenet
WELCOME		Rev. Sam McFerran
*OPENING HYMN	“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”	(see page 7)
CALL TO WORSHIP		Joseph Darling-Gamma

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GRADUATES

- Breanna Dugan, Thomas Edison High School, with Honors
- Lily Smeltzer, Washington Latin Public Charter School
- Olivia Hoynes, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, Gillings School of Global Public Health; B.S.P.H. Health Policy and Management

### CELEBRATION OF OUR CHILDREN & YOUTH

PASSING THE PEACE OF GOD 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.)*

SCRIPTURE READING Children and Youth Reader’s Theater  
*Acts 2:1-17, 37-47*

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

*In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams....*

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

SERMON

Rev. Sam McFerran

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE

"Spirit of the Living God"

(see page 8)

OFFERING

Rev. Amanda Hendler-Voss

As we worship both in person and virtually, we invite you to give in a variety of ways. Place your offering in the offering plate on the way out of the sanctuary, send your check to the office, or 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 to sustain our ministries.

PRAYERS OF GRATITUDE FOR OUR CHILDREN & YOUTH

Rev. Sam McFerran

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Rev. Amanda Hendler-Voss & Rev. Sam McFerran

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 OF THE CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

\*CLOSING HYMN

"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

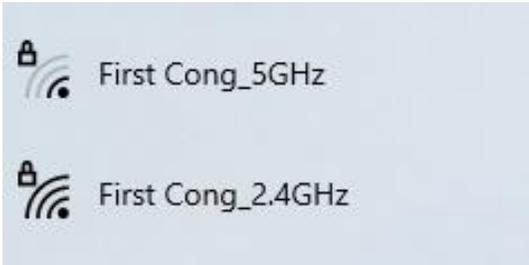
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**Connect with us!**

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](http://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, Abigail Cipparone, Barry Mills 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 in the sanctuary on Sunday mornings.

**(\*) Indicates “Please rise in body or in Spirit”**

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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!**

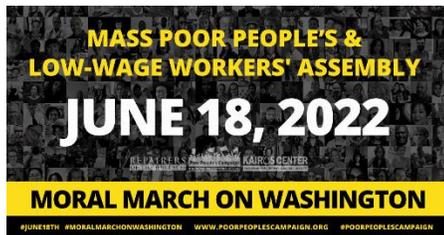
With thanks to our hosts, Care of Parish is organizing three outdoor cluster gatherings in different locations for the middle two weeks of June. There is no specific theme related to these gatherings, we are planning time to get together outside of church before the summer - activities may vary by location, 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



## **Second Sunday Special Offering: Poor People's Campaign March on Washington**

This month's second Sunday special offering, received on May 8, will support the Poor People's Campaign March on Washington, scheduled for June 18. As people from all over the nation prepare to descend on Washington, DC for a

generationally transformative and disruptive gathering of poor and low-wealth people, faith communities, state leaders, moral allies, and unions, your support will help the PPC assist with the costs of transportation, lodging, and food. This mass march aims to shift the moral narrative, build power, and make real policies that fully address poverty. On Friday, June 17th, the PPC will host a community dinner for 1,000 poor and low-wealth people in Freedom Plaza from 5:00 - 7:00 PM, followed by a 7:30 PM memorial service at the reflection pool near the Lincoln Memorial to remember all who died due to COVID-19. Rev. Amanda is serving on the Host Committee for these events, and First Church will serve as a place of hospitality and launching space for UCC leaders and members prior to the march on June 18. [Click here](#) to register to march with us on June 18. Wish to give of your time and talents? Stay tuned for opportunities to greet marchers, provide hospitality, serve at the community dinner in Freedom Plaza, and more.



## **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

# Every Time I Feel the Spirit

2 Sam. 22:9; Ps. 18:8

African-American spiritual

*Refrain*

Ev - ery time I feel the Spir - it mov - ing in my heart I will

pray. Yes, ev - ery time I feel the Spir - it mov - ing

*Last time, end*

in my heart I will pray. 1 Up - on the moun - tain my God  
2 Oh, Jor - dan riv - er, chil - ly and

spoke, out of God's mouth came fire and smoke. Looked all a -  
cold, it chills the bod - y, not the soul. There's on - ly

*to Refrain*

round me; looked so fine; I asked my God if all were mine.  
one train on this track; it runs to heav - en, then right back.

# Spirit of the Living God

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Daniel Iverson, 1926

Acts 11:15; 2 Cor. 3:1-6; Gal. 5:25

F Gm D Gm F Dm C F

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me;

F Gm D Gm F Bb/C C7 F

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

Bb F G7 C

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

F Gm D Gm F Dm C7 F

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

Presbyterian minister Daniel Iverson was inspired to write this chorus one evening while attending revival services led by the George T. Stephans Evangelistic Party in Orlando, Florida, in 1926. It became widely popular at similar meetings before it was published several years later.

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Daniel Iverson, 1926

## Go, My Children, with My Blessing

*Jaroslav J. Vajda, 1983, 1990; alt.*

1 Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, nev - er a - lone;  
2 Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, clos - er to me;

Wak - ing, sleep-ing, I am with you, you are my own;  
Grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy - ful and free.

In my love's bap - tis-mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er,  
Here my Spir - it's pow-er filled you, here with ten - der com-fort stilled you;

Go, my chil - dren, with my bless-ing, you are my own.  
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour-ished, joy - ful and free.

## 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.



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for all  
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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](mailto:churchoffice@FirstUCCDC.org) or 202.628.4317.



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