

**June 12, 2022**

Pride 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 "The King Shall Come" David Maxwell

WELCOME Rev. Amanda Hendler-Voss

\*OPENING HYMN "Bring Many Names" (see page 6)

CALL TO WORSHIP Nicholas Benton

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.)*

CENTERING SONG "Gathered Here"  
*Gathered here, in the mystery of this hour.  
Gathered here, in one strong body.  
Gathered here, in the struggle and the power.  
Spirit, draw near.  
(Repeat)*

SCRIPTURE READING Garnell Yarbrough  
*Acts 8:26-31*

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him.

SCRIPTURE READING Allison Truhlar  
*Acts 8:32-40*

Now the passage of scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

SERMON

Rev. Amanda Hendler-Voss

CHORAL ANTHEM

“There is Joy in the Morning!”

Gwyneth Walker

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.

\*DOXOLOGY

“Old Hundredth”

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God for all that love has done;  
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & UNISON PRAYER

Rev. Amanda Hendler-Voss

*Prayer by Archbishop Desmond Tutu*

**Disturb us, O Lord**

**When we are too well-pleased with ourselves**

**When our dreams have come true because we dreamed too little,**

**Because we sailed too close to the shore.**

**Stir us, O Lord**

**To dare more boldly, to venture into wider seas**

**Where storms show Thy mastery,**

**Where losing sight of land, we shall find the stars.**

**In the name of Him who pushed back the horizons of our hopes**

**And invited the brave to follow. Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN

“Spirit, Open My Heart”

(see page 7)

BENEDICTION

Rev. Amanda Hendler-Voss

POSTLUDE

“Fugue in C Major”

Dietrich Buxtehude

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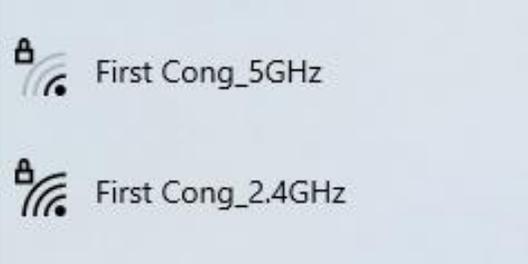
### **Connect with us!**

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](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")

**Participating in Worship**

First Church Choir  
Leel Koilpillai, Director of Music Ministry

	First Church Wi-Fi password:  <b>first1865</b>  To avoid echo/feedback, please mute your device when taking part in group discussions.
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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.



**Inquirers' Gathering: June 12**

Save the date of June 12, following worship, to join Rev. Amanda, Rev. Sam, Moderator Susan Anderson, members of our Outreach & Membership Commission, and newcomers for our summer Inquirer's Gathering. This will be a time of getting to know one another, sharing stories, exploring the history of First Church and the UCC, and answering any questions about membership. All newcomers are welcome to attend! This hybrid gathering

will happen following worship both in-person (in the chapel on the 2nd floor) and on the worship Zoom call. If you plan to attend, please email Rev. Amanda at [ahendlervoss@gmail.com](mailto:ahendlervoss@gmail.com); however, you do not have to RSVP to attend.

## **June Cluster Gatherings: All are Invited!**

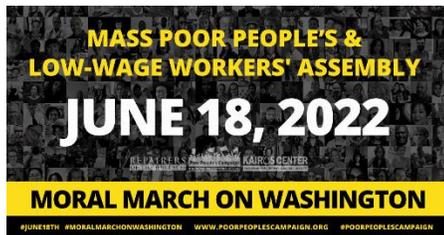
With thanks to our hosts, Care of Parish is organizing three outdoor cluster gatherings in different locations for the middle two weeks of June. There is no specific theme related to these gatherings, we are planning time to get together outside of church before the summer - activities may vary by location,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

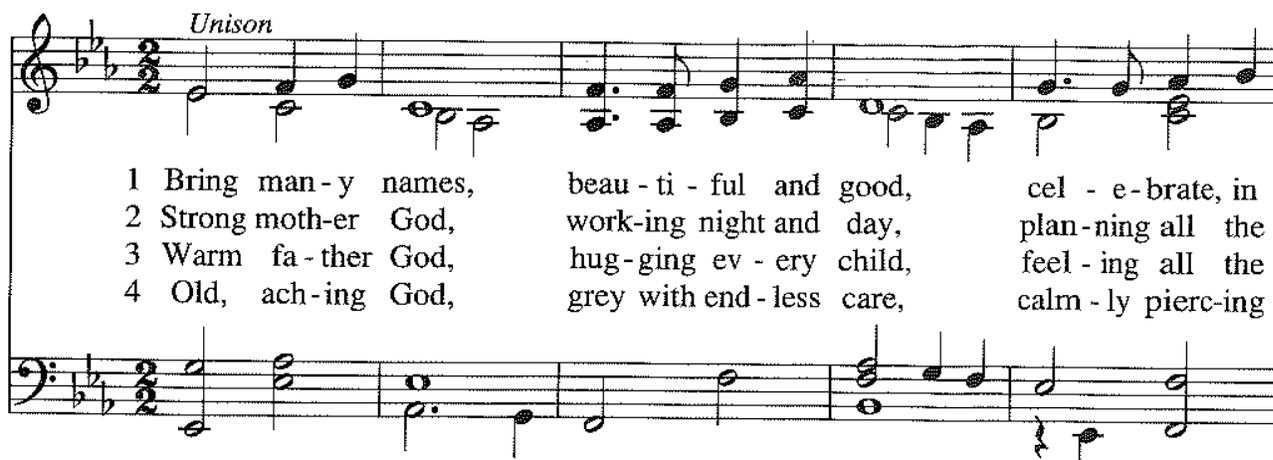
## Bring Many Names

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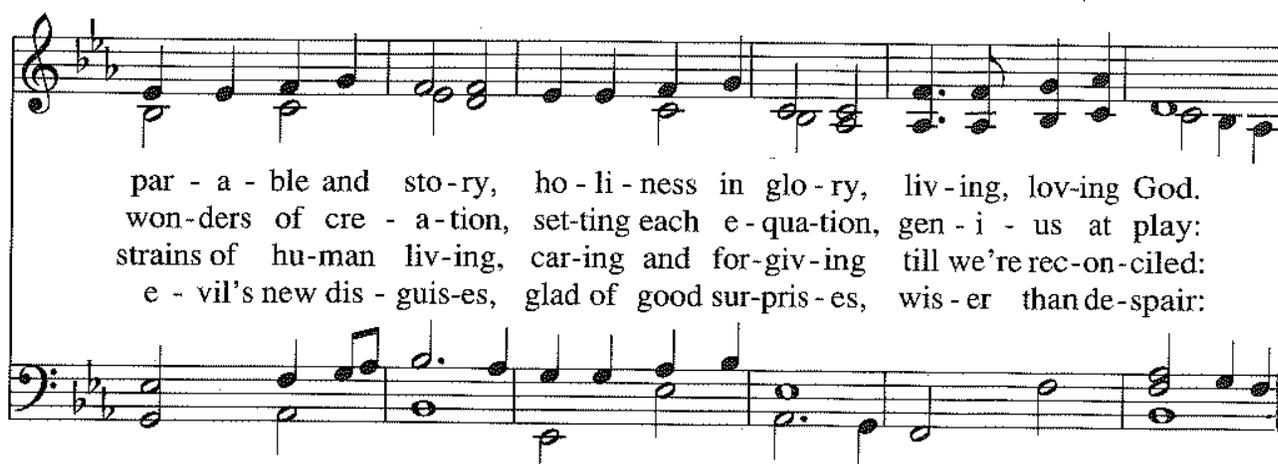
Brian Wren, 1989

Gen. 1:27

*Unison*



1 Bring man-y names, beau-ti-ful and good, cel-e-brate, in  
 2 Strong moth-er God, work-ing night and day, plan-ning all the  
 3 Warm fa-ther God, hug-ging ev-ery child, feel-ing all the  
 4 Old, ach-ing God, grey with end-less care, calm-ly pierc-ing



par-a-ble and sto-ry, ho-li-ness in glo-ry, liv-ing, lov-ing God.  
 won-ders of cre-a-tion, set-ting each e-qua-tion, gen-i-us at play:  
 strains of hu-man liv-ing, car-ing and for-giv-ing till we're rec-on-ciled:  
 e-vil's new dis-guis-es, glad of good sur-pris-es, wis-er than de-spair:



Hail and Ho-san-na! bring man-y names! great, liv-ing God!  
 Hail and Ho-san-na, strong moth-er God!  
 Hail and Ho-san-na, warm fa-ther God!  
 Hail and Ho-san-na, old, ach-ing God!

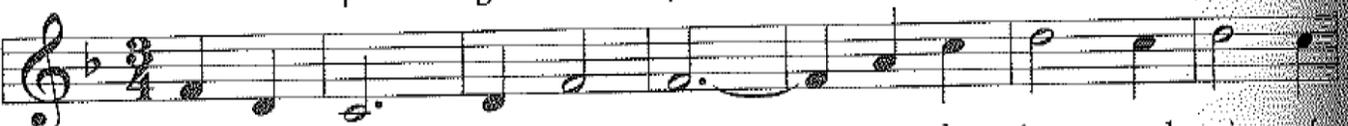
5 Young, grow-ing God, ea-ger,  
 on the move,  
 say-ing no to false-hood and  
 un-kind-ness,  
 cry-ing out for jus-tice,  
 giv-ing all you have:  
 Hail and Ho-san-na,  
 young, grow-ing God!

6 Great, liv-ing God, nev-er ful-ly known,  
 joy-ful dark-ness far be-yond our see-ing,  
 clos-er yet than breath-ing,  
 ev-er-last-ing home:  
 Hail and Ho-san-na,  
 great, liv-ing God!

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# Spirit, Open My Heart

Capo 3: (D) (G) (D) (G) (A7)  
 Refrain F B<sup>b</sup> F B<sup>b</sup> C7



Spir - it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of



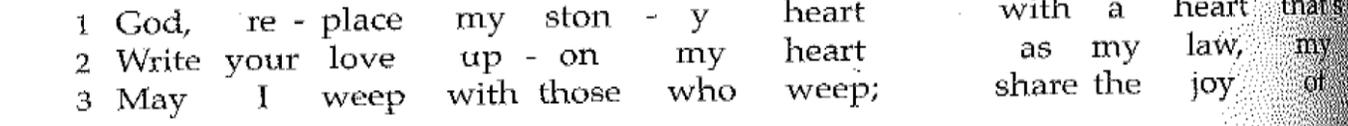
liv - ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing



and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.



1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's



2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my



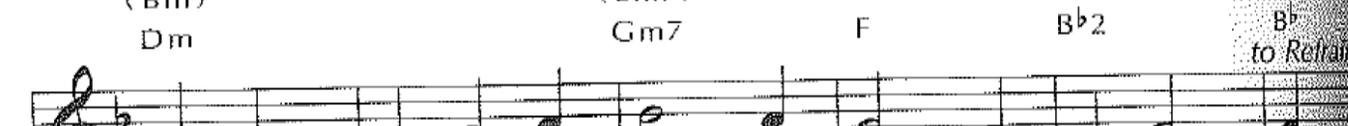
3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of



kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and



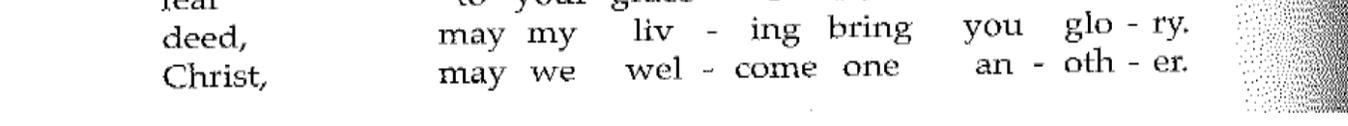
goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and



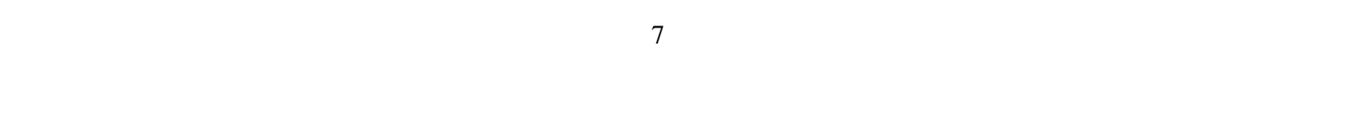
sis - ter, broth - er. In the wel - come of



fear to your grace I now sur - ren - der.



deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.



Christ, may we wel - come one an - oth - er.

(Bm) (D/A) (G) (A7) (Bm) (D/A) (Em)  
 Dm F/C B<sup>b</sup> C7 Dm F/C Gm

(D) (G) (Em7) (D) (G) (D)  
 F B<sup>b</sup> Gm7 F B<sup>b</sup> F *fine*

(D) (G) (D) (G)  
 F B<sup>b</sup> F B<sup>b</sup>

(A7) (Bm) (D/A) (G) (A7)  
 C7 Dm F/C B<sup>b</sup> C7

(Bm) (Em7) (D) (G2) (G)  
 Dm Gm7 F B<sup>b</sup>2 B<sup>b</sup> *to Refrain*

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



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