



**June 19, 2022**

Sunday Worship

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 "Partita on Westminster Abbey" Charles Callahan

WELCOME Rev. Amanda Hendler-Voss

\*OPENING HYMN "Woke Up This Morning" (see page 6)  
We will sing verses 1-2, then repeat verse 1 using "freedom" in place of "Jesus."

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Sam McFerran

ONE: Holy Wisdom, we hear you calling us,  
MANY: **to gather and to hope in your name.**

ONE: Ignite sacred courage in us,  
MANY: **to proclaim justice from the comfort of the sanctuary to the public witness of the city gates.**

ONE: Inspire a compelling vision of a beloved community,  
MANY: **that propels us to confront inequities, lament harm, and conspire with your creative work in our time.**

ONE: Renew our hope for humanity,  
MANY: **that we might rejoice in this teeming earth and delight in our siblings.**

ONE: As deep calls to deep,  
MANY: **We come to worship you, the Living God. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Rev. Sam McFerran

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 Meg Maguire  
*Psalm 42*

As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and behold the face of God? My tears have been my food day and night, while people say to me continually, "Where is your God?"

These things I remember, as I pour out my soul: how I went with the throng, and led them in procession to the house of God, with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving, a multitude keeping festival. Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God, whom I shall again praise, my help and my God.

My soul is cast down within me; therefore I remember you from the land of Jordan and of Hermon, from Mount Mizar. Deep calls to deep at the thunder of your waterfalls; all your

waves and billows have gone over me. By day the Lord commands divine steadfast love, and at night God's song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life.

I say to God, my rock, "Why have you forgotten me? Why must I walk about mournfully because the enemy oppresses me?" As with a deadly wound in my body, my adversaries taunt me, while they say to me continually, "Where is your God?"

Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; whom I shall again praise, my help and my God.

SCRIPTURE READING

Andrew Hamilton

*Numbers 27:1-11*

Then the daughters of Zelophehad came forward. Zelophehad was son of Hopher son of Gilead son of Machir son of Manasseh son of Joseph, a member of the Manassite clans. The names of his daughters were: Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah. They stood before Moses, Eleazar the priest, the leaders, and all the congregation, at the entrance of the tent of meeting, and they said, "Our father died in the wilderness; he was not among the company of those who gathered themselves together against the Lord in the company of Korah, but died for his own sin; and he had no sons. Why should the name of our father be taken away from his clan because he had no son? Give to us a possession among our father's brothers.

Moses brought their case before the Lord. And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying: The daughters of Zelophehad are right in what they are saying; you shall indeed let them possess an inheritance among their father's brothers and pass the inheritance of their father on to them. You shall also say to the Israelites, "If a man dies, and has no son, then you shall pass his inheritance on to his daughter. If he has no daughter, then you shall give his inheritance to his brothers. If he has no brothers, then you shall give his inheritance to his father's brothers. And if his father has no brothers, then you shall give his inheritance to the nearest kinsman of his clan, and he shall possess it. It shall be for the Israelites a statute and ordinance, as the Lord commanded Moses."

CHORAL ANTHEM

"Hark I hear the Harps Eternal"

arr. Alice Parker

SERMON

Rev. Amanda Hendler-Voss

HYMN OF RESPONSE

"For Everyone Born"

(see page 7-8)

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.

\*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, PASTORAL 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.**

Rev. Amanda  
Hendler-Voss

\*CLOSING HYMN

“For the Healing of the Nations”

(see page 9)

BENEDICTION

Rev. Amanda Hendler-Voss

POSTLUDE

“ Voluntary from Westminster Abbey”

Charles Callahan

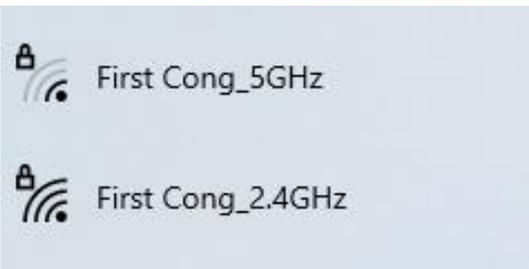
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### **Connect with us!**

*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”**

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**SASHA  
BRUCE**

### **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.



**COFFEE**  
*Hour*

### **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

# I Woke Up This Morning

*African-American traditional*

*Leader (Unison)* *All (Harmony)*

1 I woke up this morn-ing with my mind stayed on  
 2 Sing-ing and pray-ing with my mind stayed on

Hal-le - lu - jah,

Je - sus, Woke up this morn-ing with my mind stayed on Je - sus,  
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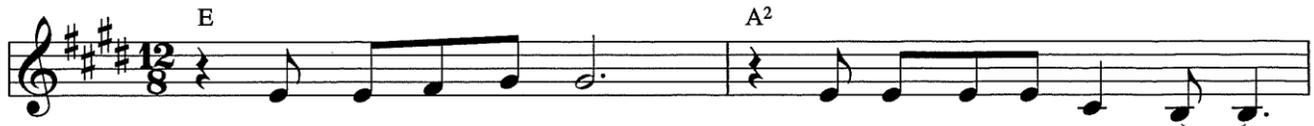
Woke up this morn-ing with my mind stayed on Je - sus,  
 Sing-ing and pray-ing with my mind stayed on Je - sus,

Hal-le-lu - jah,

Hal-le - lu, hal-le - lu, hal-le - lu - jah.

Hal-le, hal-le - lu - jah.

## 2. For Everyone Born



1. For eve - ry - one born, a place at the ta - ble,  
 2. For wo - man and man, a place at the ta - ble,  
 3. For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble,  
 4. For just and un - just a place at the ta - ble,  
 5. For eve - ry - one born, a place at the ta - ble,



for eve - ry - one born, clean wa - ter and bread;  
 re - vis - ing the roles, de - cid - ing the share;  
 a voice to be heard, a part in the song,  
 a - bus - er, a - bused, with need to for - give,  
 to live with - out fear, and sim - ply to be,



a shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing,  
 with wis - dom and grace di - vid - ing the pow - er,  
 the hands of a child in hands that are wrin - kled,  
 in an - ger, in hurt, a mind - set of mer - cy,  
 to work, to speak out to wit - ness and wor - ship,



for eve - ry - one born, a star o - ver - head.  
 for wo - man and man, a sys - tem that's fair.  
 for young and for old, the right to be - long.  
 for just and un - just, a new way to live.  
 for eve - ry - one born, the right to be free.

### Refrain



And God will de - light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and



joy, com - pas - sion and peace: yes,

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God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice,

Bsus B *Fine* E (◡) A<sup>2</sup> E Bsus B

jus - tice and joy.

## For the Healing of the Nations

Fred Kaan, 1965

1 For the heal - ing of the na - tions, God, we pray with  
 2 Lead us for - ward in - to free - dom; from de - spair your  
 3 All that kills a - bun - dant liv - ing, let it from the  
 4 You, Cre - a - tor God, have writ - ten your great name on

one ac - cord; for a just and e - qual shar - ing  
 world re - lease, that, re - deemed from war and ha - tred,  
 earth be banned; pride of sta - tus, race, or school - ing,  
 hu - man - kind; for our grow - ing in your like - ness

of the things that earth af - fords; to a life of  
 all may come and go in peace. Show us how through  
 dog - mas that ob - scure your plan. In our com - mon  
 bring the life of Christ to mind, that by our re -

love in ac - tion help us rise and pledge our word.  
 care and good - ness fear will die and hope in - crease.  
 quest for jus - tice may we hal - low life's brief span.  
 sponse and ser - vice earth its des - ti - ny may find.

## 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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