



August 14, 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	"Reflections"	Lani Smith
WELCOME		Rev. Amanda Hendler-Voss
*OPENING HYMN	"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"	(see page 8)
CALL TO WORSHIP		Rev. Amanda Hendler-Voss
PASSING OF THE PEACE OF GOD		Rev. Sam McFerran
<i>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.</i>		
SCRIPTURE READING		David Greer
<i>Luke 10:38-42</i>		
Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken from her."		
TESTIMONY		Sandy Sorensen
SPECIAL MUSIC	"Cuando El Pobre" (When the Poor Ones)	Rev. David Lindsey

When the poor ones, who have nothing, share with strangers
When the thirsty give water to us all,
When the wounded, in their weakness, strengthen others,
Then we know that God still goes that road with us
Then we know that God still goes that road with us

When at last all those who suffer find their comfort,
When they hope even though it seems hopeless,
When we love though at times seems to be all around us,
Then we know that God still goes that road with us
Then we know that God still goes that road with us

When our joy fills our cup to overflowing,
When our lips can only speak the truth,
When we know that love of simple things is better,
Then we know that God still goes that road with us
Then we know that God still goes that road with us

When our homes are filled with goodness in abundance,
When we learn how to make peace instead of war,
When each stranger we meet is called a neighbor,
Then we know that God still goes that road with us
Then we know that God still goes that road with us

Words and Music: J.A. Olivar and Miguel Manzano, 1971
Tune: EL CAMINO

SCRIPTURE READING

Susan Goodman

Matthew 15:21-28

Jesus left the place [where he had been teaching] and went back to the regions of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that area came out and shouted, "Have mercy on me, Sir, Son of David; my daughter is badly demon-possessed." But Jesus did not answer her a word. Then his disciples came and implored him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." Now Jesus answered, "I was not sent to any except the lost sheep of Israel." But she came and knelt before Jesus, saying, "Rabbi, help me." Then Jesus said, "It is not good to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she said, "Yes, Rabbi, yet the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their lord's table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed that moment.

TESTIMONY

Thaddaeus Elliott

SPECIAL MUSIC

"More Love to Thee, O Christ"

Saint-Saens

Duet: Judith Gray, mezzo-soprano & Polly Gordon, soprano

MOMENT FOR HOUSING JUSTICE

Jessie Henry, Associate Director of Homeless Services, Pathways to Housing

OFFERING

Rev. Sam McFerran

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, 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 HOWARD THURMAN Rev. Amanda
O God, our little lives, our big problems—these we place upon your altar! Hendler-Voss
Pour out upon us whatever our spirits need of shock, of life, of release
That we may find strength for these days—courage and hope for tomorrow.
In confidence we rest in your sustaining grace
Which makes possible triumph in defeat, gain in loss, and love in hate.
We rejoice this day to say:
Our little lives, our big problems—these we place upon your altar! Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN “O Grant Us Light” (see page 9)

BENEDICTION Rev. Amanda Hendler-Voss

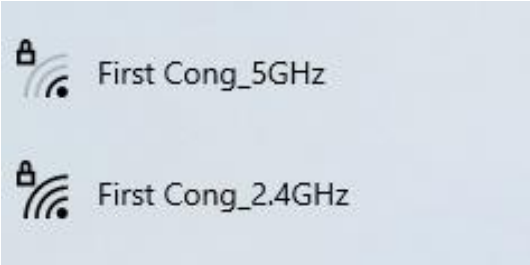
POSTLUDE “St Theodolph” Carl McKinley

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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. 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”

	<p>First Church Wi-Fi password:</p> <p>first1865</p> <p>To avoid echo/feedback, please mute your device when taking part in group discussions.</p>
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Second Sunday Special Offering: Pathways to Housing DC

August's Second Sunday offering will support the work of Pathways to Housing DC, an organization that seeks to end homelessness in DC and support recovery for people with complex health challenges. Founded in 2004, the group has helped over 900 people move into permanent housing. 100% of the people that Pathways to Housing helps are overcoming mental illness, substance use, or severe health challenges. Their Housing First model begins by housing people directly from the streets, without preconditions. Then mental health, addiction, physical health, employment, and educational challenges are addressed via behavioral healthcare, an

urgent care clinic, a supported employment program, and a downtown day services center. Please considering donating to Pathways to Housing DC to directly aid the most vulnerable of our citizens.



Adult Christian Education Interest Survey

Several months ago, a small group came together to consider how the adult education and formation offerings at First Church could be strengthened -- both helping our current program to be more visible and exploring new things. We developed a survey as a way to hear from you. [Click here](#) to take the survey now, and thank you! Karen Byrne, Peter Byrne, Andrew Hamilton, Emily Laing, John Smeltzer, with staff guidance by Sam McFerran.



Music & Choral Survey from Leela Koilpillai

Dear Congregation,

It's been a pleasure serving as Director of Music Ministry at First Church for the past two months. I've enjoyed and been blessed by your presence in my life and in the worship service. As we create a vision for music at our church, we desire to develop a program that best serves the congregation. We look to design worship experiences in which artistry and beauty interweave and create environments of sacredness and inspiration, reflecting the Christ presence. The Music & Choral Survey will help us understand your perspective and how you can best support and participate. Please [click here](#) to fill it out even if portions

are not relevant to your specific situation. Please don't hesitate to speak to me in person or by phone. Yours in love and service, Leela/Director of Music Ministry.



Coffee Hour is Back: Check Your Hosting Date

Care of Parish has taken the liberty of signing folks up for coffee hour through the end of the year (with the exception of the July 4th weekend when there will be no coffee hour), using emails in the church directory. This is a return to our pre-COVID system of scheduling coffee hour hosts and one that has worked well in the past. You should get an email reminder for the date when you are signed up to host, but [click here](#) to take a look at get it on your calendar now. If you can't make your date, please try to either trade with someone or find a substitute. No one should be signed up more than once for the rest of 2022 unless you volunteered for a dual sign-up, but if you find that you are signed up more than once feel free to either find a substitute or let Mark Jensen, Chair of Care of Parish, know. [Click here](#) to view instructions for hosting coffee hour. Thank you for helping bring coffee hour back!



New Church Directory Now Available

Thanks to the hard work of Trista, our Administrative Assistant, the 2022 church directory is now available in print. You can pick up a copy any Sunday when you attend worship. As a reminder, the online directory is also always available with the most updated information. [Click here](#) to access our online directory.



JOIN CARE OF PARISH
FOR A FIRST CHURCH

Homecoming Sunday Ice Cream Social

Sunday, September 11
Following church in place of
Coffee Hour

Location: Franklin Park at
13th and I St
less than half a mile walk
from the church

Prayer List

Prayers of strength for Monica, daughter-in-law to Diane Brenneman, and wife of Sara, after a recurrence of cancer.

Prayers of healing and peace for Bonnie Rickert, Courtney McCaffrey's mother, as she has been hospitalized with gastrointestinal illness.

Prayers of healing for James Ross.

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 and strength for Ebony Fitzgerald, partner to Trista's daughter, as she prepares to undergo chemotherapy.

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.

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

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Theodulph of Orléans, 9th century
 Transl. John Mason Neale, 1854; alt.

Matt. 21:8-9

1 All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, O Christ, we sing,
 2 O Prom-ised One of Is - rael, of Da - vid's roy - al line,
 3 As you re - ceived their prais - es, re - ceive our prayers to - day,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!
 the one called "God's be - lov - ed," of flesh and yet di - vine,
 whose jus - tice and whose mer - cy and sov - ereign - ty hold sway.

The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms a - dorned your way;
 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
 All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, O Christ, we sing,

our praise and prayer and an - thems we of - fer you this day.
 to you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!

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O Grant Us Light

Ps. 43:3

Lawrence Tuttielt, 1864; alt.

1 O grant us light, that we may know wis-dom that you a -
 2 O grant us light that we may find where er - ror lurks in
 3 O grant us light, that we may learn how dead is life from
 4 O grant us light, when soon or late, all earth-ly scenes shall

lone can give, That truth may guide us as we go,
 hu - man lore, And turn to you our seek - ing minds,
 you a - part, How sure is joy for all who turn
 pass a - way, In you to find the o - pen gate,

and vir - tue bless the lives we live.
 and love your ho - ly Word the more.
 to you an un - di - vid - ed heart.
 to death - less home and end - less day.

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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