

August 5, 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.

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



## **Worship with us this Communion Sunday**

[Click here](#) to join us by Zoom or [click here](#) to sign up to worship with us in the sanctuary this communion Sunday as we continue our summer theme, "Faces of our Faith." Nora Marsh will lead us in the prayer of confession and words of assurance. Susan Anderson and Katie Koza will serve as our scripture readers with a responsive reading of Psalm 30 and our primary text from Luke 23 (thief on the cross). Rev. Kaeley McEvoy will preach a sermon entitled, "A Paradise in Hell." Special music will be provided by Andrew Hamilton, Nora Marsh, and Katie Koza, collaborating with Leela Koilpillai. Rev. Sam and Rev. Kaeley will offer communion for all. For those joining us from home, please prepare your tables with the elements of bread and cup which we will bless and break together.



## **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 are signing 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 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! Care of the Parish



### **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>



### **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.

## 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.

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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