



Second Sunday of Easter
April 23, 2017
11 am
Sanctuary, South Campus

Welcome to First Community Church

We are a Christian church, affiliated with the United Church of Christ and the Disciples of Christ denominations. We welcome people of all Christian traditions as well as people of other faiths and people of little or no faith, and those who are searching.

Christian worship has been offered by First Community Church for over 107 years. By worshipping with us today, you become a part of that living tradition. Our regular worshippers and church members, supported by members of the staff and a large number of volunteers, make up our church community. We are committed to diversity, equal opportunities and personal and spiritual development of all who work and worship here, because, as our church's belief statement says, "we strive to follow the path of Jesus Christ while recognizing other pathways to the divine."

Thank you for being with us for worship today. If you desire a pastoral call, please indicate this on the welcome pad. If you are in need of prayer, please fill out a prayer card located in the Welcome pad booklet and place it in the offering plate. Our prayers go with you as you return to your home.

(The paper we use for the order of service is recycled. You are welcome to take it away with you, but, if you would like us to recycle it, please place it in one of the bins at an exit, as we are also committed to our environment, God's Creation.)

The Service of the Word

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The very least you can do in your life is figure out what you hope for.

And the most you can do is live inside that hope.

Not admire it from a distance but live right in it, under its roof.

— Barbara Kingsolver (b 1955), *Animal Dreams*

THE CALL TO CONTEMPLATION

For the time during the prelude, we invite you to be in prayer. As you leave the service of worship, join in rejoicing with your neighbor.

THE HANDBELL PRELUDE

Steal Away

African-American Spiritual
arranged by Sandra Eithun (b 1963)

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, children of God, to sing a new song; for God, in steadfast love and faithfulness, has done marvelous things.

People: God raised Jesus from the dead; Christ is alive and at work among us.

Leader: Come to Christ, people of God, taste the kindness of God!

People: With joy we come to worship God!

†THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 245

The Day of Resurrection

Lancashire

†THE PRAYER

Leader: With sincerity of heart and full assurance of faith, let us pray.

People: **O God, we thank You that our fears and sorrows are no barrier to Your love. Whenever we have retreated behind closed doors, You have sought us out to comfort and strengthen us. Though we have not felt the breath of Your presence like the disciples, yet we have felt You close to us.**

Leader: Each time a fresh peace dispels anxiety, each time we feel the impulse to serve another in love, we have signs of Your closeness to us.

People: **We thank You for calling us to share in Your work of love and justice, and for the sense of communion we find in Your church.**

Leader: Draw near to all who live in fear; refresh all who are dispirited; restore the lonely to the joy of friendship,

All: And send us to share in this ministry, helping to fulfill these prayers.

Leader: We offer these words in the name of the Christ,

All: Amen.

†THE ALLELUIA ⁽¹⁾

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

Alleluia No. 1

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the ris - en Lord.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give praise to His name.

Verse 1: Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
Jesus has died and has risen.

**All: Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to His Name.**

Verse 2: Come; let us praise the living God,
Joyfully sing to our Savior.

All: Alleluia, alleluia...

THE HANDBELL ANTHEM

This Joyful Eastertide

Hymn tune: *Vruechten*, 1685
arranged by Jane McFadden (b 1942)

THE WELCOME

THE PSALTER READING

Psalm 16

Leader: Protect me, O God, for in You I take refuge.

People: I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from You."

Leader: The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; You hold my lot.

People: The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage.

Leader: I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

People: I keep the Lord always before me; because He is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

Leader: Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.

People: You show me the path of life, O God. In Your presence there is hope; in You I discover eternal joy.

(Following the Psalter reading the children in K-5 may leave for their Sunday School classes.)

THE OFFERTORY

The Offertory Sentence

The Receiving of the People's Gifts

The Anthem

I Know that My Redeemer Lives

Gilbert M. Martin (b 1941)

I know that my Redeemer lives:
What joy the blest assurance gives!
He lives who once was dead;
He lives my everlasting Head!

He lives to bless me with His love;
He lives to plead for me above;
He lives my hungry soul to feed;
He lives to help in time of need;

He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives and I shall conquer death;
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.

He lives all glory to His name;
He lives my Savior still the same;
What joy the blest assurance gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!

†The *Hymn* and Presentation of Gifts

Lasst uns erfreuen

**Adoring praises now we bring;
And with the heav'nly blessed sing:
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!**

**Repeat their song of glory here:
"Christ has triumphed! Christ is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

†The Prayer of Dedication

Leader: Now as in ancient Galilee, Christ works among us.
Now as then, he calls, "Follow me."

All: Use these gifts, O God, to comfort and to heal, to strengthen and empower Your people. Help us each day to trust Your living presence and to serve all creation with Christ-like compassion. Amen.

(The people may be seated for the Epistle reading.)

THE EPISTLE READING

Romans 5:1-5

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

Leader: These words are breathed into us by the Holy Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON

*CONSPIRACY OF HOPE: LIVING BEYOND FEAR
Part 1: The Wide Open Spaces of God's Grace*

THE HYMN *(remain seated to sing)*

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Trentham

Men 1 Breathe on me Breath of God, fill me with
 Women 2 Breathe on me Breath of God, un - til my
 Choir 3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, stir in me
 All 4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I

life a - new. That I may love the
 heart is pure, Un - til with You I
 one de - sire: That ev - ery earth - ly
 nev - er die, But live with You the

way You love and do what You would do
 will one will, to do and to en - dure.
 part of me may glow with Ho - ly fire.
 per - fect life of Your e - ter - ni - ty.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

†THE HYMN

Let Us Hope when Hope Seems Hopeless⁽²⁾

Hyfrydol

1 Let us hope when hope seems hope - less, when the
 2 Faith and hope in love's com - pas - sion will sur -
 3 Like a child out - grow - ing child - hood, set - ting

dreams we dreamed have died. When the morn - ing breaks in
 vive though knowl - edge cease, though the tongues of joy fall
 child - hood things a - way, we will learn to live in

bright - ness, hun - ger shall be sat - is - fied.
 si - lent, dull the words of proph - e - cies.
 free - dom, in the life of God's new day.

One who sows the fields with weep - ing shall re -
 Faith shall see and trust its ob - ject; hope shall
 Now we see as in a mir - ror. Then we

trace the sor - row - ing way and re - jice in har - vest
 set its an - chor sure; love shall bloom in Love e -
 shall see face to face, un - der - stand how love's com -

boun - ty at the break - ing of the day.
 ter - nal. Faith and hope and love en - dure.
 pas - sion blos - soms through a - maz - ing Grace.

†THE BENEDICTION

†THE ORGAN POSTLUDE

Prelude and Fugue in B-flat Major, BWV 560

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

~ *The End of Worship, the Beginning of Service* ~

† *All rise in body or spirit*

PARTICIPANTS

Preacher: The Reverend Dr. R. Glen Miles
Senior Minister

Liturgists: The Reverend Mr. James M. Long
Minister of Pastoral Care

The Reverend Mr. Paul E. Baumer
Minister to the Staff

Missy Obergefell
Director of Older Adult Ministry

Ushers: Group B, Tom Jones

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Ronald J. Jenkins, *Minister of Music & Liturgy*

Robert A. Griffith, *Organist*

Sally R. Beske, *pianist*

THE CHANCEL CHOIR

THE WHITECHAPEL RINGERS

Carol T. Neff, *Director*

Toni Ballentine

Kim Harris

Deb Linville

Lara Belliston Cobb

Carol Hofer

Annita Meyer

Betty Drobny

Laurie Johannsen

Janet Shearron

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⁽²⁾ *Let Us Hope when Hope Seems Hopeless.* Words by David Beebe, 1989. © 1994 Pilgrim Press. Reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-708978.

Parish Register

As of 4/19/17

Our Pastoral Care staff is available if you desire a visit or call during an illness, hospitalization or time of need.

Recently Hospitalized

Corlene Adams

John Klamar

Deaths

Alma J. Rosen 4/1/17

Mother of Angela (Kevin) Jones

Grandmother of Jacob Jones

Visit FCchurch.com/parish-register to view listings of upcoming Memorial Services. Please send notifications of births, hospitalizations, weddings or deaths to prussell@FCchurch.com or call (614) 488-0681 ext 228.

- **Welcome visitors!** Stop by our Welcome Center for information on programs and activities and pick up a copy of our newspaper.
- **Church Membership:** Please contact Kristy Glaser at (614) 488-0681 ext. 161 or kglaser@FCchurch.com if you are interested in becoming a member.
- **Baptisms:** Our next Baptism Sunday will be May 14. For more information go to FCchurch.com/baptisms. To schedule a public or private baptism, contact Paula Russell at (614) 488-0681 ext. 228 or prussell@FCchurch.com
- Watch the 11 am service from the South Campus live at FCchurch.tv
- Watch *First Edition* on WWHO-TV, The CW, Sunday mornings at 10:30 am.
- If you need to step out during worship – restless child, coughing spell, etc. – the service can be viewed in Gallery Court.
- Large print bulletins and hearing assistance devices are available; ask an usher.
- Today, the Prayers and Squares Quilt Ministry is presenting a quilt. Tie a knot and say a prayer in Unity Lounge at the North Campus or the Weist Room at the South Campus following the worship service. The quilt is for Kevin Satterfield.

TODAY AT FIRST COMMUNITY CHURCH

North Campus

9:15 am Worship: Grace Hall
 Crib to 5 years: Rose Wing
 K-5th grades: Begin in worship, then excused to classes in the Rose Wing.

10:30 am Worship: Grace Hall
 Crib to 5 years: Rose Wing
 K-5th grades: Begin in worship, then excused to classes in the Rose Wing.
 Middle School: In worship.

South Campus

8:30 am Worship: Burkhart Chapel
 Communion served.

9:30 am Adult Education: Wicker Room

11 am Worship: Sanctuary
 Crib to 5 years: Rooms 221 & 110
 K-5th grades: Begin in worship, then excused to Lincoln Road Chapel.
 Middle School: In worship.

Today the K-5 children will continue to explore the Easter story.

Grades 6-12 are invited to **Crossroads** tonight, 7 - 8:30 pm, North Campus.

Available Today Following Worship

- Grocery Gift Cards (Mission Council)
- Spiritual Searcher

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