



THE SERVICE OF WORSHIP AND THE INSTALLATION

The Reverend Dr. R. Glen Miles, Senior Minister, First Community Church

Sunday, May 21, 2017

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, Columbus, Ohio, for over 108 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 for you, please place it in one of the bins at an exit, as we are also committed to our environment, God's Creation.)

Sixth Sunday of Easter

THE SERVICE OF WORSHIP AND THE INSTALLATION

of

The Reverend Dr. R. Glen Miles
as Senior Minister

First Community Church
South Campus Sanctuary
Columbus, Ohio

Sunday, May 21, 2017

11 am

THE CALL TO CONTEMPLATION

Katherine Shaner

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 ORGAN AND BRASS PRELUDE

Praise the Lord, Music for a Festival

Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)
arranged by Donald Rotermund (b 1932)

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Paul Baumer

Leader: God is here! As we God's people meet to offer praise and prayer, may we find in fuller measure what it is that we share in Christ. Some are called to be prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, but all are called for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.

People: **There are different gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.**

Leader: There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.

People: **Together we are the body of Christ. Though we have different gifts, together we are a ministry of reconciliation.**

Leader: Whoever among you is chosen to lead must become the servant of all.

People: **Recognizing and celebrating our different gifts, we gather today to pray for courage in the struggle for justice and peace, to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, and to be servants in the service of the whole human family.**

Leader: Let us worship God!

†THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN (All rise in body or spirit to sing.)

God Is Here⁽¹⁾

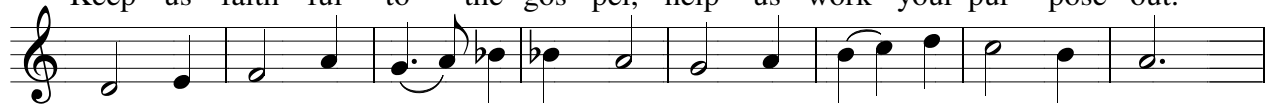
Abbot's Leigh



1 God is here! As we God's peo-ple meet to of - fer praise and prayer,
 2 Here are sym-bols to re - mind us of our life - long need of grace;
 3 Here our chil-dren find a wel-come in the Shep-herd's flock and fold;
 4 Sov-ereign God, of earth and hea - ven, in an age of change and doubt



May we find in full - er mea-sure what it is in Christ we share.
 Here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit, here the cross has cen - tral place.
 Here as bread and wine are tak - en, Christ sus - tains us as of old.
 Keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel, help us work your pur - pose out.



Here, as in the world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
 Here in hon - es - ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
 Here the ser - vants of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
 Here, in this day's cel - e - bra - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;



wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
 we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

†THE LITANY

James Long

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

All: O God, You have led Your people in the past; lead us now!

Leader: Grant us the courage of Ruth and the bravery of Noah.

All: Grant us the hope of Jeremiah to invest in the future, and the unselfishness of Esther to take risks on behalf of others.

Leader: From the words of Your prophets we have learned justice and mercy.

All: Help us to say, with Isaiah, "Here am I, send me."

Leader: O God of James and John and Mary Magdalene, you have called us to follow Jesus.

All: Teach us how to work together in mutual responsibility, side-by-side.

Leader: O God, be with us this day as we seek to open ourselves to Your love and Your wholeness, and to Your servant who has been chosen to serve You in this place.

All: Fill us, and him, with Your compassionate Spirit, so that together we will be able to minister to this gathered family and to the whole world into which we are called. Through Jesus Christ, we pray, Amen.

†THE HYMN

Where Charity and Love⁽²⁾

Ubi caritas et amor

1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found; Brought
 2 With grate - ful joy and rev' - rent heart true char - i - ty we learn; Let
 here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love are we thus bound.
 us with heart and mind and strength now love Christ in re - turn.

(Following the singing of the hymn the people may be seated.)

THE WELCOME

Deborah Lindsay and Glen Miles

THE RELEASE AND AFFIRMATION

Philip Love and Virginia Barney

The Prayer

David Hett

Leader: God, whose everlasting love for all is trustworthy, help each of us to trust the future which rests in Your care. In both churches' histories we have, in the safe haven of Your abiding care, shared laughter, tears, and hopes. Guide both of these congregations of faith as they move forward with new leadership. Surround them with Your love, lead them by Your promises, the presence of Jesus Christ, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE STOLE

Richard Wing

(Prior to the Epistle reading the children in K-5 and Middle School youth will be invited to leave for their Sunday school classes.)

THE EPISTLE READING - I John 4:7-8, 16b-19

Christopher Rinker

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as He is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because He first loved us.

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People: Thanks be to God.

†THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION⁽³⁾ (All are invited to rise in body or spirit to sing.)

Choir: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Choir and Congregation:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Choir: Speak, Lord, Your servant is list'ning. Speak Your words of wisdom, for the words You speak are everlasting life.

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

One of the scribes came near and heard the other scribes disputing with one another, and seeing that Jesus answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

Leader: This is the good news for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Following the reading, the people may be seated.)

THE PSALM ANTHEM

Sing We Merrily Unto God Our Strength

Sidney Scholfield Campbell (1919-1973)

Sing we merrily unto God our strength. Make a cheerful noise unto the God of Jacob. Take the psalm, bring hither the tabret, the merry harp with the lute. Blow up the trumpet in the new moon, Ev'n in the time appointed, and upon our solemn feast day, for this was made a statute for Israel and a law of the God of Jacob. Alleluia! (Psalm 81:1-4)

THE READING FROM HEBREW SCRIPTURE - Exodus 18:13-23 (selected verses)

Deborah Lindsay

The next day Moses sat as a judge for the people, while the people stood around Moses from morning until evening. When Moses' father-in-law saw all that he was doing for the people, he said..."What you are doing isn't good. You will end up totally wearing yourself out, both you and these people who are with you...Now listen to me and let me give you some advice. And may God be with you!...Let them know the way they are supposed to go and the things they are supposed to do. But you should also look among all the people for capable persons who respect God. They should be trustworthy and not corrupt... Let them sit as judges for the people at all times...they will share your load. If you do this and God directs you, then you will be able to endure. And all these people will be able to go back to their homes much happier."

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

People: Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON

LESSONS FROM THE WILDERNESS

Adam Hamilton

†THE HYMN *(All rise in body or spirit to sing.)*

Here I Am, Lord⁽⁴⁾

Daniel L. Schutte (b 1947)



1 I the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My peo - ple cry
2 I the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in deep - est sin My hand will save.
I will set a feast for them, My hand will save.



I who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
Fin - est bread I will pro - vide Till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?
I will give My life to them. Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord Is it I, Lord?
 I have heard You call-ing in the night
 I will go, Lord, if You lead me.
 I will hold Your peo - ple in my heart.

(The people may be seated following the hymn.)

THE OFFERTORY

The Offertory Sentence

James Long

The Receiving of the People's Gifts

The Anthem

One Faith, One Hope, One Lord

Craig Courtney (b 1954)

Words based on Ephesians 4:4-6, 13

One faith, one hope, one Lord, one church for which he died,
 one voice, one song we lift in praise to him who was and is and shall be evermore.

There is one body, one spirit, as you were called to one hope.

One Lord, baptism and faith, one God, Creator of all, who is in you all.

One faith, one hope, one Lord...

Though we be many people, diverse with various gifts, we are given to each other for the unity of faith, that we grow in the knowledge of the Son of God, in the fullness of Christ.

One faith, one hope, one Lord...

†The Hymn and Presentation of Gifts

Lasst uns erfreuen

Geistliche Kirchengesäng, Cologne, 1623

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise God, our strength, whose power uplifts!

Praise creation, God's creation!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

†The Prayer of Dedication

James Long

Leader: Let us pray.

Take time to count your blessings. The works of God are all around us. As we respond to God's goodness with acts of charity and love, let us live in this life of love, caring for one another.

All: Loving God, in this moment and with these gifts, we offer ourselves and our substance to extend Your work on earth. Amen.

(The people may be seated.)

THE SERVICE OF INSTALLATION

The Greeting

Patricia Battle

Within our common ministry some members are chosen for particular work as ministers of the Word. They are ordained to a representative ministry and charged:

- to lead in transmitting the Christian tradition from one generation to another;
- to interpret the scriptures and proclaim the gospel of Christ;
- to administer the sacraments,
 serving to maintain a company of Christians
 in continuity with the life and faith of the apostles;
- to serve God’s people with pastoral care
 and to share in the strengthening of the church in its life and mission;
- and to act as pioneers and leaders in the church’s reconciling work in the world.

The Presentation

Connie Johnston

Dr. Watkins, I, as chair of the Governing Board of First Community Church, would now invite you to please come forward.

First Community Church, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, has called Robert Glen Miles as its pastor and teacher and respectfully requests that he be installed in ministry for our church.

The Remarks and Installation Questions

Sharon Watkins

Robert Glen Miles, would you please come forward?

Glen, as the minister called to provide spiritual leadership and pastoral care in this congregation, do you reaffirm your profession of faith in Jesus Christ?

I reaffirm my baptism and confession of faith in Jesus Christ, and give myself in full commitment to be Christ’s disciple.

Do you reaffirm your ordination vows?

I reaffirm my ordination vows and promise faithfully to fulfill my ministry among the people of First Community Church, through preaching and teaching God’s word; administering the sacraments of the church; ministering to those who are sick and troubled; sharing in leadership to strengthen the church’s life; and representing in a worthy manner what it means to live in faithful response to God’s abiding grace.

Would all in the congregation please rise in body or spirit?

Having called Dr. R. Glen Miles to be your Senior Minister, do you affirm your commitment to Jesus Christ and your loyalty to Christ’s church? Do you covenant to uphold your pastor with your prayers; to share his joys and sorrows; to attend to his preaching and teaching of God’s word; to welcome his pastoral care; and to honor his leadership?

If so, say ‘We do with the help of God.’

We do with the help of God.

Standing with you, I promise to be your pastor; and in the strength and grace of Jesus Christ, I covenant to serve this congregation in all faithfulness for the glory of God.

(The people may be seated.)

The Installation Prayer

Barbara Davis

Leader: Let us pray.

Loving God, we humbly ask that You give Robert Glen Miles, the grace and strength to do the work to which You have called him to do in this place. Fill our community of faith with Your Spirit, that it may work together as one people to be the body of Christ in reconciling ministry.

Blend together the variety of gifts manifested within our congregation to strengthen our fellowship for service to the world. In solidarity with all Your people of every time and place we pray that Your will may be done here on earth through our worship, our witness, and our work. We ask this in the spirit of Jesus who taught his disciples to pray,

All: 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 Declaration

Sharon Watkins

Leader: As the General Minister of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ),
I declare you, Robert Glen Miles, duly installed as pastor and teacher of First Community Church.

All: Thanks be to God.

†The *Doxology*

Old 100th

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below:
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**
(The people may be seated.)

THE ANTHEM

Witness

African-American Spiritual
arranged by Jack Halloran (1916-1997)

Who'll be a witness for my Lord? I'll be a witness for my Lord! There was a man of the Pharisees, his name was Nicodemus and he didn't believe. The same came to Christ by night, wanted to be taught out of human sight. Nicodemus was a man who desired to know how a man can be born when he is old. Christ told Nicodemus as a friend, "Man, you must be born again." He said, "Marvel not, man, if you want to be wise, repent, believe and be baptized." Then you'll be a witness for my Lord, soul is a witness for my Lord.

You read about Samson, from his birth he was the strongest man that ever lived on earth. Way back yonder in ancient times he killed ten thousand of the Philistines. Then old Samson went a wand'rin' about. Samson's strength was never found out. 'Til his wife sat upon his knee. She said, "Tell me where your strength lies, if you please!" Well, old Samson's wife, she talk so fair Samson said, "Cut off a my hair! Shave my head just as clean as your hand, and my strength will come like a natural man." Samson was a witness for my Lord.

There's another witness. There's another witness! There's another witness for my Lord! My soul is a witness for my Lord!

THE SENIOR MINISTER'S RESPONSE

†THE CLOSING HYMN

God of Grace and God of Glory

Cwm Rhondda



1 God of grace and God of glor - ry on Thy peo - ple pour Thy pow'r.
2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn Thy Christ, as - sail Thy ways!
3 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils we de - plore.



Crown Thy an - cient church - 's sto - ry bring its bud to glo - rious flower.
From the fears that long have bound us, free our hearts to faith and praise.
Let the search for Thy sal - va - tion be our glo - ry ev - er - more.

Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age for the fac - ing of this
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age for the liv - ing of these
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, serv - ing Thee whom we a -
 hour. For the fac - ing of this hour.
 days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 dore, serv - ing Thee whom we a - dore!

†THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

(The congregation is asked to remain standing until Dr. and Mrs. Miles have left the sanctuary.)

THE ORGAN AND BRASS POSTLUDE

Concertato on "Now Thank We All Our God"

Vaclav Nelhybel (1919-1996)

~ The End of Worship, the Beginning of Service ~

† All rise in body or spirit

The Reverend Dr. R. Glen Miles
 Senior Minister, First Community Church, Columbus, Ohio

The Reverend Mr. Adam Hamilton
 Senior Pastor, United Methodist Church of the Resurrection, Leawood, Kansas

The Reverend Dr. Sharon Watkins
 General Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
 in the United States and Canada

Virginia Barney
 Chair, Search Committee, First Community Church

The Reverend Ms. Patricia Battle
 Association Pastor, Central Southeast Ohio Association
 Ohio Conference, United Church of Christ

The Reverend Mr. Paul E. Baumer
 Minister to the Staff, First Community Church, Columbus, Ohio

The Reverend Mr. Ken Coy
 Regional Elder, District 9, Christian Church in Ohio, (Disciples of Christ)

Barbara Davis
 Member, Search Committee, First Community Church, Columbus, Ohio

The Reverend Mr. David S. Hett
 Minister of Religious Life and Learning, First Community Church, Columbus, Ohio

Connie Johnston
Chair of the Governing Board, First Community Church, Columbus, Ohio

The Reverend Dr. Deborah C. Lindsay
Executive Minister, First Community Church, Columbus, Ohio

The Reverend Mr. James M. Long
Minister of Pastoral Care, First Community Church, Columbus, Ohio

Philip Love
Past-Chair, Congregational Board, Country Club Christian Church, Kansas City, Missouri

Anna Obergefell
Youth lay reader, First Community Church, Columbus, Ohio

The Reverend Mr. Christopher B. Rinker
Clergy Associate, First Community Church, Columbus, Ohio

The Reverend Ms. Katherine H. Shaner
Minister of Mission, First Community Church, Columbus, Ohio

The Reverend Dr. Richard A. Wing
Past Senior Minister, First Community Church, Columbus, Ohio

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

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

Robert A. Griffith, *Organist*

THE CHANCEL CHOIR

Thomas Battenberg, *trumpet I*

Timothy Leasure, *trumpet II*

Gene Standley, *horn*

Richard Howenstine, *trombone*

Joseph Duchi, *bass trombone*

Acolytes

William Harshaw Hoag and Anna Patricia Obergefell

Bible Bearer

Abigail Grace Harr

Ushers

Group C, Mike Zook, *chair*

Vergers

Bryan Beske

- **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 July 2. 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. *First Edition* will be moving to 8:30 am beginning June 4.
- If you need to step out during worship – restless child, coughing spell, etc. – the service can be viewed in Gallery Court.
- Hearing assistance devices are available; please ask an usher.

TODAY AT FIRST COMMUNITY CHURCH

South Campus

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: Begin in worship, then excused to Lincoln Road Chapel.

Today the K-5 children will learn about a person who used their faith to make a positive impact on the world.

Parish Register

As of 5/17/17

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

WEDDINGS

Abby Robertson & KC Nolan 5/6/17
Daughter of Lindsay & Calloway Robertson

BAPTISMS

Alexander James Abraham 5/14/17
Son of Annie & Adam Abraham
 John Christopher Montgomery 5/14/17
Son of Chelly & Christopher Montgomery
 Elijah Cyril Rhein-Murray 5/14/17
Son of Jamie Rhein & Steve Murray
 Gavin Thomas Simmons 5/14/17
Son of Courtney & Justin Simmons
 Jack Keller Yeager 5/14/17
Son of Katie & Jim Yeager

DEATHS

Patricia Oberst 1/17/17
Wife of Robert Oberst
 Kathryn "Kathy" Heinzerling 5/13/17
 Dwight Edward Gardner 5/14/17
Father of Ron Gardner
 Darryl Rafeld 5/14/17
Brother of Blake (Chris) Rafeld
Uncle of Jason Rafeld & Jessica Rafeld Espada
 Mary Thomas 5/16/17
Wife of James Thomas
Mother of Nan (Michael) Weir

UPCOMING MEMORIAL SERVICES

Earl W. Leidel
 Saturday, May 27, 2017, 6:30 pm
 Burkhart Chapel/Rev. Katherine Shaner

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

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FIRST COMMUNITY CHURCH

Mission Statement

First Community Church is called to embody the Gospel of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit and the eternal love of God, honoring and expanding our heritage of innovative ministry with a commitment to growth.

To that end, we will provide:

- a center for worship, celebration, study, fellowship, and sanctuary;
- resources for support for new forms of ministry;
- opportunities for learning and spiritual growth through all the seasons of life;
- motivation and resources for empowering service to each other and to the world;
- an inclusive Christian community respecting pluralism, agreeing to differ, resolving to love and uniting to serve.

Vision Statement

A diverse community of individuals, each actively seeking to make Christ's example of God's love for every person real in our world through service, study, worship and giving:

- celebrating life in groupings of families and individuals,
- risking with innovation while honoring tradition,
- encouraging search and empowering belief,
- standing with those who suffer,
- loving unconditionally.

Belief Statement

First Community Church is "the church of the infinite quest." This is the description of our church given by the Reverend M. H. Lichliter in 1924. Remaining true to that spirit, our church believes:

- All people are included in God's unconditional love and grace.
- In Jesus Christ whose life revealed God's love at work in the human family.
- In the Holy Spirit as the power by which we are brought into closer harmony with our Creator.

Therefore we:

- Strive to follow the path of Jesus Christ, while recognizing other pathways to the Divine.
- Encourage each person's spiritual journey, embracing a variety of spiritual disciplines.
- Understand that the words we use to express our faith are to be lived out by loving and compassionate action.
- Take the Bible seriously, not literally; finding more grace in the search for meaning than in absolute certainty.
- Agree to disagree, resolve to love and unite to serve.

A Celebration of the Music of America

EveningSong 2017

Sunday, June 11, at 5 pm

First Community Church, Grace Hall, North Campus

The Chancel Choir with members of the Columbus Symphony Chorus and members of the Columbus Symphony Orchestra, Columbus Dance Theatre, Tim Veach, *Artistic Director*

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

Robert A. Griffith, *Organist*