



Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
Heart to Heart Sunday
February 12, 2017
10:30 am
Grace Hall, North 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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*Love gives naught but itself and takes naught but from itself.
Love possesses not nor would it be possessed;
For love is sufficient unto love.*

—Kahlil Gibran (1883-1931)

One never loves enough.

—Aldous Leonard Huxley (1894-1963)

*I am a little pencil in the hand of a loving God
who is sending a love letter to the world.*

—Mother Teresa, born Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu (1910-1997)

THE INVITATION TO LIGHT A CANDLE

(You are invited to come forward to light a candle at the beginning of the service, or at any other appropriate time during the service of worship.)

†THE OPENING SONG OF PRAISE (*All are invited to rise in body or spirit*)

Joyful, Joyful

Hymn to Joy

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee
God of glory, Lord of love
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee
Opening to the sun above
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness
Drive the dark of night away
Giver of immortal gladness
Fill us with the light of day

Now we join the mighty chorus
Which the morning stars began
Those around us, those before us
Singing peace unto our land
Field and forest, vale and mountain
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea
Singing bird and flowing fountain
Call us to rejoice in Thee

Thou art giving and forgiving
Ever blessing, ever blessed
Wellspring of the joy of living
Ocean depth of happy rest
God our Father, God our Mother
All who live in love are Thine
Teach us how to love each other
Lift us to the joy divine

†THE PRAYER ⁽¹⁾

Leader: Holy God, we come before You with awe, for You are great in love and power.

People: Some of us come with joy and some with sadness or anxiety, yet we come, confident that You receive us as we are.

Leader: Mighty God, stay with us as we worship and as we share the risk and challenge of living our faith.

People: Turn our fear to courage and our confusion to confidence.

Leader: Give us a heart to love the loveless, the lonely, the hungry, and the wounded.

People: Touch us, O God.

Leader: Give us pure hearts, that we may see You;

People: Humble hearts, that we may hear You;

Leader: Hearts of love, that we may serve You;

People: And hearts of faith that we may abide in You.

Leader: We pray with the full assurance of Your steadfast love,

All: Amen.

†THE ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

Leader: "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such there is no law." Therefore, let us live in love and bear one another's burdens, in the assurance that we are forgiven and made alive in the Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God.

(The people may be seated)

THE MOMENT FOR HEART TO HEART

THE CHILDREN'S SONG

They'll Know We Are Christians⁽²⁾

Peter Scholtes (1938-2009)

**We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love**

**We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love**

**We will work with each other, we will work side by side
We will work with each other, we will work side by side
And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love**

(The K-5 children and Middle School youth may leave for their classes.)

THE READING FROM HEBREW SCRIPTURE

Exodus 3:3-10, 14:10-14

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

People: Thanks be to God!

THE SERMON

CH-CH-CHANGES, Part 1

†THE CLOSING SONG

All Are Welcome⁽³⁾

Marty Haugen (b 1950)



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell And all can safe - ly live,
 2 Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, And words are strong and true,
 3 Let us build a house where love is found In wa - ter, wine and wheat:
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach Be - yond the wood and stone
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, Their songs and vi - sions heard



A place where saints and chil - dren tell How hearts learn to for - give.
 Where all God's chil - dren dare to seek To dream God's reign a - new.
 A ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground, Where peace and jus - tice meet.
 To heal and strength - en, serve and teach, And live the Word they've known
 And loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed As words with - in the Word.



Built of hopes and dreams and vi - sions, Rock of faith and vault of grace;
 Here the cross shall stand as wit - ness And as sym - bol of God's grace;
 Here the love of God, thru Je - sus, Is re - vealed in time and space;
 Here the out - cast and the strang - er Bear the im - age of God's face;
 Built of tears and cries and laugh - ter, Prayers of faith and songs of grace,



Here the love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 Here as one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
 As we share in Christ the feast that frees us:
 Let us bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
 Let this house pro - claim from floor to raf - ter:



All are wel - come, all are wel - come,



all are wel - come in this place.

†THE BENEDICTION

†THE POSTLUDE

All Are Welcome—Instrumental reprise

~ The End of Worship, the Beginning of Service ~

† All rise in body or spirit

PARTICIPANTS

Preacher: The Reverend Dr. Deborah C. Lindsay
Executive Minister

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

The Reverend Mr. Christopher B. Rinker
Clergy Associate

Heart to Heart Speaker: Lamar Graham
Director of Heart to Heart

Ushers: Group A

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Tom Root, *acoustic guitar/music leader*

The Reverend Mr. Chris Rinker, *acoustic guitar/music leader*

Bill McGovern, *keyboard*

Sally Hughes, *vocalist*

⁽¹⁾ The second half of the prayer is adapted from a prayer by Dag Hammarskjöld.

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Parish Register

As of 2/8/17

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

Recently Hospitalized

Jinny Frick
Fred Truxall
Mike Weasel

Upcoming Memorial Service

Anne Sheline
Saturday, February 25, 2017
2 pm, Sanctuary/Rev. James Long
Reception following in Brownlee Hall

Deaths

Susan Furry 1/7/17
Daughter of Mary & Jim Thomas
Sister of Nan (Mike) Weir

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 March 5. 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 heard in Unity Lounge.
- Large print bulletins and hearing assistance devices are available; ask an usher.

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.

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 Crib to 5 years: Rose Wing
 K-5th grades: Begin in worship, then excused to classes in the Rose Wing.
 Middle School: Begin in worship, then excused to classes in the Rose Wing.

South Campus

8:30 am Worship: Burkhardt Chapel
 Communion served.

9:30 am Adult Education: Wicker Room
Great World Religions: Judaism
 DVD Lecture Series

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 explore Paul's letters.

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

Available Today Following Worship

- Grocery Gift Cards (Mission Council)
- Service Board Information (11 am)