



FIRST COMMUNITY CHURCH  
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany  
Heart to Heart Sunday  
February 10, 2019  
10 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, Columbus, Ohio, for over 109 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, or email Paula Russell at prussell@FCchurch.com. 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.)*

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## The Service of the Word

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

HEART TO HEART SUNDAY



*Love is the perfect stillness  
and the greatest excitement, and most profound act,  
and the word almost as complete as God's name.*

— Rabia (714-801), translated by Daniel Ladinsky

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### THE CALL TO CONTEMPLATION

*For the quiet 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 PRELUDE

*Cantilene on Ubi Caritas*

Charles Callahan (b 1951)

### THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Give thanks for God's goodness; God's love is steadfast.

**People: God has gathered us from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south, and rescued us from trouble.**

Leader: Give thanks for God's steadfast love; for the wondrous things God has done and is doing for us.

**People: God's grace satisfies the hunger in our hearts, and fills us with compassion, hope and peace.**

**All: We will praise God's name always! Amen.**

†THE HYMN NO. 436

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

*CWM Rhondda*

†THE PRAYER <sup>(1)</sup>

Leader: Holy One of Blessing, we come before you in mystery and with awe.

**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: Holy One, 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 give you thanks with our whole hearts, and with full assurance of your steadfast love,

**All: Amen.**

THE WELCOME

*A Moment for Heart to Heart*

THE PSALTER READING

Psalm 138 (NRSV)

Leader: I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;

**People: I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness; for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.**

Leader: On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul.

**People: All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth. The One who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.**

Leader: They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord.

**People: For though the Lord is high, God regards the lowly; but the**

**haughty God perceives from far away.**

**Leader:** Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.

**All:** **The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.**

#### THE HYMN

*Where Charity and Love Prevail* <sup>(2)</sup>

*Ubi caritas et amor*



1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail there God is ev - er found; Brought  
2 For - give we now each oth - er's faults as we our faults con - fess; And  
3 Let strife a - mong us be un - known let all con - ten - tion cease; Be



here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love are we thus bound.  
let us love each oth - er well in Chris - tian ho - li - ness.  
Christ the glo - ry that we seek, be ours Christ's ho - ly peace.

#### 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 OFFERTORY

The Offertory Sentence

*Today we will receive a special mission offering for the Heart to Heart Ministry. Please include your designated gift in the envelope inserted in your worship bulletin. All loose offerings will go to the general ministry of our church.*

The Receiving of the People's Gifts

The Anthem

*Peace Like a River*

Tammy Waldrop

†The Presentation of Gifts and Prayer of Dedication

**Leader:** As the gifts are presented, would all rise in body or spirit?  
Let us pray.

**All:** **Holy One of Blessing, we give you thanks for your generosity to us. Bless these gifts and multiply them, for the sake of those in need around us; in Jesus' name. Amen.**

†The Hymn

*Lasst uns erfreuen*

**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 light uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*(Following the hymn, the people may be seated and the children in K-5 will be invited to leave for their classes.)*

THE PROPHETIC VOICE

Isaiah 6:1-8 (NRSV)

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of God's robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup>Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. <sup>3</sup>And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of God's glory." <sup>4</sup>The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup>And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" <sup>6</sup>Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. <sup>7</sup>The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." <sup>8</sup>Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

THE SERMON

LOVE SO AMAZING

*Part 1 – Bring Your Whole Heart*

†THE HYMN NO. 342

*Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread*

*St. Flavian*

†THE INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

†THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Celebrant: Loving God, through your goodness we have this bread and cup to share, which earth has given and human hands have made.

**People: May we know your presence in the sharing of this bread and this cup, so that we may know your touch in all experience. We celebrate that you have revealed yourself in Jesus, our light and our wholeness.**

Celebrant: Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and the recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce your kingdom of love.

**All: Made one in Christ and one with each other, we share these gifts and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice. Amen.**

*(The people may be seated.)*

#### THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Celebrant: *(The Words of Institution for the Bread)*

In his brokenness we find our healing.

**People: In our brokenness Christ promises to be present.**

Celebrant: *(The Words of Institution for the Cup)*

Come, Holy Spirit, come. Bless this bread and bless this fruit of the vine.

**People: Bless all of us in our eating and drinking at this table that our eyes may be opened, and we may recognize the Christ in our midst and in each other. Amen.**

Celebrant: Come and eat. All is ready. These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

#### THE GIVING OF THE BREAD\* AND CUP

*Each person will be invited to come to a communion station to receive the bread and cup. You will receive the bread from the server. Each person may then dip the bread in the chalice held by the other server. An appropriate response to the server's words is "Amen." After receiving communion each person should return to his or her chair by the side aisle. Anyone who is unable to come forward should indicate this to an usher and communion will be brought to him or her.*

*(\*Non-alcoholic grape juice is served for everyone and gluten free bread is available on each bread plate in a separate cup.)*

#### THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: We thank you, God, for inviting us to this table where we have known the presence of Christ and have received Christ's gifts.

**People: Strengthen our faith and increase our love for one another. Give us, as you have given yourself, to the world in love. Amen.**

†THE HYMN

*They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love* Peter Scholtes (b 1966)

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:

*Refrain:*

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:

*Refrain*

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:

*Refrain*

†THE BENEDICTION

†THE ORGAN POSTLUDE

*They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love* Wilber Held (1914-2015)

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

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† *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*

Morgan Mulgrew  
*Director of Communications*

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

**Ushers:** Group C–Mike Zook

## MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Sally R. Beske, *Associate Organist/Director of Youth Choirs*

Janelle Rogers, *cantor*

### THE YOUTH BELL CHOIR 1

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

<sup>(2)</sup> *Where Charity and Love Prevail*. Copyright © World Library Publications, Inc. Reprinted under OneLicense.net # A-708978.

- **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](mailto:kglaser@FCchurch.com) if you are interested in becoming a member.
- **Baptisms:** Our next Baptism Sunday will be March 17. For more information go to [FCchurch.com/baptisms](http://FCchurch.com/baptisms). To schedule a baptism, contact Paula Russell at (614) 488-0681 ext. 228 or [prussell@FCchurch.com](mailto:prussell@FCchurch.com)
- Watch the all worship services live on Facebook and [FCchurch.tv](http://FCchurch.tv)
- Watch *First Edition* on WWHO-TV, The CW, Sunday mornings at 8:30 am.
- If you need to step out during worship – restless child, coughing spell, etc. – the service can be viewed in Gallery Court.
- Today, the Prayers and Squares Quilt Ministry is presenting two quilts. Tie a knot and say a prayer in Weist Room following the worship service. The quilts are for Graham Stair and Tim Veach.
- Large print bulletins and hearing assistance devices are available; ask an usher.

## TODAY AT FIRST COMMUNITY CHURCH

### North Campus

**9 am Worship:** Grace Hall  
Crib to 5 years: Rose Wing  
Children and youth begin in worship.  
K-3 grades: children released to their classes in the Rose Wing.  
4 - 5 grades: children and youth released to classes in the Education Wing.

**11 am Worship:** Grace Hall  
Crib to 5 years: Rose Wing  
Children and youth begin in worship.  
K-3 grades: children released to their classes in the Rose Wing.  
4-8 grades: children and youth released to classes in the Education Wing.

### **5:30 pm Worship**

No childcare. Children are welcome in worship.

### South Campus

### **8:30 am Adult Education**

"Jesus and His Jewish Influences" DVD lecture series and discussion facilitated by John Hoberg and Adult Learning Council.

### **10 am Worship:**

Crib to 5 years: Rooms 221 & 209  
Children and youth begin in worship.  
K-5 grades: children released to their classes in Lincoln Road Chapel.

Crossroads for Middle and High School youth 7 pm in room 130 at North Campus  
Christianity: Perspectives and Insights, 7-8:30 pm, Centennial Room, North Campus

Our Pastoral Care staff is available if you desire a visit or call during an illness, hospitalization or time of need. Please send notifications of weddings, births, hospitalizations or deaths to [prussell@FCchurch.com](mailto:prussell@FCchurch.com) or call (614) 488-0681 ext 228

## **Parish Register**

*As of 2/6/19*

### **Births**

Samuel McDonald Russell 1/31/19  
*Son of Jennifer & Greg Russell*  
*Grandson of Paula Russell*

### **Recently Hospitalized**

Herb Goetz  
Bruce Hickin

Visit [FCchurch.com/parish-register](http://FCchurch.com/parish-register) to view listings of upcoming Memorial Services.

## **THE PROGRAM STAFF OF FIRST COMMUNITY CHURCH**

R. Glen Miles, *Senior Minister*

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