



FIRST COMMUNITY CHURCH  
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany  
Heart to Heart  
February 10, 2019  
11 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, 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

*Aria, Op. 51*

Flor Peeters (1903-1986)

### 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 PROCESSIONAL 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 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 ANTHEM

*The Gift of Love*

Hal Hopson (b 1933)

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.**

*(Following the Lord's Prayer, the children in K-5 and Middle School youth will be invited to leave for their Sunday school classes.)*

## 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

*The Eyes of All*

Jean Berger (1909-2002)

The eyes of all wait upon thee;

and thou givest them their meat in due season.

Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire

Of ev'ry living thing. The eyes of all wait upon thee.

Psalm 145:15, 16

†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!**

*(The people may be seated.)*

## 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

*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

*Postlude on "Deo Gracias"*

Healey Willian (1890-1968)

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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*

**Liturgist:** The Reverend Mr. David S. Hett  
*Minister of Religious Life and Learning*

**Lector:** Deborah Humphrey

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

**Ushers:** Group C

## MINISTRY OF MUSIC

C. Andrew Blosser, *Interim Director of Music*

Robert A. Griffith, *Organist*

THE CHANCEL CHOIR

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

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 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.

## 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