



FIRST COMMUNITY CHURCH
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
Heart to Heart Sunday
February 10, 2019
9 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.)

The Service of the Word

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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

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.**

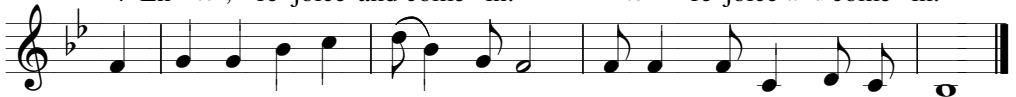
†THE HYMN

Enter, Rejoice, and Come In

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1 En - ter, re-joyce and come in. En - ter, re-joyce and come in
2 O - pen your-self to the song. O - pen your-self to the song.
3 Lift up your hearts to the Lord. Lift up your hearts to the Lord.
4 En - ter, re-joyce and come in. En - ter re-joyce and come in.



To - day will be a joy - ful day; en - ter, re-joyce and come in!

†THE PRAYER ⁽¹⁾

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 (2)

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 prayers the children in K-5 will be invited to leave for their 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. ²Seraphs 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. ³And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of God's glory." ⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵And 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!" ⁶Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷The 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." ⁸Then 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 William (1890-1968)

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

† *All rise in body or spirit*

PARTICIPANTS

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

Liturgist: The Reverend Ms. Katherine H. Shaner
Minister of Mission

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*

Tom Root, *guitar/song leader*

THE CHANCEL CHAMBER CHOIR

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

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- **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 17. For more information go to FCchurch.com/baptisms. To schedule a baptism, contact Paula Russell at (614) 488-0681 ext. 228 or prussell@FCchurch.com
- Watch the all worship services live on Facebook and 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 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

THE PROGRAM STAFF OF FIRST COMMUNITY CHURCH

R. Glen Miles, *Senior Minister*
David S. Hett, *Minister of Religious Life and Learning*
James M. Long, *Minister of Pastoral Care*
Katherine H. Shaner, *Minister of Mission*
Paul Anderson, *Executive Director of Operations*
Sally Beske, *Associate Organist/Director of Youth Choirs*
C. Andrew Blosser, *Interim Director of Music*
Leigh Anne Easterling, *Director of Early Childhood Ministries*
& *Mary Evans Child Development Center*
Pam Jameson, *Director of Facilities Ministry*
Bobbi Mueller, *Director of North Campus Administration/Akita Operations*
Morgan Mulgrew, *Director of Communications*
Scot Nicoll, *Executive Director of Camp Akita*
Missy Obergefell, *Director of Older Adult Ministry*
Julie Richards, *Director of K-12 Ministry*
Paula Russell, *Director of Congregational Care*
Linda Silva, *Director of Stewardship*
Lois Zook, *Worship and Arts Coordinator*