



Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 12, 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 faith traditions or from no faith tradition; anyone who is searching for deeper meaning and purpose in life.

We are an Open and Affirming congregation committed to equality, diversity, and personal and spiritual growth. We follow the way of Jesus as our teacher and model toward becoming more fully human, as part of our church's belief statement states: "We strive to follow the path of Jesus Christ while recognizing other pathways to the divine."

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Block of Wood Sunday



I understand vocation not [as] a goal to be achieved but as a gift to be received. Discovering vocation does not mean scrambling toward some prize just beyond my reach but accepting the treasure of true self I already possess. Vocation does not come from a voice "out there" calling me to become something I am not. It comes from a voice "in here" calling me to be the person I was born to be, to fulfill the original selfhood given me at birth by God.

-Parker Palmer, Let Your Life Speak

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THE CALL TO CONTEMPLATION

For the time during the prelude, we invite you to prepare for worship in silent meditation.

THE PRELUDE

Adagio (Symphonie V)

Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

THE CALL TO WORSHIP ⁽¹⁾

Leader: Let us begin our worship together by worshipping God, our Mother and Father, the Ground of our Being, the Source of our life, the Spirit who sets us free.

All: In memory of all the women who have sung praise to God before we were born, and in unison with all women living today, we join to praise the Spirit of God in our midst.

Leader: To worship is to open our beings to the power of God's truth and love. To worship is to heighten our awareness of the core of our existence, the meaning of life.

All: Let us celebrate with joy in the hope that our awareness and openness will bear the fruit of increased union with God's Spirit in each of us.

†THE HYMN

God, Bless Our Homes ⁽²⁾

Charterhouse



1 God, bless our homes with peace and love and laugh - ter,
2 May ev - ery heart re - ceive God's lov - ing spir - it
3 For - give the hurts our self - ish - ness in - flict - ed
4 O God, in grat - i - tude for homes and loved ones,



with un - der - stand - ing and with loy - al - ty.
and know the truth that makes life tru - ly free;
on those we love and those who love us best.
we o - pen now our hearts to hu - man - kind.



May we to - geth - er fol - low Christ our Sav - ior
Then, in that spir - it may we live u - nit - ed,
Christ, heal the scars, and draw us all to - geth - er
Grant us your spir - it, love for all our neigh - bors,



and know the bless - ing of com - mu - ni - ty.
and find in God our deep se - cu - ri - ty.
in God whose will is peace and joy and rest.
so in your peace may we our con - cord find.

†THE COMMISSIONING ⁽³⁾

Leader: On this Block of Wood Sunday, when our youth make a deeper commitment to their spiritual journey and a deeper relationship with this household of faith, let us review our commission based on Jesus' Beatitudes:

Blessed are those who are convinced of their basic dependency on God, whose lives are emptied of all that doesn't matter, those for whom the riches of this world just aren't that important.

People: The Reign of heaven is theirs.

Leader: Blessed are those who know that all they are is a gift from God, and so they can be content with their greatness and their smallness, knowing themselves and being true to themselves.

People: For they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Leader: Blessed are those who wear compassion like a garment, those who have learned how to find themselves by losing themselves in another's sorrow.

People: For they too shall receive comfort.

Leader: Blessed are those who are hungry for goodness, those who never get enough of God and truth and righteousness.

People: For they shall be satisfied.

Leader: Blessed are the merciful, those who remember how much has been forgiven them, and are able to extend this forgiveness into the lives of others.

People: For they too shall receive God's mercy.

Leader: Blessed are those whose hearts are free and simple, those who have smashed all false images and are seeking honestly for truth.

People: For they shall see God.

Leader: Blessed are the creators of peace, those who build roads that unite rather than walls that divide, those who bless the world with the healing power of their presence.

People: For they shall be called children of God.

Leader: Blessed are those whose love has been tried, like gold, in the furnace, and found to be precious, genuine, and lasting; those who have lived their faith out loud, no matter what the cost or pain.

People: For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

THE WELCOME

THE GOSPEL READING

John 10:22-30

²²At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly."²⁵Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; ²⁶but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. ³⁰The Father and I are one."

Leader: Here ends the reading from the Gospel.

All: Thanks be to God.

THE HYMN

*Spirit of the Living God
(Remain seated to sing.)*

Iverson

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

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 and Middle School youth will be invited to leave for their Sunday school classes.)

THE OFFERTORY

The Offertory Sentence

The Receiving of the People's Gifts

The Anthem

Song of Devotion

John Ness Beck (1930-1987)

†The Presentation of Gifts and Prayer of Dedication

Leader: As the gifts are presented, would all rise in body or spirit?

And let us pray:

All: Holy God, Divine Shepherd, you anoint us with the oil of gladness; your love overflows our hearts. Accept our offering for the good of the world as we joyfully give thanks for our life in you. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Adoring praises now we bring
 And with the heav'nly blessed sing:
 "Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"
 Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!
 Repeat their song of glory here:
 "Christ has triumphed! Christ is living!"
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

THE LESSON FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES Acts 10:34-43

³⁴Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to God. ³⁶You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Leader: Here ends the reading from the book of Acts.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE SERMON

BELONGING: MAKING OUR WAY HOME

Part 1 – God Plays No Favorites

†THE HYMN

Great Work Has God Begun in You ⁽⁴⁾

Tallis' Canon



1 Great work has God be - gun in you, so let the Spir - it
 2 In love, God calls you to this day, and gives you strength, these
 3 Great work has God be - gun in you; take on God's love in



fol - low through; The mark of Christ up - on your brow, bap -
vows to say; Take up the faith that you were shown, and
all you do, And may that love in you in - crease now
tis - mal touch re - mem - ber now.
grow, as - sured you are God's own.
with God's bless - ing, go in peace.

†THE BENEDICTION

†THE POSTLUDE

How Fair and How Pleasant Art Thou

Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

~ *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 Mr. David S. Hett
Minister of Religious Life & Learning

Ushers: Group A

Baptisms (9 and 10 am)

Celia Elizabeth Hutcheson

Lillian Elizabeth Rudinsky

George Harrison Kinsey

Daxon Finn Weinandy

Zoe Nicole Kirby

Leo Allan Weinandy

Owen Daniel Pelzer

Mason James Yeager

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Robert A. Griffith, *Organist*

Jennie Cavins, *soprano/reader*

Suzanne Newcomb, *piano*

⁽¹⁾ *More Than Words: Prayers and Rituals for Inclusive Communities*, Janet Schaffran and Pat Kozak, (Meyer-Stone Books, 1988).

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2019 BLOCK OF WOOD CLASS

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Jamison Ringlien

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BLOCK OF WOOD LEADERS

Gabrielle Whitcomb Cat Hiller
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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
"Portals of Wonder" 3-week series
designed and led by Gail Evans
addresses creativity and the arts as
sources of spiritual inspiration and
healing. FCC artists will be featured.

10 am Worship:
Crib to 5 years: Rooms 221 & 222
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

- **Welcome visitors!** Stop by our Welcome Center for information on programs and activities and pick up a copy of our newspaper.
- **Church Membership:** Please text joinfcc to 42828 or contact Kristy Glaser at (614) 488-0681 ext.161 or kglaser@FCchurch.com if you're interested in becoming a member.
- **Baptisms:** Our next Baptism Sunday is July 7. 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 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 lobby areas.
- 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, rehab or time of need.

Parish Register

As of 5/8/19

Recently Hospitalized

Rebecca Wolfe

Deaths

Jeane Wilkin 5/1/19
Mother of Pat Heier

Monk Clifford 5/3/19
Husband of Anne Clifford
Father of Cristin (Craig) Sturtz
Grandfather of Erin & Kara Sturtz

Visit FCchurch.com/parish-register to view listings of upcoming Memorial Services.

Send notifications of weddings, births, hospitalizations/rehab or deaths to Paula Russell at prussell@FCchurch.com or (614) 488-0681 ext. 228
Private/unpublished notifications by request.

Prayer Chain: To add a name to the Prayer Chain contact Paula Russell, Director of Congregational Care. All prayers are held in confidence.

If you are in need of pastoral care, call Robin, Pastoral Care Administrative Assistant at (614) 488-0681 ext. 235. If you need a minister in an emergency, call (614) 488-0681 ext. 5 (there may be a moment of silence during the transfer).

Household Prayers for the Fourth Week of Easter*

Morning

Holy God, you have called a people to be your family out of every tribe, language, and nation, to love and serve you daily in a world of beauty, complexity, and diversity. Help us to honor and respect the dignity of difference as we seek to be one with you and each other this day and always. Amen.

Evening

O Shepherd of all, you have brought us to the close of another day; for this gift and the blessings we now name, we give you thanks...

All that we have and all that we are come from you; and so, trusting in the goodness of your divine care, let us lie down this night in peace, that tomorrow we may rise to greet you in resurrection joy. Amen.

*From *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion*, edited by Kimberly Bracken Long (Westminster John Knox Press, 2012).

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