



Fourth Sunday of Easter  
May 12, 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 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 <sup>(1)</sup>

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* <sup>(2)</sup> *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 <sup>(3)</sup>

**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 SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

†The Congregational Covenant

Leader: Would all rise in body or spirit? I ask you to join with me in declaring our part in helping these children discover the grace of God within themselves.

**All: We receive these children now as new persons in Christ. We promise to give their parents our support as they live with their children in the pathways of Christ. We offer ourselves also, as ones who take them into our love, our prayers, and our daily lives, striving for their nurturing, to build in this place a community rich in the spirit of God. We promise this so that they may come to know the wondrous love of God and may live with us for Christ, showing forth God's love for all people. Thanks be to God!**

*(The people may be seated.)*

## THE HYMN

*These Treasured Children* <sup>(4)</sup>

*Puer Nobis Nascitur*



1 These trea - sured chil - dren pres - ent now are bound to  
2 Our an - cient sto - ry we shall tell, till these our  
4 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, help us be a nur - tur -  
5 Then, ten - der God, each child em - brace; God give them



us by sa - cred vow: with love, we make a  
chil - dren know it well with - in their souls and  
ing com - mu - ni - ty; em - pow - er us to  
bless - ings, grant them grace. Sur - prise them, God, with



heart - felt claim to wel - come them in Je - sus' name.  
minds and hearts, for this is where their jour - ney starts.  
re - a - lize God's king - dom through our chil - dren's eyes.  
won - ders still, and gent - ly guide them to your will.

## 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 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

<sup>34</sup>Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to God. <sup>36</sup>You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how 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. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not 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. <sup>42</sup>He 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. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Leader: This is the good news for the people of God.

**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* <sup>(5)</sup>

*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)

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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 Ms. Katherine H. Shaner  
*Minister of Mission*

Leigh Anne Easterling  
*Director of Early Childhood Ministries &  
Mary Evans Child Development Center*

**Deacons Assisting:** Tawana Thorn, Marianne Anderson

**Ushers:** Group A

**Baptisms**

Celia Elizabeth Hutcheson  
George Harrison Kinsey  
Zoe Nicole Kirby  
Owen Daniel Pelzer

Lillian Elizabeth Rudinsky  
Daxon Finn Weinandy  
Leo Allan Weinandy  
Mason James Yeager

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC**  
Robert A. Griffith, *Organist*  
Jennie Cavins, *soprano*  
Suzanne Newcomb, *piano*

- (1) *More Than Words: Prayers and Rituals for Inclusive Communities*, Janet Schaffran and Pat Kozak, (Meyer-Stone Books, 1988).  
(2) *Seasons of Your Heart* by Macrina Wiederkehr (Harper One, 1991).  
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**2019 BLOCK OF WOOD CLASS**

Ryan Baxley	Jacob Hartman*	Geoffrey Schoeny
Kennedy Beebe	Aidan Horan	Olivia Seiler
Marissa Blake*	Ethan Howe	Madeline Spaine
Avery Catalano	Zebediah Loring	Skylar Trent
Luke Eriksen	Christopher Mazzaferri	Dylan Trent
Lauren Gomez	Ian McGovern	Kyrsten Willimott
Andrew Graves	Thea Obergefell	
Jackson Hargett	Jamison Ringlien	<i>*baptizand</i>

**BLOCK OF WOOD LEADERS**

Gabrielle Whitcomb	Cat Hiller
Jeff DeRoberts	Heidi Orsini

**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](http://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](mailto: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).

### THE PROGRAM STAFF OF FIRST COMMUNITY CHURCH

R. Glen Miles, *Senior Minister*  
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