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SUNDAY • OCTOBER 10, 2021

First Congregational Church of St. Louis
United Church of Christ
An Open & Affirming Congregation

Welcome!

*Whoever you are, and wherever you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here.*

Restrooms are located down the hall on the main floor.

All Gender Restrooms are located at the back of the sanctuary
and downstairs in the Fellowship Hall (which is accessible).

Changing tables are located in the Nursery on the main floor
and at the back of the sanctuary.

Childcare for infants-preschoolers is located
in the nursery on the main floor.

***An asterisk** is an invitation to rise, in body or spirit.
Bolded text is an invitation for the congregation
to read or sing in unison.

For everyone's health and safety:

- Masks are required for everyone ages 5 and over while indoors.
- Please practice physical distancing.
- Ushers will not collect offerings. Instead, you may place your offerings in the baskets located in the Tower Room and Narthex.
- Children remaining in worship should sit with their parents in the pews. Children may get activities from the Playground and then return to the pews.
- At the conclusion of worship, attendees should exit the sanctuary promptly to avoid prolonged, close contact.

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Worship October 10, 2021

Welcome & Announcements

Jim Hartley, *Mission & Outreach*

Prelude

"Allegro" from *Andante et Allegro*
Sean Gallagher, trumpet

J. Guy Ropartz

***Call to Worship** (*Based on Psalms 46 and 131*)

Leader: God calls us in the midst of our lives:

People: "Pause a while and know that I am God."

Leader: God calls us from our lofty ambitions, our haughtiness,
from our occupations with marvels and matters
beyond our scope:

People: "Let be and learn that I am God."

Leader: Come, behold the astounding things God has done in the world.

**People: God is our shelter, our strength,
ever ready to help in time of trouble.**

Leader: People of God, hope in our God.

**People: Enough for us to calm and quiet our souls
like a child quieted at its mother's breast.**

Leader: God is with us, now and forevermore!

People: Amen.

Stewardship Testimony

Jennifer Garrison Brown

***Opening Hymn**

"I Sing as I Arise Today"

#83

I sing as I arise today! I call on my Creator's might:

The will of God to be my guide, the eye of God to be my sight,

The word of God to be my speech, the hand of God to be my stay,

The shield of God to be my strength, the path of God to be my way.

Alleluia, alleluia, Alleluia, alleluia,

Alleluia, alleluia, Alleluia, alleluia.

Prayers of the People

The Prayer of our Savior

Our Mother, 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.

*Passing of the Peace

*Congregational Song "We Worship You, God" #26, Stz 1, 2, 4, 5

We worship you, God; your power and your love
are blazoned abroad, around, and above:
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

We tell of your might, we sing of your grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;
Your chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
and broad is your path on the wings of the storm.

Your bountiful care, what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
Your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

Scripture

Luke 22:47-51

While Jesus was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him; but Jesus said to him, "Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?" When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked, "Lord, should we strike with the sword?" Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said, "No more of this!" And he touched his ear and healed him.

Anthem

"Draw Us Near: A Hymn for Peace"

Joel Thompson

Dedicated to the memory of Alton Sterling and Philando Castile
and to the members of the Upper School Chorus
of the Holy Innocents' Episcopal School (2016-2017)

*This song we sing is our hearts' vow to you, O God of Peace.
Please send your Dove, your Spirit of Love, to help our torments cease.
The world is tired of war and blood and fear,
the tears we've cried, the pain inside: O Spirit, draw us near.*

*So keep us true to our hearts' vow to show the world your love.
May bias wane and joy remain as we sing to You above.
We pray, O God, You take away our fear,
the tears we've cried, the pain inside: O Spirit, draw us near.*

Sermon

Rev. Mia White

Anthem**“How Can I Keep From Singing”****Sarah Quartel**

*My life flows on in endless song; above earth's lamentation,
I hear the real, though far off hymn that hails a new creation.
Through all the tumult and the strife I hear the music ringing.
It sounds an echo in my soul, how can I keep from singing?*

*While though the tempest loudly roars, I hear the truth, it liveth.
And though the darkness 'round me close, songs in the night it giveth.
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I'm clinging
Since love is Lord of heav'n and earth, how can I keep from singing.*

*I lift my eyes, the cloud grows thin; I see the blue above it,
And day by day this pathway smooths since first I learned to love it.
The peace of love makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing;
All things are mine in love and joy! How can I keep from singing?*

Blessing**Postlude****"Te Deum"****Marc Charpentier**

Children's Sunday School

Second & Fourth Sundays, 10 AM, Outdoors
Oct. 10, 24; Nov. 14, 28

Radical Inclusion Adult Formation Series

Sun. Oct. 31, 11:20 AM on Zoom Coffee Hour

"Being a Black Man in a White Church" – Damien Richardson

Sun. Nov. 21, 11:20 AM in person & on Zoom

"Dismantling the White Gaze: Three Ways of Looking at Black Bodies in Marcel Camus's *Orfeu Negro* (1959)" – Julia Walker

And more to come!

Other Upcoming Events:

TODAY! Sun. Oct. 10, 3PM – *Early Music @ 1st*: 17th – C Lute Music from France & Scotland

Sun. Oct. 17, 12PM – Women of Wydown Brown Bag Lunch

Sun. Oct. 24, 11:30 AM – Family Pumpkin Carving (outdoors)

Fri. Nov. 5, 6:30 PM – Outdoor Family Movie Night

Sun. Nov. 7, 3PM – *Early Music @ 1st*: 19th – C Chamber Music for Violin, Cello & Guitar



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& Events**

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Online**

Thank you to our members serving today:

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