

First Congregational Church of Georgetown



May 18, 2025

Our Church Mission Statement

“To nurture those in our own faith community and to act on our faith by reaching out to others.”



Congregation of the
United Church of Christ.

GATHERING MUSIC

"Hymn of Promise"

Sleeth

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING MUSIC

Band

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: In the midst of a world where people hunger and thirst,

ALL: Come, let us worship our God who feeds the hungry.

One: In the midst of a world where people are abused and oppressed,

ALL: Rise, and let us celebrate our God who calls for compassion and justice.

One: In the midst of a world filled with lies, anger, mortal threats and war,

ALL: Come, let us praise our God who desires nothing less than for wars to cease.

One: In the midst of a world where love is not freely shown and forgiveness is hard to find,

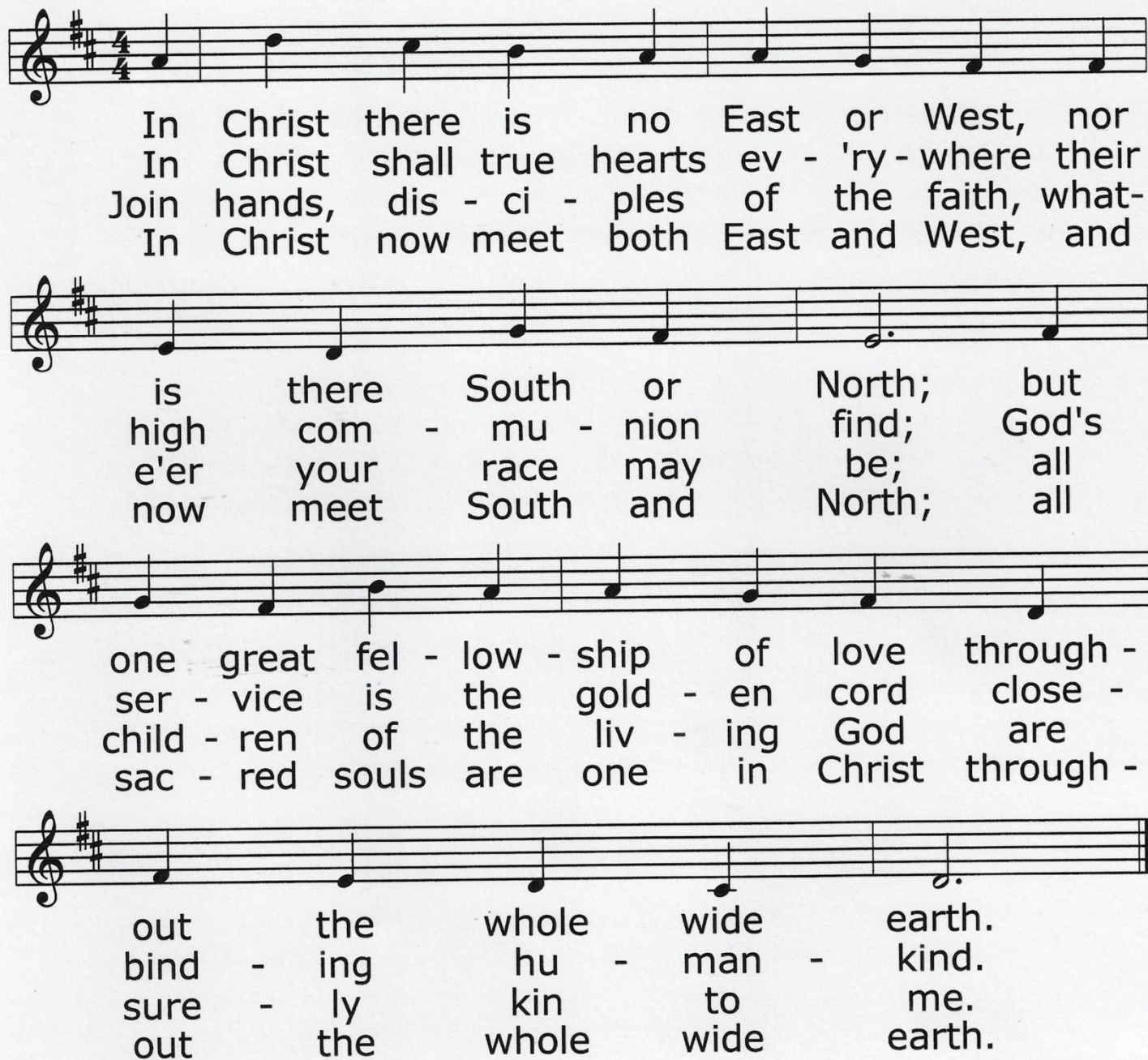
ALL: Rejoice, and let us join with our God whose grace and love know no end.

***GATHERING HYMN**

In Christ There Is No East or West

John Oxenham

Aleander R. Reinagle



In Christ there is no East or West, nor
In Christ shall true hearts ev - 'ry - where their
Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what -
In Christ now meet both East and West, and
is there South or North; but
high com - mu - nion find; God's
e'er your race may be; all
now meet South and North; all
one great fel - low - ship of love through -
ser - vice is the gold - en cord close -
child - ren of the liv - ing God are
sac - red souls are one in Christ through -
out the whole wide earth.
bind - ing hu - man - kind.
sure - ly kin to me.
out the whole wide earth.

Words 1908 - Music 1836

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

Invitation to Share the Peace

UNISON PRAYER

Hear our prayers, O God, for we accept your way of answering, we trust your love for each of us, in our need, in our aspirations, in our trepidation to start another week every week. AMEN.

COMMUNITY PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER, AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

One: Let us continue our prayer in confidence using the words our Savior gave us.

ALL: Our Father/Mother/Creator, 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.

SCRIPTURES OF THE DAY

Revelation 21:1-6 (NRSV)

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

*"See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them and be their God;
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away."*

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

Matthew 10:25-30 (NRSV)

Jesus continued, “So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.”

SERMON—“Be the PUBLIC Church!”

MUSICAL RESPONSE

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

OFFERTORY MUSIC

“May Jesus Christ Be Praised”

Band

***DOXOLOGY**



***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Bless, O God, and multiply these gifts, which we having received of you, now return in part, that your Word and your way of Life may be made known more deeply in this congregation and community and throughout your entire world. In Jesus' name, Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**

This Is a Day of New Beginnings

Brian Wren

This is a day of new be - gin - nings,
For by the life and death of Je - sus,
Then let us, with the Spir - it's dar - ing,
Christ is a - live, and goes be - fore us

time to re - mem - ber and move on.
love's might - y Spir - it, now as then,
step from the past and leave be - hind
to show and share what love can do.

time to be - lieve what love is bring - ing,
can make for us a world of dif - f'rence
our dis - ap - point - ment, guilt and griev - ing,
This is a day of new be - gin - nings

lay - ing to rest the pain that's gone.
as faith and hope are born a - gain.
seek - ing new paths, and sure to find.
our God is mak - ing all things new.

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***FINAL BLESSING**

***SENDING MUSIC**

"It Is No Secret"

TODAY'S WORSHIP TEAM

Pastor.....Rev. Richard Chrisman
Director of Music..... Robert Knapp
Organist.....Emily Knapp
Lay Worship Leader.....Kristen Arsenault

CHURCH STAFF

MinistersThe Congregation
Pastor.....
Director of Music Robert Knapp
Organist Emily Knapp
Office AdministratorJulie Bernier
Sexton..... Kimberlee Knapp
Moderator.....Rich Brock
Clerk Toni Cassidy
Finance Robert Knapp
Diaconate..... Rachel Angerhofer
Property..... JoAnne Kelly and Tom Johnson
Missions..... Rachel Angerhofer
Bookkeeper.....Rich Brock
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TO MAKE AN ELECTRONIC DONATION



UPCOMING MEETINGS & SERVICES

Tuesday, May 20

6:30 PM – Bells Rehearsal

7:00 PM – Band Rehearsal

Wednesday, May 21

6:30 PM Council Meeting

Thursday, May 22

7:00 PM – Band Rehearsal

7:00 PM Knitting

Wednesday May 28

7:00 PM Book Club

Sunday, May 25, Memorial Day Commemoration

10:30 AM – Worship Service, Rev. Marie Lucca officiating

For those wishing to join us virtually:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84545128875>

SAVE THE DATE



Strawberry Social & Band Concert

Tuesday, June 24th

6-8 PM

“Enjoy the Beginning of Summer on our Church Lawn”

Due to increases in prices for strawberries and supplies monetary donations will be greatly appreciated.

**Checks can be payable to First Congregational Church
and note it is for the Strawberry Social
or scan the QR code below.**

Raffle Items Needed

Any questions contact Emily Knapp, Janice Murphy or Kristen Arsenault

