

First Congregational Church of Georgetown



October 5, 2025 World Communion Sunday

Want to get to know some
amazing people?
Join us downstairs in
Fellowship Hall after worship
for snacks, smiles, and chit chat!

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Office Hours: 9am-noon on T, W, Th

Gathering

Prelude/ Gathering Music “I’d Like to Teach the World to Sing”

Welcome & Announcements

Introit/Centering Music “Lead Me Lord” Wesley

Introducing Our Theme

*** Call to Worship**

One: O God, we meet again in this familiar place we love,

**Many: Recalling millions of your faithful who have worshiped you
through the centuries,**

One: Thankfully aware of other millions around the world who are
worshiping you today.

**Many: Help us to celebrate the tie that binds us to fellow Christians
through the ages and throughout this planet,**

One: That our faith may be strengthened, our love empowered, and our
Witness given wings,

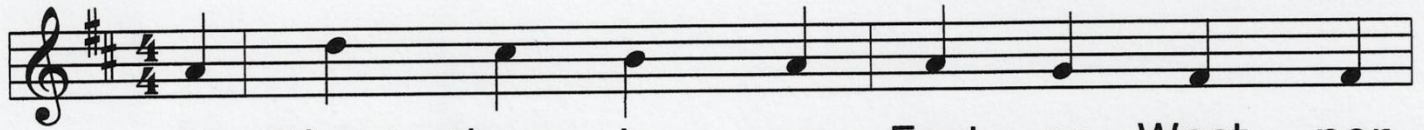
Many: Through Jesus Christ, the great Head of the church.

* Hymn

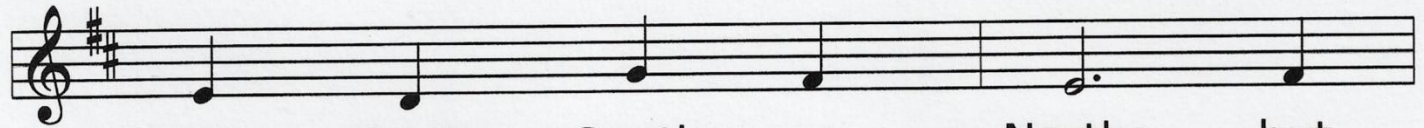
In Christ There Is No East or West

John Oxenham

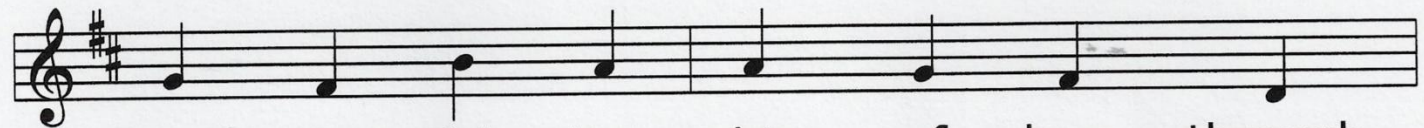
Aleander R. Reinagle



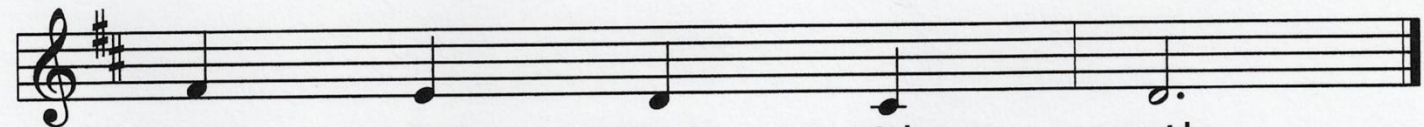
In Christ there is no East or West, nor
In Christ shall true hearts ev - 'ry - where their
Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what -
In Christ now meet both East and West, and



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

Prayers of the People

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer *Please use words that are most comfortable for you or use the words below.*

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.

Offering

* Sharing a Sign of Peace

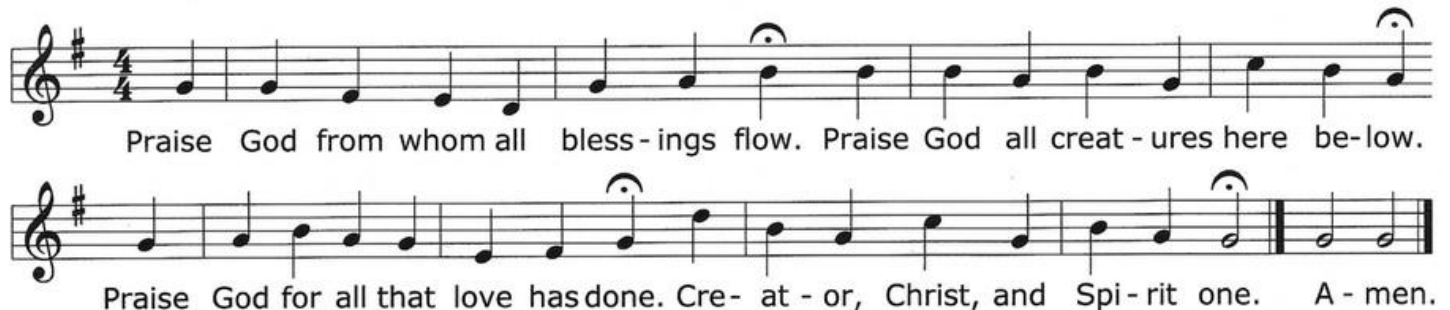
Response: And also with you!

Offertory

"Deep Peace"

Posegate

* Doxology



Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow. Praise God all creat - ures here be-low.

Praise God for all that love has done. Cre - at - or, Christ, and Spi - rit one. A - men.

Prayer of Dedication

God of plenty, thank you for your reminders that we have more than we could ever really need. We praise you for the gift of generosity, for in our generosity, we are reminded of being your people to a world in need. For your presence in our lives, we give you thanks and praise. Amen.

The Word

Scriptures

Psalm 66: 1-2

Response after reading: Thanks be to God.

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

Response after reading: Thanks be to God.

Sermon/Message

* Hymn

Thomas Chisholm

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

William Runyan

Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God cre - a - tor,
Sum - mer and win - ter and spring time and har - vest,
Par - don for sin and a peace ev - er - last - ing,
there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee;
sun, moon and stars in the cours - es a - bove,
thy own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;
Change, you do not, thy com - pas - sions, they fail not;
join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,
as you have been you for - ev - er will be.
to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy and love.
bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!
Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by
morn - ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy
hand has pro - vid - ed; great is thy faith - ful - ness, God, un - to me!

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Holy Meal

Confession & Assurance of Pardon

O God, we confess that we would like the road map of our life laid out before us. We want to know where we are going. Any unexpected twists and turns disconcert us. Forgive the rationalizations we present to you as reasons for not following. Forgive our reliance on ourselves and our lack of trust in you. Forgive us all that is past, and free us to a new and living faith in you, through Christ our risen Lord. Amen.

One: Our God is a God of love and mercy, who allows us always to begin again. By God's grace, we are forgiven to walk in the newness of life. Thanks be to God.

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution & Consecration

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Gracious God, you have given us the gift of life, the gift of grace, and the gift of your very self. We give you our thanks for the blessings of this bread and this cup. May the meal we have just shared strengthen us and nourish our very souls. Open our eyes that we would see those who are physically and spiritually hungry. Help us graciously share the hospitality and the blessings you so freely bestowed at this table. Amen.

Sending

* Hymn

Take Up the Song

Carol E. Eagleheart

Brenda Chambers

Take up the song! Car - ry it on til all the
world joins in to sing a - long. Take up the song
and let the mu - sic ring. Take up the song. Let your life
sing! Sound the notes of free - dom and lift a
Dance with wind and wa - ter and live in
Share the search for mean - ing, the quest for
Keep a - live the vis - ion of world com -
song of peace And raise a cry for jus - tice
har - mon - y with ev' - ry liv - ing crea - ture
lib - er - ty, the mys - ter - y and won - der
mu - ni - ty til voic - es of all peo - ple

Repeat chorus
and nev - er let it cease.
in all the land and sea.
that set our spir - its free.
be - come a sym - phon - y

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*Benediction

*Postlude/Departing Music

"He's Got the Whole World"

Today's Worship Team

Pastor
Director of Music
Organist
Lay Leader
Musicians

Rev. Debra Adams
Robert Knapp
Emily Knapp
Pam Sheehan
The FCC Bell Choir

Meetings & Upcoming Events

Sunday, October 5

12 noon Bell Choir Rehearsal
Blueberry Pie Making

Tuesday, October 7

12 noon Women's Guild
7 PM Band Rehearsal

Wednesday, October 8

7 PM Missions Team

Thursday, October 9

7 PM Knitting Circle

Saturday, October 11

8 AM Men's Group Café Sarina

Sunday, October 12

9:30 AM Brass
12 noon Bell Choir

THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPPING WITH US!

First Congregational Church is an engaging congregation rooted in Christian tradition, but open to new expressions. With openness of heart and responding to God's compassionate grace, we reach out in service to the community and the world! If you would like to learn more about our congregation and its ministries or would like a call or visit from our pastor, please complete the visitor card found in the pews and place it in the offering basket.

EXTRAVAGANT WELCOME

First Congregational Church is an **"Open and Affirming"** congregation of the **United Church of Christ**, which means that wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here. Because we believe that all people are created in God's image and thus are blessed and loved equally by God, we welcome persons of every age, gender, race, national origin and ethnicity, marital status, family structure, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, mental and physical health and abilities, economic and social status, political affiliation, education, and faith background. We also welcome and encourage all people to participate and share their talents and energy in worship and sacraments, leadership positions, ordained ministry, lay ministry, learning, service, mission, and fellowship.

A COMMUNITY THAT AIMS FOR HOSPITALITY

We have large-print programs, hearing assistance devices, wheelchair and elevator accessibility, and all-gender restrooms. We also serve gluten-free bread and grape juice during our communion services. For those wishing to worship with us virtually, we live stream our services at <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84545128875>. While we strive to anticipate needs, please share any ideas you have for ways to expand our hospitality for all.

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

We encourage children to actively participate in our worship service; this is where they learn the most about the Christian family — by experiencing it! Children are encouraged to sing, clap, wiggle, fidget, offer prayer requests, share a sign of peace, and receive communion.

OFFERINGS

We are most grateful for your prayers for the ministries, staff, and volunteers of our church and for your offerings. You can make a financial gift on our website fccgeorgetownma.org/giving or use this QR code.



SAVE THE DATE!

FCC Georgetown's Coffee House

Join us for a cozy night of live performances featuring musicians, poets, coffee, and yummy desserts.

November 1st 7-9pm

FREE ADMISSION with
GOODWILL OFFERING to SUPPORT
OUR NEIGHBORS TABLE



More details to come!

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

EAGLE PROJECT FUNDRAISER

Memorialize a loved one, celebrate a family,
or leave a lasting message on a custom
engraved retaining wall top stone on the
new firepit on the FCC front lawn

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Jen Studer with
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