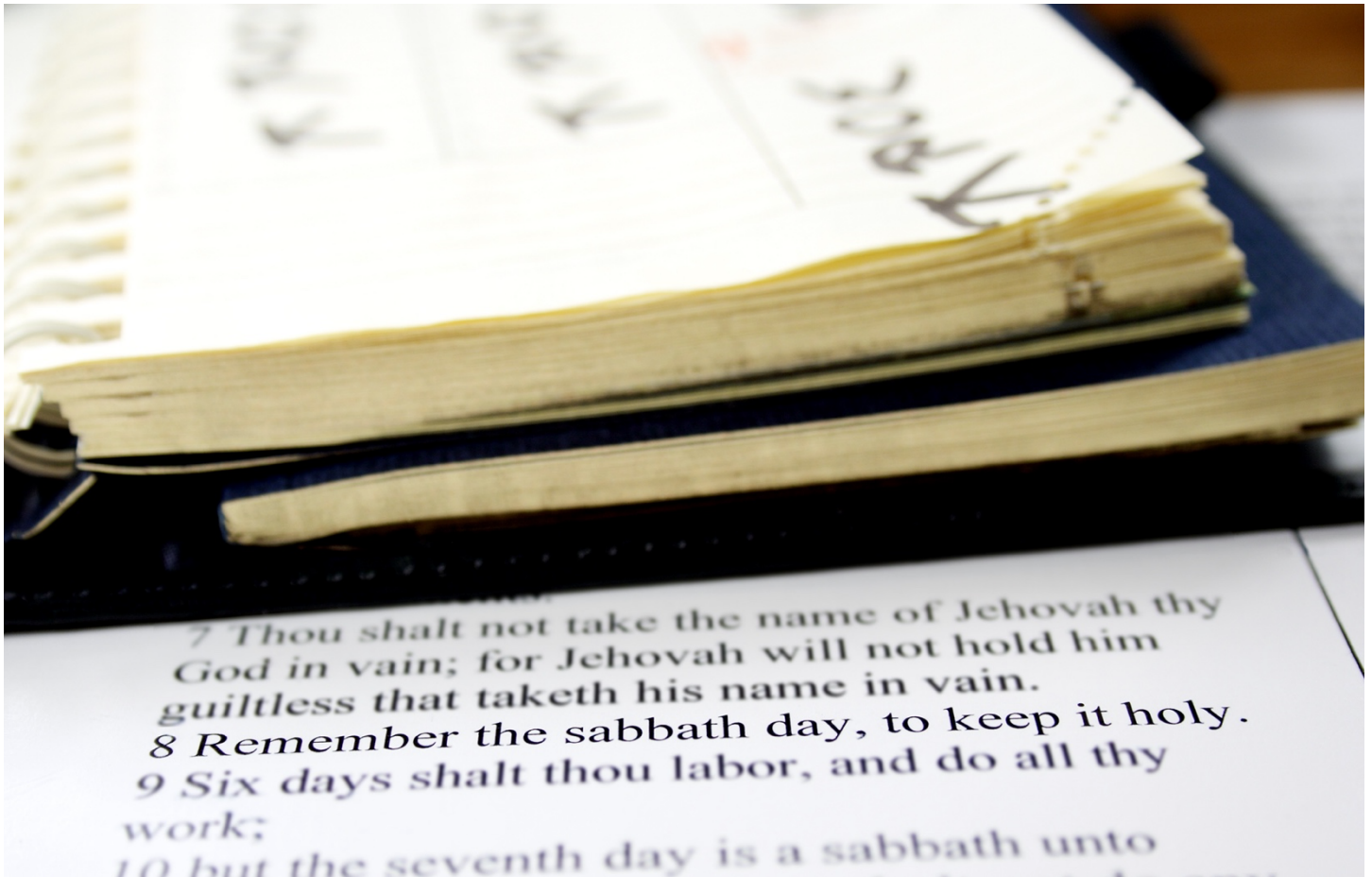


**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**Sunday, October 9, 2022**



*Faith First. Love Always.*

**The First Congregational Church of Greenwich** declares itself to be open and affirming; open to all for participation, membership, leadership and employment, and affirming of all who wish to join us as children of God. We continue to give thanks for God's guidance in our journey of faith.

We welcome you this day and are glad you made the choice to join us for this worship service. May it be a blessing to you.

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## CHILDREN IN WORSHIP



*God puts the wiggle in children  
and calls it good... and so do we!*

At First Church, we believe that the way we welcome children in worship directly affects the way they respond to God, the church, and to one another.

To welcome children as they are in worship, we've created the **PrayGround**, located in the front of the chapel (right side of the Meetinghouse) where children and others can engage in worship through movement and prayerful play.

The **PrayGround** offers space for movement and sensory materials for all ages to worship with and through. The presence of all God's children is a gift to the church, which offers hope for all.



## SUPPORTING FIRST CHURCH

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# FAITH FIRST. LOVE ALWAYS.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### CALL TO COMMUNITY

Reverend Patrick Collins

*Please sign and pass the red Fellowship Pad found at the end of your row near the center aisle,  
then pass it back to the center aisle, noting the names of those worshiping near you  
so you may greet them at the end of worship.*

### CALL TO ANNUAL GIVING

Philip Wentworth  
Chair, Stewardship Committee

### PRELUDE

*Scherzo For Flutes*  
Norman Warren (b. 1934)  
Dr. Craig Scott Symons, organist

### †CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God bears us on eagles' wings

All: **And calls us home.**

One: Obey the word of God.

All: **We will honor God's covenant.**

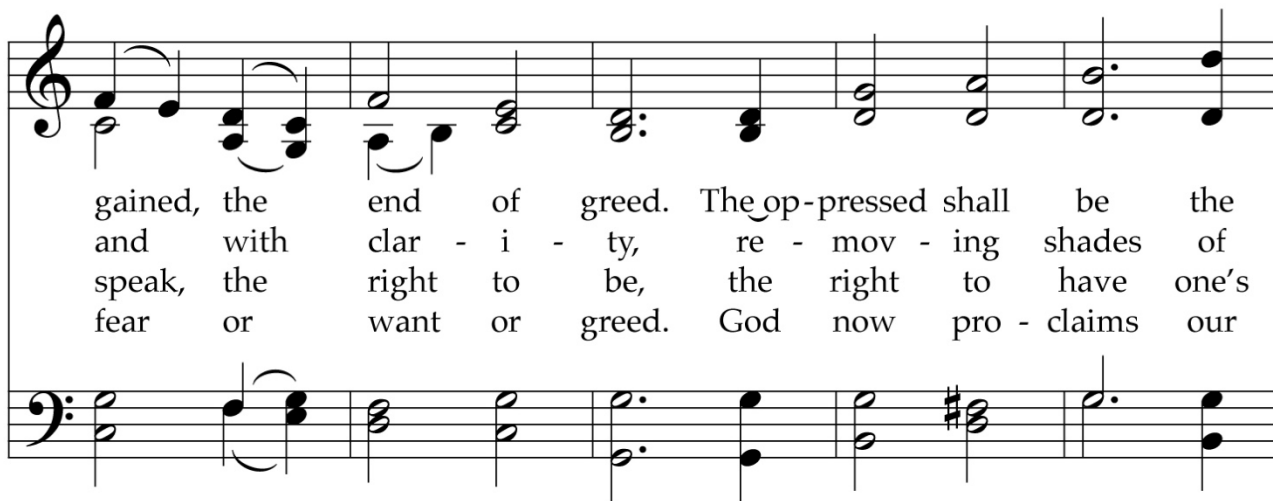
One: We are God's treasured possession,

All: **A priestly kingdom and a holy nation.**

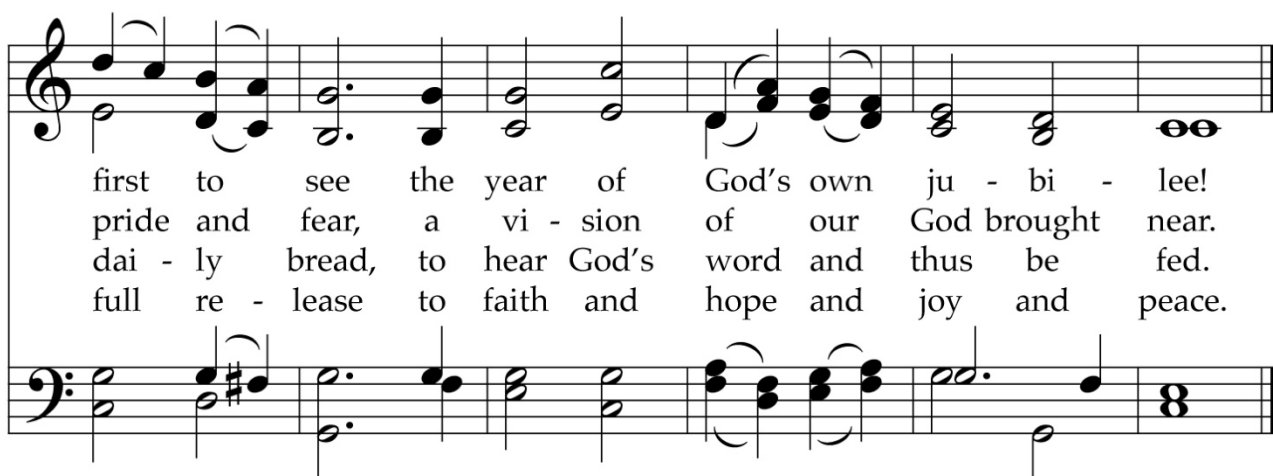
† Please rise in body or in spirit



1 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed, of sight re -  
 2 Live in - to hope! The blind shall see with in - sight  
 3 Live in - to hope of lib - er - ty, the right to  
 4 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed from chains of



gained, the end of greed. The op-pressed shall be the  
 and with clar - i - ty, re - mov - ing shades of  
 speak, the right to be, the right to have one's  
 fear or want or greed. God now pro - claims our



first to see the year of God's own ju - bi - lee!  
 pride and fear, a vi - sion of our God brought near.  
 dai - ly bread, to hear God's word and thus be fed.  
 full re - lease to faith and hope and joy and peace.

## PRAYER (in Unison)

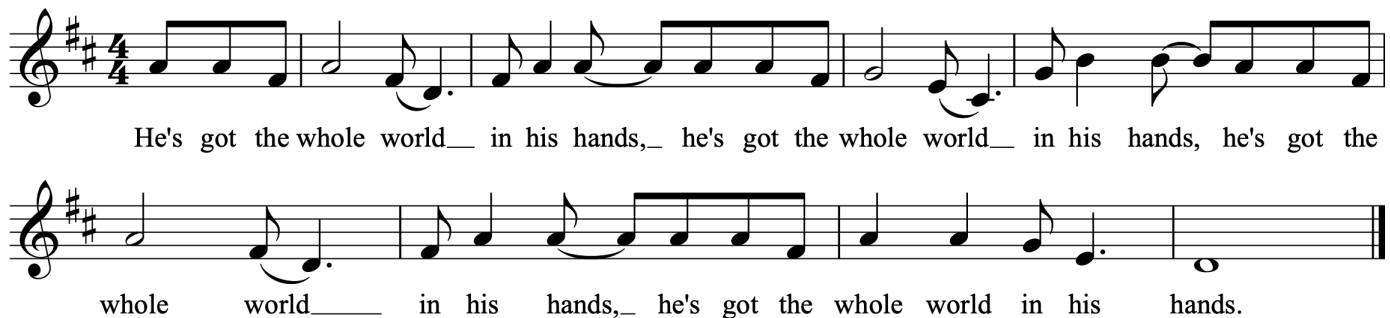
Holy God, you made a covenant with the people of Israel that you would be their God, and they would be your people. Teach us to obey your commands, that we might live in love and peace with you and our neighbors. Amen.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*(During the response, the children will depart for Church School)*

## RESPONSE

*He's Got The Whole World In His Hands*



He's got the whole world\_\_ in his hands,\_ he's got the whole world\_\_ in his hands, he's got the

whole world\_\_\_\_ in his hands,\_ he's got the whole world in his hands.

## FIRST LESSON

*Matthew 5: 17-20, 43-48*  
Common English Bible  
Carol Woodman

“Don’t even begin to think that I have come to do away with the Law and the Prophets. I haven’t come to do away with them but to fulfill them. I say to you very seriously that as long as heaven and earth exist, neither the smallest letter nor even the smallest stroke of a pen will be erased from the Law until everything there becomes a reality. Therefore, whoever ignores one of the least of these commands and teaches others to do the same will be called the lowest in the kingdom of heaven. But whoever keeps these commands and teaches people to keep them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. I say to you that unless your righteousness is greater than the righteousness of the legal experts and the Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

“You have heard that it was said, You must love your neighbor and hate your enemy. But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who harass you so that you will be acting as children of your Father who is in heaven. He makes the sun rise on both the evil and the good and sends rain on both the righteous and the unrighteous. If you love only those who love you, what reward do you have? Don’t even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing? Don’t even the Gentiles do the same? Therefore, just as your heavenly Father is complete in showing love to everyone, so also you must be complete.

## ANTHEM

*River In Judea*  
John Leavitt  
The Chancel Choir  
Vance Briceland, piano

## SECOND LESSON

*Exodus 19: 3-7, 20: 1-17*  
Common English Bible

On exactly the third-month anniversary of the Israelites' leaving the land of Egypt, they came into the Sinai desert. They traveled from Rephidim, came into the Sinai desert, and set up camp there. Israel camped there in front of the mountain while Moses went up to God. The Lord called to him from the mountain, "This is what you should say to Jacob's household and declare to the Israelites:

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the Lord your God who brought you out of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

You must have no other gods before me.

Do not make an idol for yourself—no form whatsoever—of anything in the sky above or on the earth below or in the waters under the earth. Do not bow down to them or worship them, because I, the Lord your God, am a passionate God. I punish children for their parents' sins even to the third and fourth generations of those who hate me. But I am loyal and gracious to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

Do not use the Lord your God's name as if it were of no significance; the Lord won't forgive anyone who uses his name that way.

Remember the Sabbath day and treat it as holy. Six days you may work and do all your tasks, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. Do not do any work on it—not you, your sons or daughters, your male or female servants, your animals, or the immigrant who is living with you. Because the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and everything that is in them in six days, but rested on the seventh day. That is why the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

Honor your father and your mother so that your life will be long on the fertile land that the Lord your God is giving you.

Do not kill.

Do not commit adultery.

Do not steal.

Do not testify falsely against your neighbor.

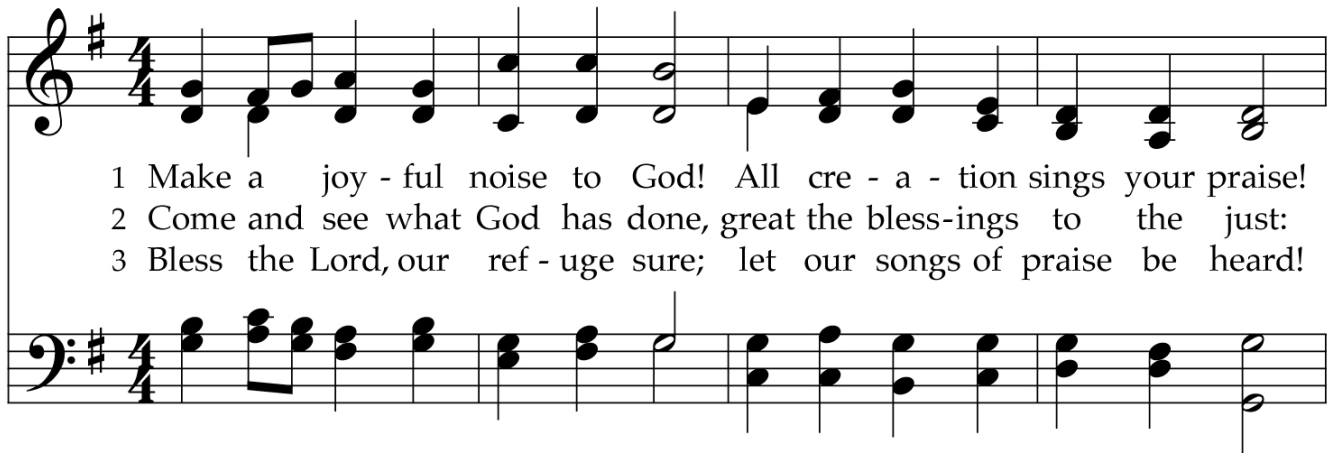
Do not desire and try to take your neighbor's house. Do not desire and try to take your neighbor's wife, male or female servant, ox, donkey, or anything else that belongs to your neighbor.

## MESSAGE

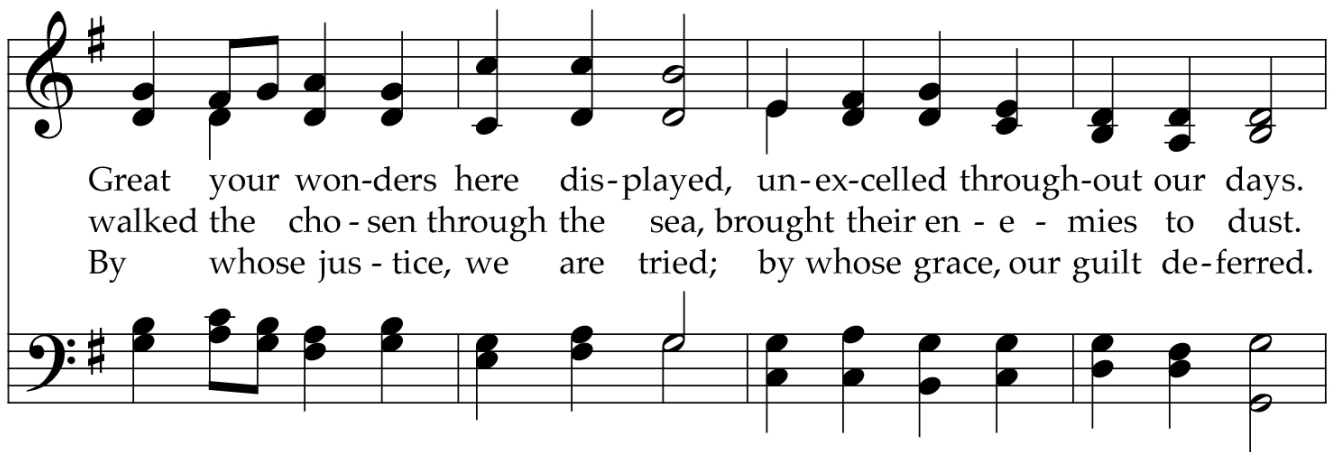
*Covenant and Commandments*  
Reverend Patrick Collins

## †HYMN

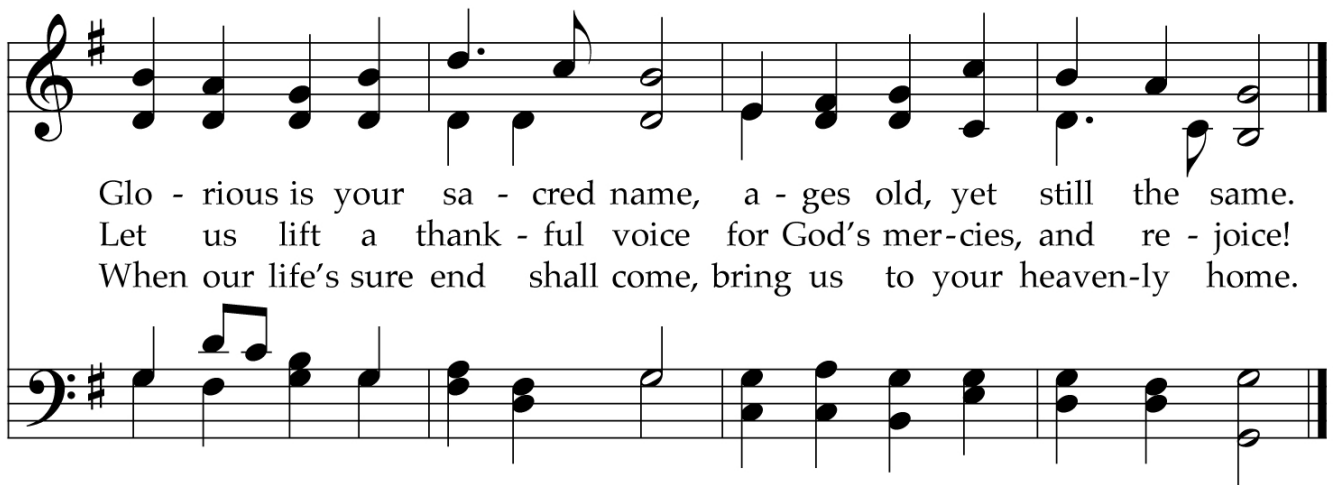
*Make A Joyful Noise To God*  
Tune: Dix



1 Make a joy - ful noise to God! All cre - a - tion sings your praise!  
2 Come and see what God has done, great the bless - ings to the just:  
3 Bless the Lord, our ref - uge sure; let our songs of praise be heard!



Great your won - ders here dis - played, un - ex - celled through - out our days.  
walked the cho - sen through the sea, brought their en - e - mies to dust.  
By whose jus - tice, we are tried; by whose grace, our guilt de - ferred.



Glo - rious is your sa - cred name, a - ges old, yet still the same.  
Let us lift a thank - ful voice for God's mer - cies, and re - joice!  
When our life's sure end shall come, bring us to your heaven - ly home.

† Please rise in body or in spirit

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

### CALL TO OFFERING

Betsy Kreuter

### ORGAN OFFERTORY

*Glorificamus*  
John Redford (1485-1547)

### †DOXOLOGY



† Please rise in body or in spirit

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*G*  
*Leader or All*

1 You who dwell in the shel - ter of the Lord, who a -

*G* *D/F#* *F*

bide in his shad - ow for life, say to the Lord, "My

*Dm* *F* *Gm* *Asus* *A*

ref - uge, my rock in whom I trust!"

*Refrain*

*All* *D* *Em*

And he will raise you up on ea - gles' wings, bear you on the

*A7* *D* *D7/F#* *G*

breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun,

*A* *Bm* *F#m* *Em7* *A* *Dsus* *D* *Fine*

and hold you in the palm of his hand.

*Leader or All* *G* *D/F#*

2 The snare of the fowl - er will nev - er cap - ture you, and

*G* *D/F#* *F*

fam - ine will bring you no fear: un - der his wings, your

Dm F Gm Asus A  
to Refrain

ref - uge, his faith - ful - ness your shield.

G D/F#  
Leader or All

3 You need not fear the ter - ror of the night, nor the

G D/F# F

ar-row that flies by day; though thou - sands fall a -

Dm F Gm Asus A  
to Refrain

bout you, near you it shall not come.

G D/F#  
Leader or All

4 For to his an - gels he's giv - en a com - mand to

G D/F# F

guard you in all of your ways; up - on their hands they will

Gm7 Am Gm7 Asus A  
to Refrain

bear you up, lest you dash your foot a - gainst a stone.

## BENEDICTION

## CHORAL RESPONSE

## POSTLUDE

*Psalm 19*  
Benedetto Marcello (1686-1739)

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*Directly following the service, one of our pastors will remain in the Chapel to be available to anyone who has a pastoral care concern.*

Join us for a special Community Hour following worship this morning, where our hosts for the month of October are members of the Stewardship Committee, as we launch our Annual Giving campaign.

## COMMUNITY HOUR

### CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES



Church School is back and in the Undercroft (preschool area) once again! And we need your help to make it another great year for our children and youth!

Church School is looking for lead teachers, assistant teachers, upper middle school and high school helpers, substitutes, and one-time Helping Hands.

All lessons and supplies will be provided.  
No previous teaching experience required.

If you want the children of First Church to learn about God, love, and community, then you're the right person!

Please email Pastor Cydney [cydneyv@fccog.org](mailto:cydneyv@fccog.org) with any questions or interest.

### CHURCH SCHOOL ROOM ASSIGNMENTS

**PRAYGROUND:** Babies and Toddlers

**ORANGE DOOR:** 3 and 4 year olds

**PURPLE DOOR:** PreK and Kindergarten

**BLUE DOOR:** 1st and 2nd Grades

**SILVER DOOR:** (formerly Rainbow Door) 3rd & 4th Grades

**RICK'S ROOM:** 5th and 6th Grades

## CELEBRATION SINGERS, & GENESIS CHOIRS REHEARSALS



### **Cherub Choir (gr K-2)**

Silver Door (Lower Level), 11:15-11:45 a.m.

Carol Woodman, director

### **Celebration Singers**

(gr 3-6): Music Room (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor) 11:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Craig Symons, director

### **Genesis Choir**

(gr 7-12 and early college ages): Choir Room, 11:15 a.m. -12:15 p.m.

Danny Young, director



## **FIRST MUSIC & ARTS OPENS A NEW SEASON!**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 4 P.M.**

**FREE ADMISSION – FREE-WILL OFFERING**



**THE SUNDOTS** are a baroque pop/rock band founded in Detroit, MI and based in NYC. Their fundamental sonic elements: strong baritone vocal melodies, contrapuntal explorations on piano and guitar, funky electric bass, and powerful rock 'n' roll drums. Their meticulously crafted songs explore the standard universal themes of human existence: love, heartbreak, and fresh fruit. Musical influences from rock, pop, 90s dance, and the Renaissance-Romantic

eras form a melting pot of their sound, creating kaleidoscopic variety while still being undeniably themselves. The trio's energetic and theatrical live act is filled to the brim with grace, quirk, charm, and a healthy dose of baroque 'n' roll.



## **POSITIVE PARENTING FOR EVERYDAY CHALLENGES**

presented by Susan O'Brien LCSW  
Tuesday, October 25 at 7 p.m. in the Daniels Center

This program will help parents rethink parenting challenges and provide positive strategies to reduce stress at home. The program will also discuss how to establish family rules that will teach your children to listen and restore family harmony. Sponsored by First Church Preschool.

## **THE RUMMAGE ROOM**

Needs for this week are:

- men's shirts
- women's blouses
- jewelry
- Thanksgiving items

We have a great selection of Halloween costumes for the whole family!

Hours are Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Donations are accepted during those times only. Please pull around behind the store and drop your items off there.



## WORSHIP NOTES

*(a place for you to jot thoughts or ideas from worship)*



God gave Moses the Ten Commandments.

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