



Twelfth Sunday
after Pentecost

August 7, 2016

First Congregational
Church of Wilmette

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Sunday, August 7, 2016

10:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

arr. Behnke

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. VanSlyke

Leader: Loving God, we come to worship you today.

Children and Youth: **We come to sing, pray, and listen.**

Leader: We trust that you always hear us.

All: **Help us to hear you in this hour. Amen.**

---From *The Worship Sourcebook*

+HYMN

"Lord, We Bring to You Our Children"

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PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Dr. Okrzynski

Gracious God,

Open us to the sea of your mercy,

and water us with full streams from the riches of your grace

and the springs of your kindness.

Make us children of quietness and heirs of peace;

kindle in us the fire of your love,

and strengthen our weakness by your power,

as we live in covenant with one another and with you.

Amen.

---Adapted from *The Worship Sourcebook*

CALL TO PRAISE

Dr. Okrzynski

Leader: O Lord, open thou our lips.
People: **And our mouths shall show forth thy praise.**
Leader: Praise be to God!
People: **God's name be praised!**

+GLORIA

Glory to the Creator and to the Christ and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Eternal God,
In the reading of the scripture, may your word be heard;
In the meditations of our hearts, may your word be known;
In the faithfulness of our lives, may your word be shown.
Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Dr. Okrzynski

† Genesis 15:1-6 – *Abram Has Faith in God's Promises* OT p. 14
† Psalm 33:12-22 with Sung Response Page 5
† Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 – *Our Ancestors Had Faith in God's Promises* NT pp. 273-274
† Luke 12:32-34 – *Have Faith in God's Kingdom* NT p. 91
You are invited to read along in the Pew Bible.

GOSPEL RESPONSE

"Celtic Alleluia"

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SERMON

"The Cloud of Witnesses"

Dr. VanSlyke

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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HYMN

"Child of Blessing, Child of Promise"

NCH 325

MORNING PRAYERS

Dr. VanSlyke

Call to Prayer

Leader: God be with you.
People: **And with your spirit.**

The Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

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.

Prayer Response

"Spirit Wind"

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OFFERING OUR TITHES, GIFTS, AND SELVES

Dr. Okrzynski

Offertory

"Blessed Assurance"

arr. Douglas

+The Doxology

Old Hundredth

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Christ all creatures here below,
Praise God above ye heavenly host,
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Insert

+HYMN

"Blessed Assurance"

NCH 473

+BENEDICTION

May God bless you and keep you;
May God's face shine upon you and be gracious unto you;
May God look upon you with kindness and bring you peace;
This day and forevermore,
Amen.

—Numbers 6:24-26

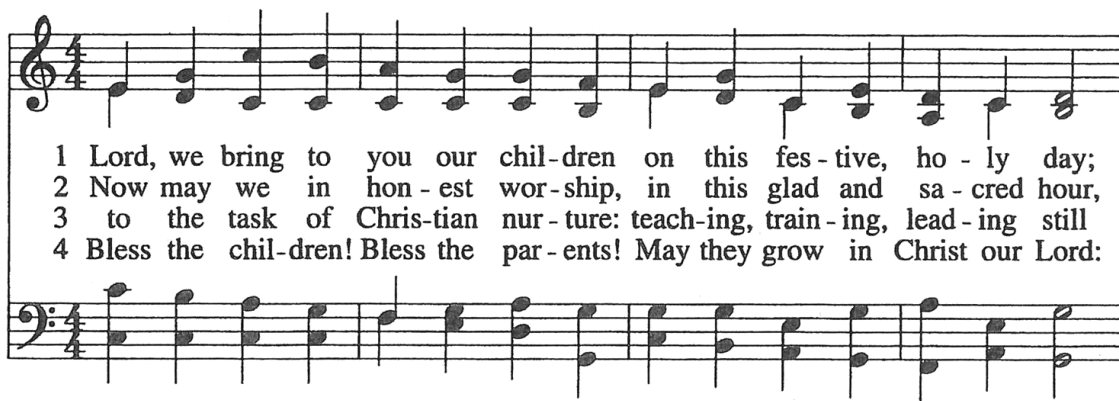
POSTLUDE

"We're Marching to Zion"

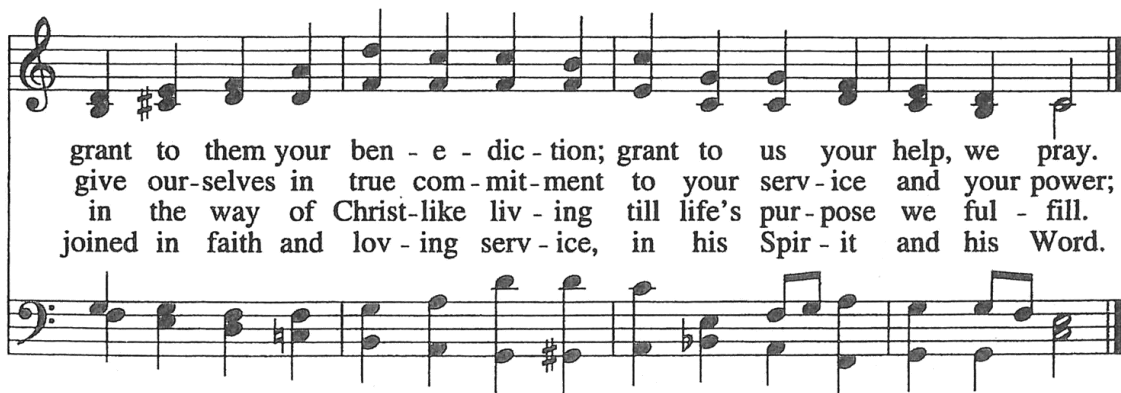
arr. Young

+ indicates those who are able may stand.
NCH indicates *The New Century Hymnal*.
OT indicates Old Testament.
NT indicates New Testament.

Lord, We Bring to You Our Children



1 Lord, we bring to you our chil-dren on this fes-tive, ho-ly day;
2 Now may we in hon-est wor-ship, in this glad and sa-cred hour,
3 to the task of Chris-tian nur-ture: teach-ing, train-ing, lead-ing still
4 Bless the chil-dren! Bless the par-ents! May they grow in Christ our Lord:



grant to them your ben-e-dic-tion; grant to us your help, we pray.
give our-selves in true com-mit-ment to your serv-ice and your power;
in the way of Christ-like liv-ing till life's pur-pose we ful-fill.
joined in faith and lov-ing serv-ice, in his Spir-it and his Word.

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Psalm 33 | A Responsorial Setting

Hap - py the peo - ple, hap - py the peo - ple the
Lord has cho - sen to be his own.

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¹²Happy is the nation whose God is the Sovereign,
the people whom God has chosen
as God's own heritage.

¹³God looks out from heaven;
God sees all humankind.

¹⁴From where God sits enthroned, God
watches all the inhabitants of the
earth —

¹⁵God who fashions the hearts of
them all, and observes all their
deeds.

¹⁶A ruler is not saved by a great army;
a warrior is not delivered by great
strength.

¹⁷The war horse is a vain hope for
victory,
and by its great might it cannot
save. *R*

¹⁸Truly the eye of God is on those who
fear God,
on those who hope in God's
steadfast love,

¹⁹to deliver their soul from death,
and to keep them alive in famine.

²⁰Our soul waits for God,
who is our help and shield.

²¹Our heart is glad in God,
because we trust in God's holy
name.

²²Let your steadfast love, O God,
be upon us,
even as we hope in you. *R*

Proper 5 [10] A vs. 1–12; Proper 14 [19] C vs. 12–22.

Gospel Response

Celtic Alleluia

Musical score for Celtic Alleluia, featuring a treble and bass clef staff in 6/8 time. The melody is written in G major. The lyrics are: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. The score consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass clef staff. The first system has 8 measures, and the second system has 8 measures. The lyrics are placed below the treble clef staff.

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Prayer Response

Spirit Wind

Musical score for Spirit Wind, featuring a treble clef staff in 4/4 time. The melody is written in B-flat major. The lyrics are: Spir-it Wind, Breath of God, breathe new life in - to the world. The score consists of two systems of music, each with a treble clef staff. The first system has 8 measures, and the second system has 8 measures. The lyrics are placed below the treble clef staff.

Text: Psalm 104; Scott Soper, b.1961

Tune: Scott Soper, b.1961

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The Sacrament of Baptism

Penelope Annika Nunn

Anja Karolena Nunn

Parents: Brent Nunn & Amy Tyson

Grandparent: Susan Smith

Presentation

Baptismal Vows

Congregational Promises

Do you who witness this sacrament affirm your baptismal promises in the name of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

We do.

Do you who witness and celebrate this sacrament promise your love, prayer, and care to the ones about to be baptized?

We do.

Will you be partners in bringing them to the word of God and the table of Christ, in placing the Bible in their hands, in nurturing them in faith and prayer?

We will.

Baptismal Prayer & Blessing of the Water

Act of Baptism

Prayer for the Baptized

Let us pray:

We give you thanks, Holy God, Mother and Father of all the faithful, for the grace imparted here today in water and the Spirit.

Embrace us all as sons and daughters in the one household of your love. Grant us grace to receive, nurture, and befriend these new members of the body of Christ.

Give to the newly baptized the gifts of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding; the spirit of counsel and might; the spirit of knowledge and trust; the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

Sunday, August 7, 2016

Welcome to the First Congregational Church of Wilmette! We are part of the United Church of Christ, www.ucc.org, and we come with our faith and our doubts to worship, learn, and serve together. If you would like to learn more about the church, please check out the visitor information card in your pew, and provide us with your name, address, and/or email so that we can be in contact with you.

There is a gender-neutral, accessible restroom and a baby changing station near the Sanctuary. Please ask an usher for directions.

Worship Leadership:

Preacher: Dr. Stephanie VanSlyke

Presider: Dr. Jason Okrzynski

Musician: Mr. Kurt Mockenhaupt

Sunday Servers	Sunday, August 7	Sunday, August 14
Ushers	Bob Ingersoll	Dave Miller (HU); Max Greiner, Lars Greiner
Greeter(s)	Tom Hirsh	Bob Pfutzenreuter
Coffee Hour Servers	Mary Fulton; Judy Edelman	Susan Hodges & Kirsten Haake; Beth & Dave Miller
Counter	Joellen Earl	Janet Seitzer
Communion Table	FCCW Staff	Tania Bouwman
Communion Bread	Mary Fulton	N/A



Weekly Calendar

Sunday, August 7 – Baptism of Penelope & Anja Nunn

9:45-11:20 a.m. – Nursery Care for Infants and Toddlers-age 2 (Nursery)

9:45-11:15 a.m. – Summer Church School (Good Shepherd Room)

10:00 a.m. – Worship Service with Sacrament of Holy Communion (Sanctuary)

11:15 a.m. – Coffee Hour (Pilgrim Hall)

Sunday, August 14

9:45-11:20 a.m. – Nursery Care (Nursery)

9:45-11:15 a.m. – Summer Church School (Good Shepherd Room)

10:00 a.m. – Worship Service (Sanctuary)

11:15 a.m. – Coffee Hour (Pilgrim Hall)

Children & Youth

Rally Day



This year, we will celebrate Rally Day on **Sunday, September 18**. Please join us as we begin another year at the church with worship and a luncheon. All children's and youth programs will begin on **September 11** and during the week that follows. Godly Play and Kairos classes will begin to meet again.

Kids Club and all youth programs will also begin on **Wednesday, September 14**. This is going to be another great year!

Adult Formation

Adult Programming

All adult programs will begin again in September. Please be on the lookout for the upcoming dates for Mary Supper, the Men's Group, and other special programs. All are welcome to join at any time!



Music Programs

Choirs to Resume



The Chancel Choir and Handbell Choirs will resume their practices in September. The Chancel Choir rehearses on Wednesdays and will begin their practices on **September 7**. The Handbell Choir rehearses on Thursdays and will begin their practices on **September 1**. Both choirs rehearse on the Sunday mornings that they are leading worship. If you are interested in joining either group, please contact Kurt.

General Announcements

Book Discussion Group



On **Thursday, August 25, at 10 a.m.**, FCCW's book group will meet at the Baughers' home (1310 Sheridan Road in Wilmette). We will be discussing Just Mercy by Bryan Stevenson. This is an informal group, and all are welcome! No RSVP is needed. If you have questions, please contact Jennifer Kelleher at jen.kelleher2@gmail.com or 847-864-0763.

Future Date & Books:

September 22 – The Buddha in the Attic and When the Emperor was Divine by Julie Otsuka

Wilmette Food Pantry



For **August**, the Food Pantry is requesting these items:

- 1.) Peanut Butter (any size jars)
- 2.) Canned Fruit (any size cans)

Throughout the month, you may place your donations in the shopping cart under the stairwell in the Wilmette Avenue atrium entrance, across from the nursery and church office. Please feel free to contact Peg Kocian (847-528-0632) if you have any questions and/or concerns, or if you need assistance with your donations.

Mission Statement

The First Congregational Church of Wilmette

Welcomes everyone to Christ's table,
Nurtures people's minds & souls on their spiritual journeys,
Learns across faiths & generations,
Serves God's vision of peace & well-being for all creation,
Practices compassion & service as a way of life.

Adopted: January 26, 2014

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