

**THE FIRST
CHURCH
IN
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United Church
of Christ

**Twentieth Sunday
after Pentecost**

October 7, 2018

10:00 a.m.

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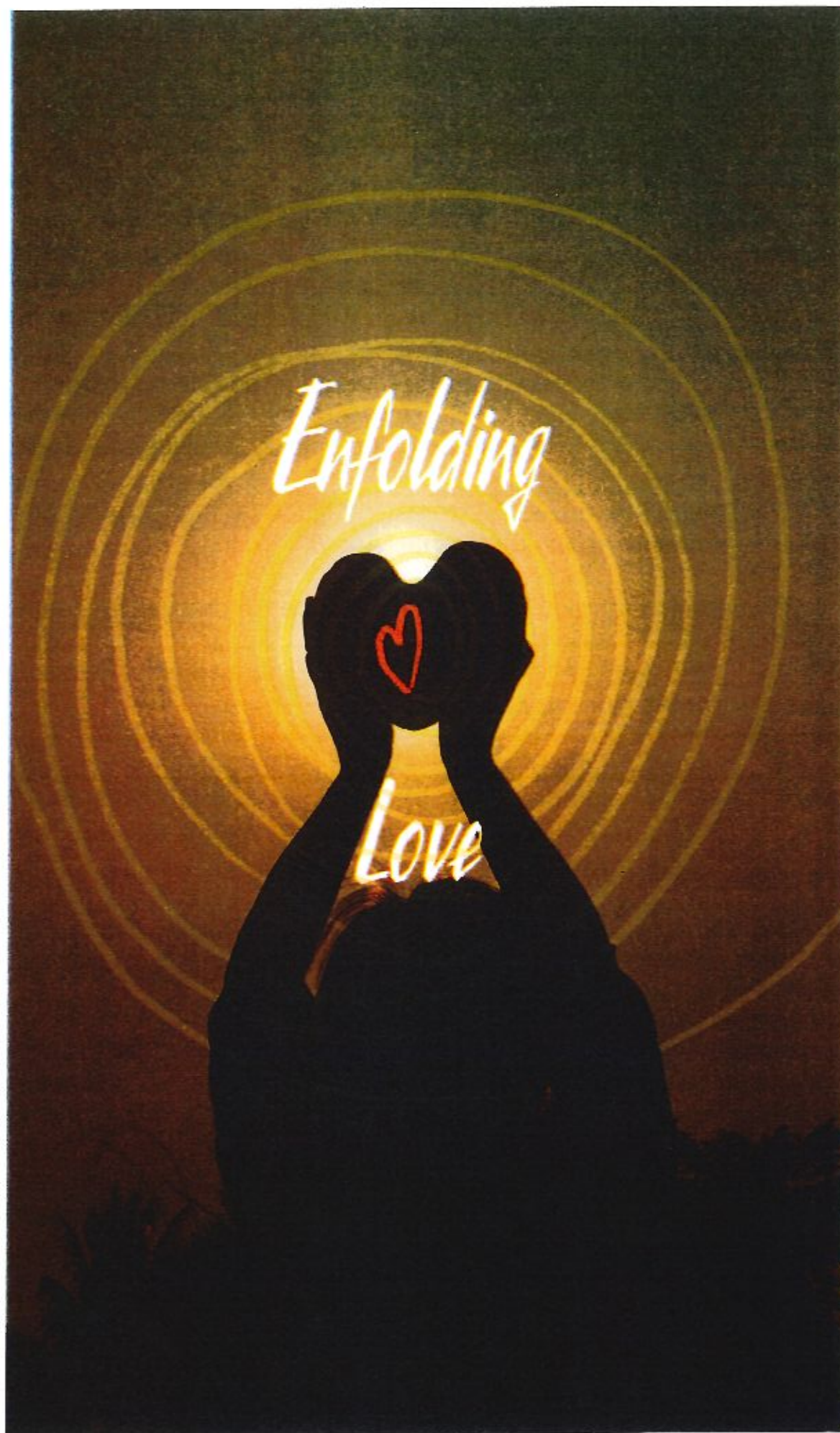
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First Church Vision Statement

Drawing on our heritage, we will grow by being an intentionally inclusive, multicultural, just and loving community that practices relevant and inspiring worship, mobilized to collaborate with our wider community by opening our doors to be a central gathering place that is dedicated to healing brokenness in our relationship with God, each other and the Earth.



First Church Values Statement

First Church is a gathering of people whose loyalty to Jesus and understanding of the Christian faith may take many forms. We seek to welcome all regardless of faith understanding, ability, sexual or gender orientation or expression, age, race, ethnic identity, or social and economic standing. In loving acceptance of one another we seek an inclusive wholeness nurtured by worship, learning, celebration and service—all part of a faith pilgrimage. We hold discipleship above orthodoxy and inquiry above correctness. We acknowledge that our understanding of the Ultimate is crucial, yet limited, and our discipleship required, but never perfect.



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Our Faith is over 2000 years old.
Our thinking is not.

Order of Worship

10:00 a.m.

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World Communion Sunday

PRELUDE

Fugue in G minor BWV 542

Bach

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

O Day of Radiant Gladness
Finney Choir

NCH #66

Leader: El gran amor del Señor nunca cesa. (SPANISH)

People: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases.

Leader: Les compassions de Dieu ne viennent jamais à sa fin. (FRENCH)

People: The mercies of God never come to an end.

Leader: Sie sind jeden Morgen neu. (GERMAN)

People: They are new every morning.

Leader: Grande è la tua fedeltà, o Dio. (ITALIAN)

People: Great is your faithfulness, O God.

Leader: Let us worship the Lord our God, with brothers and sisters in Christ around the world. Speaking many languages, but worshipping one God.

***HYMN #402**

De colores

DE COLORES

(note: first verse in Spanish and then in English)

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

**The asterisk invites all who are able to stand*

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

Forgive us, O Lord, we pray, for we fall far short of the integrity you call us to. We consider our needs before those around us. We allow short-term satisfaction to distract us from lasting faithfulness. We get in your way, in our attempt to restrict the boundaries of your love, which is uncontainable and without limit. Forgive us, O Lord, we pray, and join our hearts to yours, that we may live our lives in commitment to you and to your covenant. Amen.

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Leader: Nothing can separate us from God and from the love and grace poured out in Jesus. Hear and claim the goodness of the gospel:

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.**

***THE PEACE**

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

You are invited to share the peace with those around you. All children gather in the front center pews.

FRONT ROW MOMENT—*Children 5th grade and younger may leave afterwards for story time in the JFO Room. They will return during announcements.*

SCRIPTURE

First Lesson: Job 1:1; 2:1-10

Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

SERMON

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

As We Gather at Your Table
Finney Choir

Carl P Daw Jr
– Lloyd Larson

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Call to Prayer

Silence

Pastoral Prayer and Individual Petitions
response following each petition:

Leader: Ever listening God,

People: Hear our prayer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE SHARING OF OUR GIFTS

Invitation

Offertory

Chorale Prelude on Schmücke dich

Brahms

*Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH (#780)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication

COMMUNION

Our table at First Church is open to all who desire a closer relationship with God no matter your age, gender, race, station in life, sexual orientation, or faith tradition. The cup that we share contains grape juice.

INVITATION

COMMUNION PRAYER

INVOCATION

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, for ever.
Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION

When indicated by an usher, you are invited to come forward, receive a piece of bread and move to one of the chalice locations near the altar table. Dip the bread in the chalice, partake, and return to your pew. Gluten-free bread may be found on the communion table. If you would prefer to receive communion in the pew please notify an usher.

One Bread, One Body

Refrain

One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of
all, one cup of bless-ing which we bless.
And we, though man-y, through-out the
earth, we are one bod-y in this one Lord.
1 Gen-tile or Jew, ser-vant or
2 Man-y the gifts, man-y the
3 Grain for the fields, scat-tered and
free, wom-an or man, no more,
works, one in the Lord of all,
grown, gath-ered to one, for all.

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UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Bountiful God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at
your table by granting us the presence of Christ.
Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another,
and send us forth into the world in courage and peace,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*HYMN #395

In Christ There Is No East or West

ST. PETER

*BENEDICTION

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *O Day of Radiant Gladness*
Finney Choir

NCH #66

POSTLUDE

Toccata

Dubois

You are welcome to remain for the Postlude or leave quietly for fellowship in the Gallery.

Childcare is available during the worship service.



You are invited to take home one of the small loaves of bread on the altar table this morning as a continuing reminder of Christ's presence.

CHILDRENS CHURCH: Our children K-5th grade will leave following the Front Row Moment for Children's Church. They will return to worship around the offering time.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Our k-5th grade children will be learning, through drama, the story of Esther. At the end of class your child will be moved to the multigenerational room (room 2) please pick them up at noon.

YOUTH GROUP: (6th-12th grade) will be held on Sunday, October 28th. We will be going to Brasee's corn maze out in Pittsfield. Due to that the time has been changed to 4pm-6pm. Cost is \$6 a person and please make sure I have a new medical form on file for this academic year.

CE committee needs your help: The Christian Education committee is doing a fundraiser event for an outside organization, to raise money to send our First Church children to summer camp. We are in need of desserts to help with this event. If you are interested in preparing something, please sign up on the sheet hanging on the CE board across from the office. All baked goods will need to be dropped off in the church kitchen no later than 4pm on Friday October 19th. Thank you.

ADULT EDUCATION SUNDAY MORNING: This morning we will welcome Rabbi Megan Doherty who will be speaking about the Jewish holiday of Purim, which is based off of the story of Esther. Next Sunday, we will watch the first part of the new documentary *Won't You Be My Neighbor*, based on the life of Fred Rogers.

ADULT EDUCATION WEDNESDAY EVENING: This coming Wednesday night Carl McDaniel will begin his 5-week series entitled: *Building Durable Communities: Lessons for a Livable Planet*.

"Building Durable Communities combines two concepts: Durable: continuing to exist, stable; Communities: groups of organisms—animals (including humans), microbes, plants—living together in the same environment. These concepts frame the fundamental challenge before humanity: Can we create and sustain durable communities in which humans can fulfill their highest ethical aspirations as articulated by humanity's world religions?" Sessions will run from 6:45pm-7:45pm on Wednesday night in the JFO Room.

Topics include:

Oct. 10th: Creating a 21st landscape
Oct. 17th: Replicating 21st century homes: new and rehabilitated
Oct. 24th: Creating durable communities, watersheds, and regions
Oct. 31st: No Supper or adult education
Nov. 7th: Creating a durable future: messages from survival of Shackleton's Endurance Party and history of changing cultural beliefs in Western civilization.

CROP WALK This year's area CROP Walk will be Sunday afternoon October 7, at 2 pm, from the Vermilion United Church of Christ Congregational. This will be a full afternoon for our own church schedule; but Lou and Jim Deitz can receive your pledges and turn them in. We do have loyal supporters; if not many can show up we can still stand up for the cause. Through First Church we generally receive \$1000 or more dollars, and these funds are generally matched by a local corporation. 25% of the total amount raised will stay in the community; this time for Salvation Army Vermilion and the Amherst Food Pantry. **ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME!**

OUTREACH: For October, the Outreach & Service Committee voted to give the following: Crossroads - \$800, Oberlin Senior Center (part of Neighborhood Alliance) - \$800, SEPA - \$1000, Zion Community Development Corporation (for emergence needs while reorganizing) - \$1500. We are grateful to the congregation for their generous support our surrounding community.

CONCERT TODAY TO BENEFIT Sunday, Oct. 7, 3:30 pm - The Family Promise annual benefit concert, ORGANized Brass, Voices and Viola will be held in the Meeting House on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 7 at 3:30 pm followed by a reception. The concert is free with donations going to assist homeless families.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER will be held on October 10th at 5:45pm in the Fellowship Hall. Cost is \$3/adult and students are always free.

MLK EVENT Sunday, October 14 at 4 p.m. at First Church Meeting House. A celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr. and his receiving the Nobel Peace Prize. Program features Prester Pickett, MLK actor; Rev. Otis Moss, Jr., speaker, and City-wide choir. Come sing and come celebrate! Choir rehearsal Saturday morning 9-11 in the choir loft.

From the Archives: the church has recently received an LP: *Oberlin Handbells (in stereo), First Church Bell Ringers, Oberlin, Ohio*. Among the famous bell ringers recorded: Jeff Moore, Sam Anderson, Tom Cramer, Ricky Gibson, Charles Long, Beverly Schwinn, Ann Sheldon, Ann Grice, Sara Tobias, Judy Gibson, and Sheryl Livingston. They are conducted by Henry Palmer, OC class of 1966 and now a physician in Chicago. This group began ringing in September 1965 and by the end of their second year together, participated at a convention of the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers in Lake Forest, Illinois. If we only had a phonograph,...

FIRST CHURCH EVENTS (October 7- October 14, 2018)

Today	10:00am	Worship, Rev. David T. Hill	Meeting House
	10:15am	Children's Church	Room 3
	11:00am	Faith Formation	Classrooms
	11:00am	Adult Education	JFO Room
	3:30pm	Family Promise Concert	Meeting House
Tuesday	4:00pm	Book Group	Room 4
	7:00pm	Stewardship Committee	Room 1
Wednesday	11:45am	Outreach	JFO Room
	4:00pm	Witness and membership	JFO Room
	5:45pm	Wednesday Night Supper	Fellowship Hall
	6:45pm	Adult Education	JFO Room
	7:15 pm	Celebration Bells	Meeting House
Thursday	7:15 pm	Finney Choir	Meeting House
Saturday	9:00am	MLK Rehearsal	Meeting House

The First Church in Oberlin, United Church of Christ
An Open and Affirming, Just Peace, Green Justice, Global Mission Congregation

Welcome to Worship!

No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome in this United Church of Christ congregation. We invite you to become a part of our community of faith, to grow spiritually, to encounter God's inclusive and effusive grace in worship and fellowship, and to work and witness for greater justice and peace in our world.

- Large-print bulletins and hearing-assist devices are available, ask an usher.
- If you are moved to express gratitude or appreciation during the service, please respond by saying, "Amen!"
- Please remember to silence your cell phones as you enter worship.
- We welcome babies and toddlers to our worship. Nursery and pre-school care is also available.
- Thank you for signing and passing along the red fellowship pad found at one end of your pew. After all have signed, return the pad to the starting point, noting the names and faces and information so that you can greet each other after worship.

Are you interested in receiving our electronic newsletter—"First Things First"?
Please contact the church office and we will be glad to add you to our mailing list.

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Building and Church Office Hours:

Monday through Friday: 9am – noon, 1pm—4pm with additional appointments as needed
Saturday by prior arrangement & Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Noon

Our staff will gladly make arrangements to meet with you at other times.
Please call (440) 775-1711 to schedule an appointment.

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 7, 2018

Mark 10:2-16

Enfolding Love World Communion Sunday

What were you doing in fifth grade? In Orange County, North Carolina there is an embodiment of Love of Children and Love of Neighbor and she's in 5th grade. She is a member of the Hillsboro United Church of Christ. Instead of Christmas presents last year she asked for blankets and socks for people in the local homeless shelter. She's been doing this kind of thing since she was seven years old. For her seventh birthday she got 71 coats delivered to the shelter. This year she's headed to a family shelter to read to the children.

Maya's mom is a single mother and when asked where Maya developed her boundless love, her mom says it was the church that helped raise her. How much more love our churches could share if we raised all our children this way. Maya sees that she has enough for her life and the joy she takes in giving is palpable to all who see her.

Love of Neighbor should be that visible. It is the way Jesus is resurrected into the world, through the church, through the way we raise our children, through how we show love.

Dorothee Soelle, was a theologian and Professor at Union Theological Seminary in New York City. She wrote a poem about Jesus needing us called Not Without You. This is an excerpt:

*Help him
that's what faith is
he can't bring it about
his kingdom
couldn't then couldn't later can't now
not at any rate without you
and that is his irresistible appeal*

This is a good way to think about our campaign for "A Just World" and "Three Great Loves." We are the expressed love of Jesus to the world. We are his hands. When we read in the Gospels that Jesus said we should receive the Realm of God like a child, we can imagine the love of Maya and the tears of joy she sheds because people who were cold are now warm.

You can read more stories like Maya's, and get a tool kit about the Three Great Loves Campaign by going to 3greatloves.uccpages.org.



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