

We rejoice in our community of faith,
strengthened by diversity,
including diversity of culture,
economic status, age, ethnicity,
race, gender, sexual orientation,
gender identity, marital status, and
physical or mental abilities.

We affirm that God is glorified when
we welcome all people
to our spiritual community,
as Jesus did.

Wherever you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here.

Fifth Sunday of Easter / Mother's Day

May 10, 2020



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
OF GLEN ELLYN

A community of Christian discipleship,
grounded in tradition,
centered in worship,
called to serve,
fortified by justice,
sustained by peace,
free to dream.

O God in Whom All Life Begins

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Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1992

1 O God in whom all life be-gins, who births the seed to fruit,
2 U - nite in mu - tual min - is - try our minds and hands and hearts
3 Through tears and laugh - ter, grief and joy, en - large our trust and care;

be - stow your bless - ing on our lives; here let your love find root.
that we may have the grace to seek the power your peace im - parts.
so bind us in com - mu - ni - ty that we may risk and dare.

Bring forth in us the Spir - it's gifts of pa - tience, joy, and peace;
So let our var - ied gifts com - bine to glo - ri - fy your Name
Be with us when we gath - er here to wor - ship, sing, and pray,

de - liv - er us from numb - ing fear, and grant our faith in - crease.
that in all things by word and deed we may your love pro - claim.
then send us forth in power and faith to live the words we say.

Carl P. Daw, Jr., is an Episcopal priest who began hymnwriting while serving on the text committee for The Hymnal 1982. He has held academic positions at the College of William and Mary and the University of Connecticut, where he was also vicar-chaplain.

Tune: NOEL C.M.D.
Traditional English melody
Arr. Arthur S. Sullivan, 1874

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The Order of Worship
May 10, 2020

Prelude “Rondeau” from “Suite in B minor” by J.S. Bach
Michele Hecht, flute; Paul Doerrfeld, piano

Welcome Rev. Kendra Joyner Miller

Song of Invocation “Praise the Lord”
Leader will sing the first time; join in singing one time.

(Cameroon Processional)
(repeat)

Praise, praise, praise the Lord, — praise God's ho - ly name, — Al - le - lu - ia.

Praise God's ho - ly name, — Al - le - lu - ia, Praise God's ho - ly name, — Al - le - lu - ia.

*Text: Cameroon Traditional, collected by Elaine Hanson, Music: Cameroon processional;
arr. Ralph M. Johnson © 1994 earthsongs; OneLicense.net #A-704506*

Hymn “O God in Whom All Life Begins”

Confession Rev. Seth Ethan Carey

Response *Join in singing two times.*

(Sing amen) A - men, we praise your name, O God. (Sing a men) A - men, we praise your name, O

God. (Sing a-men) A - men, a - men, a - men, a - men, A - men, we praise your name, O God.

Words and Music: S.C. Molefe, South Africa, arr. Dave Dargie, from the Lumko Songbook; used by permission of Lumko Institute, South Africa; OneLicense.net#A-704506


Testimony various FCCGE members (the wide spectrum of mothering)

Time of Preparation

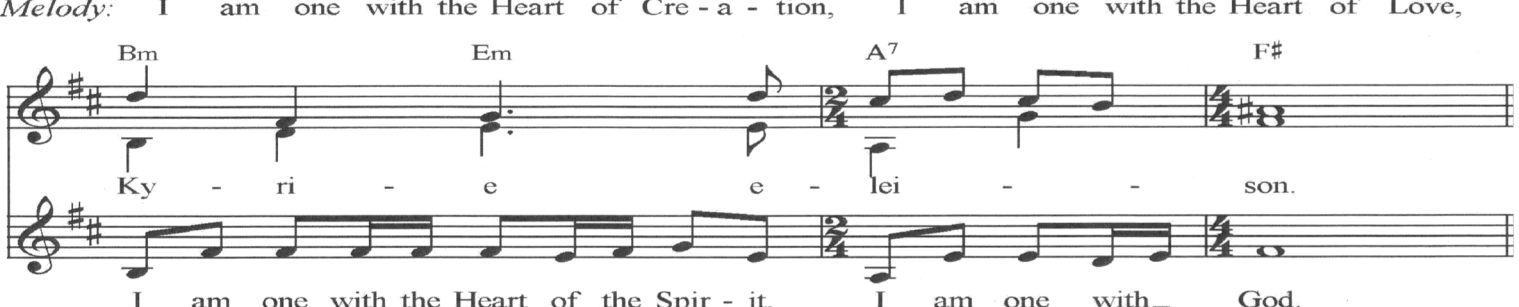
Leader sings the first time; join in singing two times.

Michael Stillwater

Descant:



Melody:



Descant: Bm Em A7 D
Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.

Melody: I am one with the Heart of Cre - a - tion, I am one with the Heart of Love,
Bm Em A7 F#
Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.
I am one with the Heart of the Spir - it, I am one with God.

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New lyrics by Michael Mansfield; Copyright © 2002 Seasons of the Spirit; Used with permission.*

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Seth Ethan Carey

The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Seth Ethan Carey

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

Join in singing "The Heart of Creation" two more times.

Testimony

Tom Fate (reflection on his mother)

Call for the Offering

Rev. Seth Ethan Carey

Offertory

"Don't Worry About Me" by Sophie Frances Cooke
Charlotte and Nina Graham, vocal duet

Introduction to the Scripture

Rev. Kendra Joyner Miller

Scripture

Isaiah 66:5-13
Tom Petrich, Worship Leader

Hear the word of the Lord, you who tremble at his word: Your own people who hate you and reject you for my name's sake have said, "Let the Lord be glorified, so that we may see your joy"; but it is they who shall be put to shame.

Listen, an uproar from the city! A voice from the temple! The voice of the Lord, dealing retribution to his enemies!

Before she was in labor she gave birth; before her pain came upon her she delivered a son. Who has heard of such a thing? Who has seen such things? Shall a land be born in one day? Shall a nation be delivered in one moment? Yet as soon as Zion was in labor she delivered her children. Shall I open the womb and not deliver? says the Lord; shall I, the one who delivers, shut the womb? says your God.

Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her—that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast; that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious bosom.

For thus says the Lord: I will extend prosperity to her like a river, and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream; and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm, and dandled on her knees. As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

Sermon

“Comfort in the Chaos”
Rev. Kendra Joyner Miller

Hymn

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

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St. 1-4, John Newton, 1779; alt.
St. 5, A Collection of Sacred Ballads, 1790

1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
grace my fears re - lieved; How pre - cious did that
now am found, was blind but now I see.
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!

John Newton's autobiographical hymn reflects his conversion from his earlier existence as a slave trader. While serving as curate in the English village of Olney, Newton met William Cowper, and together they published Olney Hymns, which included this hymn.

Tune: AMAZING GRACE C.M.
(NEW BRITAIN)
Columbia Harmony, Cincinnati, 1829
Arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1900

(public domain)

Sending Forth

Rev. Kendra Joyner Miller

Postlude

“The Mother” by Brandi Carlile
Sherry Flugel, vocals; Andy Livingston, guitar
(recorded on April 7, 2019)

Our Worship Service

Music Notes Song Leader is Michele Hecht

Charlotte Graham (vocals) is graduating from the U of I with a degree in Music Education and Speech and Hearing Science. During her time on campus, she has performed across Illinois with Girls Next Door A cappella and in various states with the Women's Glee Club. Charlotte looks forward to her future making music and enjoys singing with the choir at FCCGE. She also enjoys singing with her younger sister, Nina.

Flowers on the Lord's Table are donated by The Lindstrom Family
"In appreciation of our mothers, Pat and Julie, and a celebration of all moms"

Joys Our mothers, and all those who are like mothers to us

Huong Luu, celebrating 12 years as our Nursery Care Co-Coordinator

Pastor Availability Pastors Kendra and Seth want you to know that even though we cannot gather face-to-face together for a while, they are available by phone if you need to talk, share news or just check in.
Seth: 630-207-0118; Kendra: 704-798-7083

Stay Informed

FCC Sunday Morning Online Worship Service now available at 9:00 am Our worship services may now be viewed beginning at 9:00 am, rather than 10:30 am, on Sunday mornings. If you wish to receive an email with the link to your inbox on Sunday mornings, please email Sherry Flugel, Director of Communications (sherry@fccge.org).

Virtual Coffee Hour and You're Invited! Missing your FCCGE friends on Sunday mornings? Well, we have a solution! Join us for Virtual Coffee Hour! It's easy, use the link below and join our faith community for some Sunday morning chit chat. Sorry, we haven't figured out how to send you a virtual cup of coffee, so you're on your own for that. You may choose to hear only the voices of others or have your computer camera on. You may also connect via your cell or home phone. *Instructions are in the link: <https://zoom.us/j/656163261>. (The first time you go in on your computer, it will ask you to download ZOOM to use this free service).*

Worship DVDs Available We are recording a full worship service every week and posting it on our website (www.fccge.org), but if you would like a DVD of the service each week, *e-mail us (info@fccge.org) or leave a voicemail message at the church office at (630-469-3096 ext. 14) and we will mail one to you each week.*

Giving During the Interim We have a number of options for you to give during this interim period of *At-Home* Church:

- Go to our website: www.fccge.org and click "GIVE" in the upper right menu
- Mail your check to us: First Congregational Church of Glen Ellyn, 535 Forest Ave., Glen Ellyn, IL 60137
- Call the church office: 630-469-3096 ext. 10 to inquire and make arrangements for automatic giving
- Click "GIVE" on the new FCCGE App

FCCGE App Now Available: Church in Your Pocket After a year's worth of work, our app is available! Simply go to the Apple Store or Google Play and search "First Congregational Church of Glen Ellyn" to download your free app. Access sermon podcasts, worship videos, events, our calendar, giving and more.

Be the Church Campaign Update Many thanks to all of you who attended our gala on March 1, and everyone who has participated in our *Be the Church* annual fund drive. At this time, we have collected **218** pledges and **\$881,260** towards our \$1,000,000 goal. This will help us to support staff and ministries that make a real impact in our community. *If you intend to pledge, you may submit your pledge form to the office by mail or send your pledge via e-mail (joyce@fccge.org). Blank forms are available on the church website (fccge.org) or upon request by e-mail or US mail (joyce@fccge.org). You may also give online through our secure portal at fccge.org/give. Anyone who is set up for automatic giving (via credit card or checking account) and has not yet turned in their pledge for 2020-21, will automatically renew for the 2020-21 church fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2020. If you wish to make any changes to your automatic payments, please contact the church office (laura@fccge.org or 630-469-3096 ext. 10).* Thank you for helping us to *Be the Church*.

Jeff Haeger to Play Livestream Concert Wednesday, May 13, 7 pm You're invited to an extraordinary live concert from our Associate of Music Ministry, Jeff Haeger. We are all missing the musical talents of Jeff, so here's your chance to tune in for a variety of keyboard magic. Simply go to Jeff's YouTube channel at 7 pm on Wednesday, May 13. (May be viewed at a later time, too!) Tune in at [jeffheagermusic](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCjffheagermusic) on YouTube.

Community Health Thank you to member, Michele Piver, for supplying us with this helpful health information. Use this handy resource to answer many of your COVID-19 questions: <https://fccge.org/covid-19-helpful-resources>.

Help Others

Want to Help? Here's How! We have relationships with wonderful organizations that could use assistance in many ways. Please contact the Northern Illinois Foodbank at <https://solvehungertoday.org> and the Glen Ellyn Food Pantry at <https://www.glenellynfoodpantry.org>. Now more than ever, the Glen Ellyn Food Pantry is in need of non-perishable food items. Needed items include but are not limited to shelf-stable food items such as boxed mac and cheese, canned fruits, veggies and tomatoes, dry pasta and beans, etc. A drive-through process has been implemented so that clients may pick up food and volunteers may drop off food, both in a safe, non-contact manner. If you would like to volunteer to pick up and drop off food, click the "Volunteer" link on the website listed above. If you have food to donate, click the "Donate" link on the website listed above.

Precious Blood Ministries Needs Your Help Imagine that you are trying to cope with all of the challenges the current health crisis has presented while also living in a neighborhood that is devoid of many of the services we take for granted, like grocery stores, restaurants and walking paths. Imagine that staying at home means you are cramped in a small apartment with several other people. Imagine you are laid off from your job and the rent is due. This is a reality for many families in the *Back of the Yards* neighborhood, where PBMR operates. Please consider donating at www.pbmr.org.

Share Your Stimulus Check These are difficult times for many, especially the most vulnerable of those among us. If you are fortunate enough to be financially stable, or the economic stimulus is more than you need, please consider sharing out of your abundance with those who have a need.

Crisis Intervention Training Helps Officers During the COVID-19 Pandemic On April 4, DuPage United leaders appealed to DuPage County Sheriff Mendrick to take action regarding de-population of non-violent detainees to reduce risk of COVID-19 spread in the jail. Read more online: (<https://fccge.org/dupage-united>).

Children & Youth

At-Home "Pajama" Church School Sunday mornings—please check your e-mail for information and resources for at-home "pajama" Church School and Confirmation lessons, online resources, and spiritual practices for families. If you are not receiving these e-mails or if you have friends who would like to receive them as well, please visit our church website at www.fccge.org, click on the Youth drop-down menu and select "Youth Registration Form." You may also contact Catherine Curtis, Director of Christian Education at catherine@fccge.org.

We Want Your Feedback for Alternative Community VBS this Summer Your Community VBS Team is reaching out to participants and volunteers for feedback on alternative ways we can be in community together in creative and expansive ways over this summer. A poll has been created for you to let us know what YOUR FAMILY would find fun and nourishing this summer. Folks interested in sharing feedback as we craft our Alternative Community VBS, please go to www.fccge.org and click on the "Youth" drop-down menu for a link to an online poll. The poll closes May 20. If you have questions or suggestions, contact Catherine Curtis, Director of Christian Education (630-469-3096 ext. 23 or catherine@fccge.org).

Work Camp 2020 Update Unfortunately, due the nature of this pandemic, we will no longer be traveling to Austin for work camp this summer. However, in this uncertain time we are trying to figure out if a plan B is possible, and regardless of what this summer holds, we are excited to dive back into work camp next summer.

For those of you who made generous donations at the chili cook-off, we are so grateful for your support and will use those funds for either our plan B work camp or to help offset the cost and provide scholarships for next summer. We are grateful for your generosity and look forward to the ways it will transform the lives of our youth and the communities we will serve. Do not hesitate to contact Danny Harman, Director of Youth Ministry (danny@fccge.org) with any questions or concerns.

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