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.

Sixth Sunday of Easter / Mother's Day May 14, 2023



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

The Order of Worship May 14, 2023 Mother's Day

Prelude "Adoration" by Florence Price (1887-1953)

Shu-Hui Janet Tsai, organ

Welcome Rev. Seth Ethan Carey

Song of Invocation † Leader sings the first time; join in singing two more times.



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The first songs we sing are gathering songs which call us together as the body of Christ.

Prayer of Confession † Rev. Kyle Roggenbuck

We reflect, in community, on the ways we all are human and fall short. Admitting our brokenness is essential part of faith, reminding us that only God is perfect and that in confession we are always loved and forgiven.



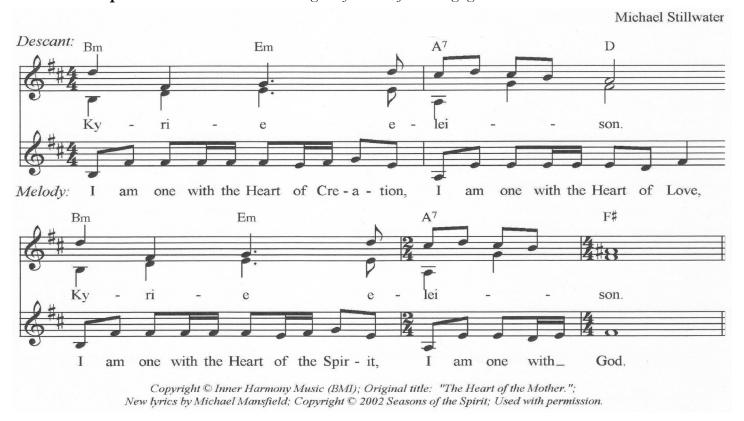
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Invitation to Church School (10:30 am)

At the 10:30 am service, following the Confession Response, Christian Education staff and leaders invite the children in kindergarten through 5th grade to join them at the back of the Sanctuary to adjourn for Church School (see announcements for further details).

Time of Preparation

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



Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Kyle Roggenbuck

Pastoral Prayer, is Jewish in origin. The central concern for prayer in the assembly is for "others," that is, intercessory prayers. This prayer lifts up members of our faith community, where we live, our country and world.

The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Kyle Roggenbuck

Lord's Prayer, is that prayer which scripture tells us Jesus taught his disciples in the Gospels.

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.

With this QR code, you can simply open your camera on your phone, hold it over the square and it will take you right to FCCGE's online giving form. You may also use our mobile app.

Testimony and Call for the Offering

Laura Peccarelli (Precious Blood Ministry of Reconciliation)

Offertory

"Ave Maria: Méditation sur le premier Prélude de J.S. Bach" by Charles Gounod (1818-1893) Michele Hecht, flute; Shu-Hui Janet Tsai, piano



Introduction to Scripture Rev. Seth Ethan Carey

Scripture, the reading, is either established by the pastors to meet some theme (sermon series) or comes from the lectionary, a three-year cycle which assigns the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John (and the other readings) to a particular church year.

Scripture Proverbs 31:25-31

Norm Adams, Worship Leader

Families, read about a famous biblical mother in the Spark Story Bible in the pew racks, "Hannah Prays for a Child," pages 118-121.

Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come.

She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.

She looks well to the ways of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness.

Her children rise up and call her happy; her husband, too, and he praises her:

"Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all."

Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.

Give her a share in the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the city gates.

Sermon

"Acts of Courage" Rev. Seth Ethan Carey

Sermon, or proclamation of the Word just read, is also from the synagogue tradition and has its roots deeply embedded in the Hebrew practice of Midrash, a form of creative interpretation.

Hymn †

Hymns give us the opportunity to praise and thank God. The first songs we sing are gathering songs which call us together as the body of Christ.

God of the Women

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 1998

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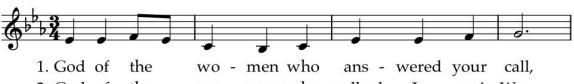
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Trust - ing your pro - mi giv ing their all, Giv - ing their re - sour ces, learn ing to pray, Left for - got out of sto - ries, ten, op pressed, Prayed with the oth - ers in that up per room, May we be joy - ful in an - swering your call.



Qui - et ly ask - ing: "Who smiled at my birth?"-

Then felt your Spi -Pen rit on te cost Day the Give strength of your Spi us rit so near



Give us their truth. cour age to live in your May we give free they did be - fore. ly as our worth. In Je - sus' dy show us ing you May we glad ly claim you to - day. so pro That we share mi - ni - stry here. may in your

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Sending Forth †

Rev. Seth Ethan Carey

This marks the end of worship and the beginning of us being sent out to respond to God's love in the world. Our true response to the Liturgy, and our life as Christians, begins when we leave the worship space to accomplish God's ministry and mission in our world.

Postlude

"Everything Changes" from "Waitress" by Sara Bareilles Michele Hecht, piano and vocals

As you leave, introduce yourself to someone new, or to someone whose name you have forgotten.

Our Worship Service

Thank you for reserving the last two rows of pews on both sides of the sanctuary for members and guests with accessibility concerns.

Ushers 9:00 Deb Giampoli and Jim Stuhlmacher

10:30 Didi Foth, Susan Jones and MaryBeth Sackett

Music Notes Song leaders are Norm Adams and Russ Graunke.

Thank you to Shu-Hui Janet Tsai (organ & piano) and Michele Hecht (flute,

piano & vocals) for music today.

Tech TeamTom Melms and Paul Flugel

Flowers on the Lord's Table are donated by

Jeannine Warkow

"With love to all the mothers of the world and in memory of Clint"

If you would like to be included in the prayers, or if you have been hospitalized and would like a visit from our clergy, please contact the church office

(630-469-3096 ext. 14). Hospitals only notify us upon a patient's request.

Cards of concern are available for signatures on a table in the Lobby.

Joys Our mothers and all those who have been like mothers to us

Concerns Debbie Rausch and family, on the death of Debbie's mother, and

long-time church member, Doreen Thomas

John Mulherin, recovering from surgery

Healing prayers for Tracy Mehr

Lisa Payton, prayers for upcoming surgery

Kimberly Galvin, prayers for health issues and upcoming surgery

Emelia "Millie" Bertrand, recovering from surgery

Tim Waterloo, recovering from a fall

Mike McMinn, father of Cregen McMinn, recovering from a heart attack

Ann Marie, sister of Mary Lhotak, recovering from a fall

Assisted Listening System Available In our Sanctuary, assisted listening is available for those with, or without, enabled hearing aids. Ask an usher for information or assistance.

Pastor Availability Should you need a pastor, please do not hesitate to contact Pastor Seth (630-207-0118 or seth@fccge.org) or Pastor Kyle (630-854-0861 or kyle@fccge.org).

Stay Informed

One-Day Exhibit Be sure to check out the one-day photography exhibit in the Atrium today, titled "When My Other Normal Isn't Normal." The Ella Bragg Boyer Endowment Fund of the Central DuPage Counseling Center, Wheaton, Illinois, is presenting this exhibit, which is traveling between churches in the Glen Ellyn/Wheaton area during May, Mental Health Awareness Month. These photographs express each artist's understanding of mental health disorders, whether through a loved one's or friend's journey, or the artist's own journey with the "Other Normal" of mental illness. It's a great example of the use of art to help bring awareness to deeply personal challenges that many of us are faced with everyday.

Now Hiring: FCCGE Seeking a Business Administrator Laura Shellady, church member and FCCGE Business Administrator, will be moving on to pursue an exciting career opportunity as of July 1. We are so grateful to Laura for her five years of remarkable service to our church, and grateful that she will continue to worship with us as a member.

We are commencing a search for her successor. We invite church members with the right qualifications to apply, and to help us identify candidates within your personal and professional networks. The Business Administrator job description may be found on our website. If you would like to apply, or recommend a potential candidate, please contact us with a resume and cover letter at employment@fccge.org.

Nursery Care Staff Opening Do you love playing with children? Are others amazed by your "baby whisperer" skills? Can your knees go the distance?! Is meeting new people and watching children grow and learn a joy? Then we invite you to consider joining the church staff as a Nursery Care Coordinator! Ministering to our youngest children and families is a special call. For further information, please read the job description on our website or via the Thursday e-newsletter, and submit an with a resume and references to Director of Christian Education, Catherine Curtis, or call with questions (630-469-3096 ext. 23).

Visual Arts Ministry Update There is a new exhibit in the gallery! This one is a collection of photographs from around the world, taken by our own Matt Stout (son of Anne and Bob Stout). Matt's love of travel (and photography) began at a very young age, thanks to his parents. He and his two brothers traveled with them frequently all over the world. He describes it a "life-long love of discovery and capture." The photos in this exhibit feature some of the pathways he encountered over the years. Each image places the viewer in the middle of a journey where the end isn't quite certain. Much like our lives, we're either looking forward to where we're going, or looking back toward where we've been. Matt's wish is that as you walk through the hallway, either toward or away from the sanctuary, the images spark your own desire to fearlessly seek new and interesting places, but also remind you that no matter where you are on life's journey, you are welcome in God's world, and in the church.

"You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand." Psalm 16:11

Conversations with RBG: Ruth Bader Ginsburg on Life, Love, Liberty, and Law Book Discussion Group—Wednesday, May 17, 7:00 pm in the Conference Room This remarkable book by Jeffrey Rosen presents a unique portrait of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, drawing on more than twenty years of conversations with Jeffrey Rosen, starting in the 1990s and continuing through the Trump era. Rosen, a veteran legal journalist, scholar, and president of the National Constitution Center, shares with us the justice's observations on a variety of topics, and her intellect, compassion, sense of humor, and humanity shine through. The affection they have for each other as friends is apparent in their banter and in their shared love for the Constitution—and for opera. (Amazon). Contact Pastor Kyle (kyle@fcxge.org) with questions.

Summer Schedule Begins Next Sunday, May 21, we begin our summer worship schedule: one service at 10:00 am!

Monthly Green Team Hike Join us for our next hike at the very scenic and historic Graue Mill at 2:00 pm, Sunday, May 28, in the West Parking lot off York Rd (south of 31st St.) in Hinsdale. Questions? Contact Tom Rausch (trausch222@sbcglobal.net).

Summer Musicians Needed - Solo singers and instrumentalists (youth and adults) Contact Michele Hecht (michele@fccge.org), Director of Music Ministry, about performing in worship this summer. Hurry before the dates fill up!

Altar Flower Donations Needed These dates are available for altar flowers: October 15 & 22, November 5, 19 & 26, and December 17. It couldn't be easier! Simply email or text/call Jennifer Darnall (darfamily@aol.com or 708-712-3712), tell her what Sunday you'd like to give and she will take care of the rest. You may donate your flowers in memory of a loved one, as a celebration of anything or as a prayer for something on your soul-it's up to you. You may pay through our Tithely link. Look for "Flowers-Altar" in the drop down menu, or send a check payable to First Congregational Church, with "flowers" on the memo line.

Church Weekend Away - A Retreat for All Ages July 21 -24, 2023 Come spend time with friends on the beautiful Lake Michigan shores during our traditional weekend away. Singles, families, kids - everyone is welcome on this fun weekend of fellowship, sun, and beach. Stay at Tower Hill Camp in Sawyer Michigan in the Schrag Retreat Center. We have been gathering here yearly for decades. Come create memories! Register from your Thursday Noon Eblast, fixee.org or the FCC App.

Early Childhood Education Program Update As you may know, we had announced our plans to lease a significant part of our building to the Union Church of Hinsdale's Early Childhood Education Program, hoping to host a robust weekday program for preschool and kindergarten students. Sadly, after much planning and discussion, certain factors have prevented this dream from becoming a reality in the foreseeable future. We are both keeping the door open to a future partnership, but at this time there are no plans to proceed with our anticipated endeavor. We apologize for any disappointment, and remain committed to offering high quality Christian education in our growing Sunday Church School. We are also grateful to our friends at the Union Church of Hinsdale for their efforts to partner with us, and thankful for their gracious gift of new furnishings for our Sunday Church School program.

Help Others

Giving Tree - Support Our Work Camp Youth You'll notice a tree "growing" in the Atrium - a Giving Tree! Help our high school youth raise funds for Work Camp 2023. It's easy. Choose an envelope from the tree, and match the number on the envelope with your donation. For example, if you choose an envelope that says "5" on it, you put \$5 in the envelope and give it back to the youth attending the table. Let's all pitch in and help our youth help others! Questions? Ask Danny Harman, Director of Youth Ministry (danny@fccge.org).

Matthew 25:40 - The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me' This well-known Bible verse now has a new meaning here at FCCGE. The PBMR Ministry Team will be collecting much needed supplies for PBMR. During the entire month of May, you may drop off your donations in the designated boxes located in the atrium. Below is a list of the supplies needed:

Cleaning Supplies Hygiene/Healthcare Products Baby Items and/or Visa & Master Card Gift Cards

NapkinsToothpasteBaby WipesToilet PaperToothbrushesDiapers (size 4-7)Dishwashing SuppliesDeodorantPullups (up to size 4)

Laundry Detergent Pads/Tampons Clothes
Hand Sanitizer Toys/Books

First Aid Kit

If you have any questions, please contact Chuck Lukavsky (cilukavsky@yahoo.com).

May is Our Month! Glen Ellyn Food Pantry FCCGE has had a long-standing relationship with the GEFP - it is one of our most robust missions! May is our month to give, so please bring needed food items and leave them in the labeled bin inside the parking lot doors. Thank you so much in advance! See list of most-needed items at http://glenellynfoodpantry.org.

Our Eden Project's "Giving Garden" Initiative Do you have a passion for peppers or are crazy for cukes? Share the bounty of your backyard, balcony, or raised garden with our neighbors who may not otherwise have access to fresh produce. Plant some extra veggies to share with neighbors via our local food pantries. It's easy and fun and a great way to learn more about sustainable and equitable food practices while swapping tips with church friends. You may sign up from your Thursday e-newsletter, fccge.org or the FCC App, learn more at https://fccge.org/eden-project or contact Green Team Co-Coordinator, Nancy Bell (nbra6ge@sbcglobal.net).

Growing Your Own "Giving Garden" Don't Miss Master Gardener, Nancy Bell, Wednesday, May 17, 7:00 pm via Zoom. Nancy Bell, FCCGE Green Team Co-Coordinator, will be sharing information and resources about growing your own "Giving Garden" as a part of our Eden Project. Open to all gardeners in the congregation and community!

<u>Children & Youth</u> See the Friday Family email for more details or contact Director of Christian Education, Catherine Curtis (<u>catherine@fccge.org</u> or 630-469-3096 ext. 23).

Church School & Child Care

Church School Unit 6 Children will learn the post-resurrection stories, the Ascension of Jesus, and stories of Peter growing in understanding for our final unit of the year.

- Infants & Toddlers both 9:00 am and 10:30 am Childcare provided by staff and volunteers available in the church Nursery on the main level, off of the lobby. Diaper changing stations are available in both the men's and women's restrooms on the lower level of the church and in the church nursery, as well, on Sunday mornings. Diapers and supplies are available for use from the church nursery.
- Preschool Church School 10:30 am Children who are three- and four-year-old preschoolers or five-year-old pre-kindergarten students. Families may drop off/sign-in and pick-up/sign-out their child in the lower level Preschool Classroom (LL1).
- K-5th Church School 10:30 am—Children in Kindergarten—5th grade begin in worship with their families and depart for Church School on the upper level with staff and leaders after the Confession Response. On Communion Sundays, the first Sunday of every month, K-5th students will be returned to their families in the Sanctuary for Communion with the congregation. On non-Communion Sundays, we post the pick-up locations here in the bulletin. This week's pick-up location is: Kindergarten—2nd grade, and 3rd—5th grade, SonShine Theatre (upper level, room 205).
- All Ages both 9:00 am and 10:30 am Children's story bibles are available in the pew racks. Children's activity bags are available from an usher or the rack at the back of the Sanctuary for all worship services. A library cart with books for check-out or use during worship is also at the back of the Sanctuary.

Online Registration for Families is OPEN and LIVE We invite and encourage you to register our children and youth from infants through 12th graders by following the link provided in the Thursday e-newsletter, the Friday Church School/Confirmation Email, at www.fccge.org, or using this QR code. Contact Director of Christian Education, Catherine Curtis, with questions (catherine@fccge.org or 630-469-3096 ext. 23). This information is invaluable to us so that we may welcome the children and youth and provide a safe space to explore their faith, make friendships, and feel fully a part of our community.



VBS Needs You! Our Community VBS needs volunteers, and there are many ways that you can be a part of this community outreach ministry that touches families in multiple communities, spreading word of how we can be mender's of God's world through feeding the hungry, healing the hurting, forgiving others, and praying - all through fun and engaging activities. Please prayerfully consider exploring the many options where you may share your precious gifts of time and presence. See your Thursday e-newsletter or Friday Church School email for more details or contact Director of Christian Education, Catherine Curtis (catherine@fccge.or or 630-469-3096 ext. 23).

Are you able to support VBS with an in-kind donation? Find a list of items we need, following the link on our website (Children & Youth Events—VBS Needs You!) or from the weekly e-newsletter, and drop them off to the Christian Education Staff.

Vacation Bible School (VBS) 2023: Monday, June 26 - Friday, June 30, 9:00 am to Noon, Here at First Congregational Church of Glen Ellyn Participants: Age 4 through rising 5th graders; Volunteers-in-Training: Rising 6th - 8th graders; Volunteers: Sr. High School/College/Adults of ALL AGES. At Operation Restoration, kids explore the Bible and discover new ways to care for God's creation and for one another. Your kids have been given the power to feed, heal, forgive, pray, and rest—essential tools to help repair all that has gone wrong in the world. They'll learn more about their mending powers at Operation Restoration VBS. Initial registration is limited to the first 60 participants. Register via your Thursday e-newsletter, fixee.org or the FCC App.

Children & Youth have Two Choices for UCC Summer Camps! Check out the options at Tower Hill Camp, on the shores of Lake Michigan, in Sawyer, Michigan, and Pilgrim Park, in the forested hills near Starved Rock State Park, in Princeton, Illinois. Explore the options or register via your Thursday e-newsletter, fccge.org or the FCC App.

Social Skills Groups *June 6 - August 8 at the Glen Ellyn Library* The Glen Ellyn Youth and Family Counseling Service (GEYFCS) is offering an 8-week class for grades 3rd-5th, 6th-8th and 9th-10th on Tuesdays or Wednesdays, depending on grade. This is for children/youth who live in Glen Ellyn or attend Glen Ellyn schools . *Contact Jessica Gul (630-469-3040 Ext. 3045) to register or ask questions. Cost is \$80 for the 8-week course.*

Brand-new Faith + Pride Camp! This camp is designed specifically for LGBTQIA+ youth and allies who are currently in grades 7-12. Youth of any sexual orientation and gender/gender expression are welcome! If you are looking for a place where you can come as you are, where your full identity is affirmed and celebrated, and where you are surrounded by a community of support and love... then join us at Faith + Pride Camp this summer, *July 23-28 at Pilgrim Park Camp and Conference Center in Illinois. Check out this camp and other options at Tower Hill Camp on the shore of Lake Michigan in Sanyer, Michigan and Pilgrim Park in the forested hills near Starved Rock State Park in Princeton, Illinois by following this link: https://outdoorministries.campbrainregistration.com.*

Calendar [events in brackets indicate off-site or virtual]

Sunday, May 14—Mother's Day

9:00 am Worship (Nursery care available for infants & toddlers)
10:30 am Worship (Nursery care available for infants & toddlers)

10:30 am Church School classes: preschool—5th grade (K-5th begin in worship)

10:30 am Jr. High Confirmation Class6:30 pm Jr. & Sr. High Fellowship

Monday, May 15

6:30 pm Pizza & Social Justice

7:00 pm Moderators

Tuesday, May 16

5:30 pm Yoga

7:00 pm Inner Silence Meditation

Wednesday, May 17

[12:00 noonPrayer Zoom]

7:00 pm Open & Affirming Committee

7:00 pm Book Discussion

[7:00 pm Growing Your Own Giving Garden Zoom]

[7:00 pm Music Makers Ministry off-site]

Thursday, May 18

7;00 pm Church Council 7:00 pm Choir rehearsal 7:00 pm Confirmation Dinner 7:45 pm Confirmation rehearsal

Friday, May 19—No meetings

Saturday, May 20

12:00 noon Planting seedlings for Eden Project

Sunday, May 21—Summer Schedule Begins—one service at 10:00 am!

10:00 am Worship & 8th Grade Confirmation (Nursery care available for infants & toddlers)

10:00 am Church School classes: preschool—5th grade (K-5th begin in worship)

11:00 am Soul Sisters

[6:00 pm OASIS Group Zoom]

6:30 pm Jr. & Sr. High Confirmation Party

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

June 17-24 Sr. High Work Camp

Mon—Fri, June 26-30 (9 am to noon) Community Vacation Bible School (VBS) here at FCCGE Thursday, July 6 (6:00 - 7:30 pm - Baptism Pizza Picnic and rehearsal (was Friday, July 7)

Sunday, July 9 Baptism Sunday during the 10:00 am service

July 21-23 All Church Retreat Weekend at Tower Hill Camp, Sawyer, Michigan, on the shore of Lake Michigan

July 30-August 4 Jr. High Confirmation Island Retreat in Michigan's Upper Peninsula

To Our Guests

Church Parking Lot Reminder Thank you to everyone for pulling forward in our double parking spaces. This maximizes parking lot capacity. Please remember to fill out a card if you have blocked someone in (these are located between the double doors of the Parking lot entrance).

Parking on the Street Please be courteous to our neighbors and allow plenty of room near fire hydrants and neighbors' driveways when parking on the street.

Restroom locations:

- All-Gender Restrooms are located off of Pilgrim Hall on the lower level and in the church office suite on the main level.
- Gendered Restrooms are located on the north end of the building on all three levels.

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