

THE MEETINGHOUSE

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Kaleidoscope of the Spirit



Today's Service at 11am

Dr. Richard Wing

First Community Church of Columbus, Ohio

Senior Minister Dr. Richard Wing leads one of the most significant Protestant churches in the country and is an insightful and engaging speaker. Dr. Wing earned his Bachelor of Science from Northwest Christian College and his Doctorate of Divinity from the School of Theology at Claremont, Calif. He is

author of the book "The Space Between the Notes; Deep Joy for a Shallow World." Dr. Wing was selected to be one of the original 18 Community-Building Workshop leaders and continues in that service. Community Building is a group process that encourages us to look beyond the cultural, political and religious differences that prevent us from embracing our common humanity. In 1996, he was inducted into the Martin Luther King, Jr. Board of Preachers at Morehouse College in Atlanta, Ga.



"Grace cannot prevail...until our lifelong certainty that someone is keeping score has run out of steam and collapsed." – ROBERT FARRAR CAPON



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June 19 at 11am
The Rev. Dr. Nancy Taylor
Old South Church, Boston Mass.

Dr. Nancy S. Taylor has served since 2005 as senior minister and chief executive officer of Old South Church, a thriving urban church, and an historic leadership institution in Boston. Nancy describes her enthusiasm for the ministry of Old South Church: "To enter the life of Old South Church is to step into and become a part of a great stream of history. It is humbling and thrilling when you stand in the same waters as Benjamin Franklin, Samuel Adams, and Phillis Wheatley. You take your place in the movement of God's people that goes back to Abraham and Sarah, and wends its way down through the ages. To ask 'To what is God calling us in this age?' is to hear the echoes of prior ages. You want to measure yourself by the great ones who have come before. You want to rise to the moment and serve God in this time. Such is the pull of Old South Church."



The Guibord Center presents Mystical Arts of Tibet

June 14-18 – St. John's Cathedral

This event with the Tibetan Monks of Drepung Loseling Monastery will feature a live exhibition of Mandala Sand Painting and Sacred Dance. For more information about events, dates, and times, please visit www.TheGuibordCenter.org/events. St. John's Cathedral is located at 514 West Adams Blvd, Los Angeles 90007.

Family-friendly Viewing of Mandala Sand Paintings

Saturday, June 18 at 11:00AM

All families are welcome to attend this viewing during the time slot reserved for First Church at 11:00AM on Saturday, June 18. We will meet at St. John's Cathedral, not at First Church. Reservations are required! Please contact Julianne James at jjames@fccla.org or 213.355.5259 to reserve your spot.

Town Hall Meeting

Sunday, June 19 – 12:30 – Barnum Room



Join us for this informative meeting as we continue to explore the possibility of First Church becoming a part of the United Church of Christ (UCC). You will have ample opportunity to ask your questions during this session which will be led by First Church member and Deacon, David

Gentle, and our guest, Rev. Nancy Taylor from Old South Church in Boston, Mass. Questions can be emailed to UCCinfo@fccla.org. We encourage you to learn more about the United Church of Christ and its mission by visiting their website at www.UCC.org.

Generosity

Over 25 years ago, the congregation of First Church voted to include women as ushers. Aurora Bahou was the first person to join. Ever since, we have benefitted by her gracious gestures such as providing: bottled water to a congregant, or a cookie to a child in need of first aid. As a long-time member of the Women's Association, Aurora has coordinated the program which provides get well wishes to our church members. She also designs the lovely centerpieces for the luncheons and greets guests at the door. Aurora embodies those qualities we most admire in our members.

Giving at First Church

At First Church, we consider every pledge, tithe, offering, or contribution a gift for the life of our community of faith. No matter how it's given, our gifts show our gratitude. Beginning this month, we are making certain giving is as easy as possible. If you no longer carry checks or cash, but always have your phone – you can download an app or give by text. If you want to set up a weekly or monthly contribution, you can do so through e-giving. And if you want to go online and make a contribution for the weeks you are away this summer, you can access the giving portal at our website and make your gift. Please accept our thanks for your continued generosity and support.

MOBILE APP

- Download the ShelbyNext Giving app for iOS or Android.
- Search for First Congregational Church of Los Angeles by name or ZIP code (90020).

TEXT

- Send a text with the amount of your donation to 213.263.5830. (Ex. Text 10 for \$10.00)
- If you are a first-time text-giving donor, you will be prompted to visit a secure URL, where you will enter your credit/debit card information.

ONLINE

- Visit www.fccla.org/give.
- You can donate via credit/debit card or eCheck.
- You can make a one-time or recurring contribution.

E-OFFERING

- Call the Advancement Office at 213.355.5228 to set up a monthly or semimonthly recurring contribution from your checking account.

New to First Church? We're glad you're here!

First Congregational Church is a diverse and vibrant community of faith that offers a place where you can enrich your spiritual life through the gifts of worship and the arts. We believe life is about the journey and we extend a warm welcome to *all*, especially to those who are worshipping with us for the first time.

Please sign the red friendship pad found in your pew and include the information you would like to share with us. If you would like to receive our weekly Eblasts, be sure to include your email.

Take time to discover for yourself this authentic and welcoming community that you can call home. Here are some ways to get started:

CONNECT WITH US ONLINE

Like us on facebook /1stchurchla *instagram* @1stchurchla
Follow us on twitter @1stchurchla *youtube* /firstchurchla
Bookmark our website www.fccla.org
Listen to this week's sermon www.fccla.org/sermons
Sign up for our Weekly Eblast ssmith@fccla.org

BECOME A MEMBER

First Church is a place where *you* can belong. We welcome the gifts, talents, and strengths of those who have decided to make First Church their home. Every other month we offer a small group class, *Discover First Church*. After worship, we share a light lunch, listen to the story of First Church, and share our own stories in a relaxed conversation. You can ask questions about who we are and how you will find your place within this community of faith. It's a great time to begin making connections with others who are also new to First Church.

Our next *Discover First Church* will be held on Sunday, July 17. Please RSVP to Kate Grabau kgrabau@fccla.org or sign up at the Welcome Table in the Forecourt after worship.

GET INVOLVED

Whether you are interested in serving, connecting with others, worshipping, giving, or growing spiritually, we offer opportunities for everyone. Be sure to read *The Meetinghouse* each week as it contains the latest about what is happening in the life of First Church. Watch our Facebook page and Twitter feed for last minute Events or Meet Ups.



Looking Ahead!

THE MEETINGHOUSE

This Month at First Church

Participate!

Every Week at First Church

- 8:15AM Cathedral Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30AM Adult Education: Seekers Class
- 9:30AM First Kids First: Childcare
Room 208, off the small playground
- 10:30AM Prelude on The Great Organs
- 11:00AM Worship Service
- 11:15AM First Kids First (K-5th grade)
Music Room, 1st floor
- 12:15PM Coffee Fellowship

Prelude on The Great Organs

Every Sunday at 10:30AM

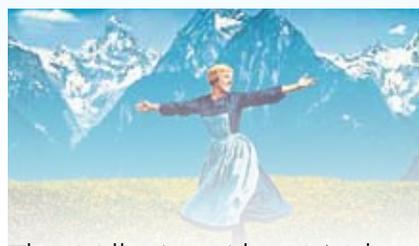


Holy Communion

Every Sunday after service on
The Chancel. All are welcome!

Host A Coffee Fellowship

After worship each Sunday, we gather in the Forecourt for coffee and conversation. There are always some wonderful treats as well as our delicious fair trade coffee, and cold drinks. Members and friends of First Church host this event throughout the year. Some choose to do so anonymously while others like to do so in celebration of their birthday, anniversary, or a special event in the life of our church. You may host by baking treats for your week or simply cover the cost for First Church staff to purchase the items. Please sign up at the Welcome Table on Sundays, or contact Sammi Smith at ssmith@fccla.org.



The Hills Are Alive With The Sound of Music Sing-Along

Sunday, June 26 – 5PM – Shatto Chapel

This classic musical is a favorite with people of all ages! The whole family can brush up on their “Do-Re-Mi” and sing about “their favorite things.” Bring your best singing voice and enjoy a relaxing evening of entertainment.



Seekers Class

Simpler Living, Compassionate Life: A Christian Perspective
Sundays, through June 26 at 9:30AM – Founders Room

In the Seekers Class current study series, we are discussing essays by John Cobb, Wendell Berry, Henri Nouwen, and others, which explore voluntary simplicity as a path to wholeness and abundance. Join us for the following discussions:

- June 19 “How Much is Enough? Lifestyles, Global Economics, and Justice”
- June 26 “Social Structures And The Politics of Simplicity”

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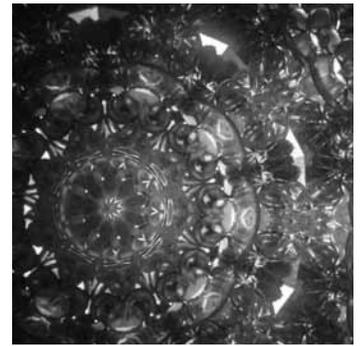
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

LITURGY OF PRAISE

Organ Prelude

Dr. Christoph Bull

Hymn Improvisation

"Elevation" *Camille Saint-Saëns*

"Choral" *César Franck*

"Bagatelle" *Ludwig van Beethoven*

"Andante" *W.A. Mozart*

"Parting" *Felix Mendelssohn*

"Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr" *F.W. Zilchow*

+ Improvisation

Call to Worship

Dr. Tom Eggebeen,
Rev. Laura Vail Fregin

God, we come to you this morning
from many different places.

We have birthed children, lost jobs, fallen in love,
wrestled with our fears, packed our bags.

**We have come looking for you and your Spirit
meets us, welcoming us just as we are.**

God, we come to you bringing many different things.
We bring our questions, doubts, joys,
suspicions, and gifts.

**We have come needing you in diverse ways,
and your Spirit meets us, welcoming us just as we are.**

God, we have come to you as different people.
We are lawyers, parents, students,
musicians, runners, joggers, and walkers.

**We bring our whole selves to this place,
and your Spirit meets us, welcoming us just as we are.**

Thanks be to God!

† Processional Hymn – No. 553

"Gather Us In" *GATHER US IN*

† Invocation

Dr. Eggebeen

† Introit – "Hosanna" *Brent Pierce*

Cathedral Choir

Mr. Vasken Ohanian, Conductor

† The Lord's Prayer (using "debts")

Dr. Eggebeen

† Gloria Patri (No. 558, congregation singing)

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Fregin

*Please sign the red friendship pad in your pew
and pass it to your neighbor.*

Blessing of the Children

Rev. Fregin

LITURGY OF MEDITATION

Meditation Anthem

Cathedral Choir

"Cantique de Jean Racine" *Gabriel Fauré*

Racine's paraphrase of the Latin hymn

Consors paterni luminis, English version:

Word of God, one with the Most High,

in Whom alone we have our hope,

Eternal Day of heaven and earth,

We break the silence of the peaceful night;

Saviour Divine, cast your eyes upon us!

Pour on us the fire of your powerful grace,

That all hell may flee at the sound of your voice;

Banish the slumber of a weary soul,

That brings forgetfulness of your laws!

O Christ, look with favour upon your faithful people

Now gathered here to praise you;

Receive their hymns offered to your immortal glory;

May they go forth filled with your gifts.

Versicles (congregation singing)

Rev. Fregin

Minister: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And with thy spirit.

Minister: Let us pray. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

Congregation: And grant us thy salvation.

Minister: O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Congregation: And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

Prayer of General Confession (unison) Rev. Fregin
Holy One, realizing we are human,
we strive to love, but we often fail.
We do not always answer when
you call us to be your light in the world.
Although we long for love,
too often we fail to accept it or offer it.
Help us this morning to let go of our failings.
Renew our hearts.
Fill us anew with your love. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon Rev. Fregin
God loves us just as we are.
Know that you are loved and forgiven,
pick up your lives anew,
and walk in love as people forgiven and free.

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Fregin
Solo Ms. Alannah Garnier, Soprano
"He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"
arr. Moses Hogan

LITURGY OF GUIDANCE

Scripture Reading – Galatians 5:1, 13, 14 Mary Jo Call

Sermon – Dr. Richard Wing

The End of Bookkeeping Religion

"Grace cannot prevail...until our lifelong certainty that someone is keeping score has run out of steam and collapsed." – Robert Farrar Capon

LITURGY OF DEDICATION

Presentation of Offerings Dr. Eggebeen
Offertory Anthem Cathedral Choir

"Thanks Be to God" *Felix Mendelssohn*

† **Doxology** (No. 562, congregation singing)
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

† **Prayer of Dedication** Dr. Eggebeen

† **Passing of the Peace and Benediction** Rev. Fregin

As you go into this week
may you find and follow
the rhythms that bring life.
May you let go of the patterns
that confine and constrain.
May your turning and returning
trace pathways of peace,
and may each step you take
make a life-giving way.
May it be so.
May it be so for us!
Amen.

† **Choral Benediction Response** Cathedral Choir
Amen from "The Lord Bless You and Keep You"
John Rutter

† **Recessional Hymn** – No. 388
"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" *MARION vs. 1-4*

Organ Postlude Dr. Bull
"Moderato in A minor" *H. Clarence Eddy*



TODAY'S ALTAR DEDICATIONS

The Chancel Flowers are placed today by Bill Watson in honor of the GLBTQ community of Greater Los Angeles and the members of First Congregational Church who do us all proud every day of the year.

AFTER TODAY'S SERVICE

Join us in the Forecourt for Coffee Fellowship, hosted by Roger Ipswitch.

Holy Communion is celebrated on The Chancel following today's service. All are welcome!

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