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Fill out this Connection Card and include it in today's offering. New around here? Address changes? Fill out what's relevant.

Today's Date: October 20, 2019

Your Name(s)

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Many of us give in ways other than putting money in the offering plate each week. Some of us give online at the church's website, or use our bank's online bill pay. Some of us make one large annual gift, or we fulfill our pledge by making a gift once a month. We give our time and our talents because all of our gifts make a difference. Note ways to participate on the reverse side.

Gold envelopes are available in the pews for any financial gifts you would like to give today. Place this card in the offering as a symbol of a gift you've made in another way.

Opportunities for the Week of October 20-October 27

Sunday	9:00	The Wired Word Small Group in Friendship Classroom
	9:15	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00	Worship and Fellowship
	11:15	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
	11:15	Children's & Youth Programs & Lunch
	5:30	Race: Part I
	5:30	NYP: Neighborhood Youth Project at Congregational UCC
	8:00	Language of the Heart Alcoholics Anonymous
Monday	10:00	Staff Meetings
Tuesday	5:00	ARC/A&T Mentor Program in Fellowship Hall
	6:00	PGPS/Wishview Teachers Book Study in Friendship Classroom
	7:00	Table Topics: Revelation
Wednesday	6:00	"Tai Chi Chuan &..." with Michael Gagliano in Fellowship Hall
	7:00	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	9:30	Ladies Coffee Group at Panera, 2645 Lawndale Ave.
	6:30	Table Talk on Tap at Joymongers, 576 N. Eugene St.
	8:00	Al-Anon and Alateen
Friday		Senior Wheels
Sunday	9:00	The Wired Word Small Group in Friendship Classroom
	9:15	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00	Worship and Fellowship—Commitment Day
	8:00	Language of the Heart Alcoholics Anonymous

Race: the Power of an Illusion

Come to the Friendship Room today at 5:30 p.m. to view and discuss the first segment of a 3-part PBS documentary, which investigates the idea of race in society, science, and history. By asking, "What is this thing called 'race'?", a question so basic it is rarely asked, this series helps set the terms that any further discussion of race must first take into account. Essential information for ethical considerations.

Measuring What Matters

Through many discussions, we are seeking to discern "what matters to us" as First Christian Church. Join us next Sunday, October 27, for Commitment Day.

Serving Next Sunday, October 27

Acolyte Martin Siu **Elders** Spencer Smith and Jim Tebow **Deacons** Brad Light, Debbie Light, Olivia Steadman, Madison Steadman, Larry Collins, Meredith Cooper
Worship Leader Katherine Barron **Children's Moment** Phil Miller
No Children's Church **Coffee Hour Host** Laura Tebow **Building** Sue Hulighan

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Leslie Gooding, Laura Hutchens, Chassidy Crump, Nursery

Amanda Desselles, Children's Church Leader

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Sunday, October 20, 2019

Chiming of the Hour

Gathering Music

"Be Thou My Vision"

Paul Manz

Lighting of Candles and Processional

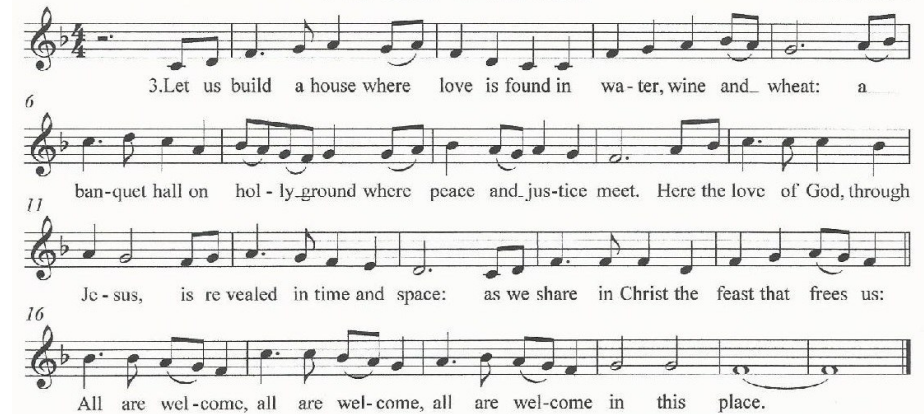
Logan Sharpe

*Choral Call to Worship

*Please stand as you are able.

All Are Welcome

Marty Haugen



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*Proclamation

adapted from "Restless Weaver," Hymn No. 658

Baylee Smith

God is a Restless Weaver, ever spinning threads of justice and shalom; dreaming patterns of creation where all creatures find a home; gathering up life's varied fibers—every texture, every hue. We pray: With us weave the world anew. We sing: to the Lord of all, a hymn of grateful praise.

*Hymn of Praise

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

No. 56

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*Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Baylee Smith

**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 trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into
temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

***Response in Praise** "Gloria Creator Dei" W. Faulkner



Words of Welcome Phil Miller

Ministry Moments Darilyn Knibb, Olivia Steadman, Spencer Smith

Scripture I John 4:7-11 Baylee Smith
One: The word of God for the people of God.
Many: Thanks be to God.

Children's Moment Melissa Guthrie Loy
Following the Children's Moment, children age 3 through 2nd grade are invited to gather at the back of the sanctuary for Children's Church. The nursery is available for younger children and is located in the basement. Children's Church leader: Amanda Desselles and Dona Norwood

Prayers of the People No. 303
Preparation for Prayer SIVIS
"In This Time"
In this time of quiet rev'ence, God, fill us now with everlasting peace, and may each and ev'ry day we live bring true faith in your abiding love.

Pastoral Prayer Phil Miller

Sharing Our Gifts
Call to Offering Eleanor Bray
Offertory *Our gifts support the ministry of this congregation, here in our community and around the world. The gold envelopes in the pews can be used for general gifts to First Christian. The connection card in this bulletin can also symbolize gifts made electronically.*

***Response** No. 48
"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" TALLIS' CANON
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all creatures here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; one God, triune, whom we adore. Amen.

Dedication of Gifts Eleanor Bray

Anthem "Let Us Love One Another" Arnold B. Sherman

Scripture Luke 18:1-8 Baylee Smith
One: The word of God for the people of God.
Many: Thanks be to God.

Message "Threads of Justice" Melissa Guthrie Loy

Sharing the Feast
Communion Hymn "The Voice of Jesus Calls His People" No. 426
THE VOICE OF JESUS
Melissa Guthrie Loy

Call to Communion
One: Behold these signs—a loaf and a chalice!
Many: They speak to our hearts.
One: They tell of God's love.
Many: The love of Christ, from whom all love proceeds.
One: With assurance and joy, approach this feast.
Many: We come to Jesus, and he meets us here.

Words of Institution Melissa Guthrie Loy
Prayer for the Bread and Cup John Flynt
One: Let us break bread together.
Christ, the host of this meal, invites all who love Him to celebrate His life among us. Eat the bread as it is passed; hold the cup to drink in unison.
One: Let us drink the cup together.
The cup is shared.

One: Let us say together:
Many: It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me.

Invitation to Discipleship Melissa Guthrie Loy

***Hymn of Dedication** No. 658
"Restless Weaver" BEACH SPRING

***Taking the Light of Christ into the World** Logan Sharpe

***Benediction** Melissa Guthrie Loy

***Postlude** "Fugue in B flat" J.S. Bach (1685-1750)
**Please stand as you are able.*

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prays Feel free to share Joys and Concerns:

- participate* Let us know your plans.
- I'm bringing a child/children to the Faith Formation snack lunch and Bible study after worship.
 - I'm coming/bringing someone to the Neighborhood Youth Project activity at Congregational United Church of Christ today at 5:30 0p.m.
 - I'm coming/bringing someone to the Adult Faith Formation activity at 5:30 p.m. today—"Race: the Power of an Illusion."
 - I'll attend the Adult Faith Formation class at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday—"Unveiling Empire: Reading Revelation Then and Now."
 - I'll attend a Discovery Focus Group at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 22.
 - I'll be at choir practice Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.
 - I'll join the Ladies Coffee Hour at Panera, 2645 Lawndale, Thursday, at 9:30 a.m.
 - Sign me up for Table Talk on Tap, 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Joymonger's 576 N. Eugene St.
 - I'm available to help with Senior Wheels on Friday.
 - I'll prayerfully complete my Pledge Card and bring it next week on Commitment Day.
 - Other: