

Compassion

July 15, 2018

Rev. Jef Gamblee

Jera Cox, Director of Music

Ingathering Music

Vision Song

Shelley Jackson Denham

*We are a liberal religious haven, welcoming wonder, and spiritually free.
We're sustained by a loving tradition, moved and inspired by the future we see.
Boldly seeking and working for justice,
gently transforming lives through deeds great and small.
Young and old, sharing meaning and mission,
we joyfully offer our vision to all!*

Welcome

Jorge Vila

Prelude

Gaudeamus
Jason Shelton

Jera Cox

Call to Worship

Zechariah 7:8-10

Opening Hymn

#1028 *Fire of Commitment*

Chalice Lighting

Chalice Hymn

*Chalice, chalice burning bright, help remind us with your light
Of how we'd like to live each day, with love and truth helping lead the way.*

Community Candle Lighting

May We Shine a Light of Love

Joyce Poley

May we shine a light of love, May we shine a light of love* With every thought, with every step we take, May we shine a light of love**

**peace, hope, faith*

Children's Recessional

Dot Christenson

*You bring us hope and help to see our future world that's yet to be.
You teach us much as years go by. You are our strength, our joy, our pride.*

Litany of Atonement

Response: I forgive myself, I forgive you, we begin again in love

Sharing of Joys and Sorrows

Meditation

ESPECIALLY FOR VISITORS

We're delighted you're here! Please join us after the service for coffee, tea, and conversation. Stop by the Welcome Counter (as you entered the building) to sign up for our newsletter. This will help you get a sense of the many interesting events and efforts at First Church.

TODAY

Today at 11:30 am - Attendees of the 2018 Unitarian Universalist Association **General Assembly** will report for the congregation on their experiences and impressions. We will meet in the Ellen Hall Room, and we should be finished no later than 12:30 pm. All are welcome.

Today in Sunday School, your child in prekindergarten through fifth grade will read "Last Stop on Market Street" by Matt de le Pena and create activity boxes for future IHN guests. The youth will meet for the first time in several weeks to build community.

Today's FP Volunteers are Rose Conly in the prekindergarten through fifth grade, and Kate Wells with the youth group.

It may seem early, but school will start before we know it. We have always helped the two refugee families with school supplies. The Komis from Sudan have Sarah who will be in eighth grade at Walnut Hills High School and Andrew who will be in fourth grade at Mt. Washington School. The Destanis from Kosovo have Blerina who will be a Junior in Norwood High School., Linda who will be in eighth grade in Norwood and Eddie who will be in Kindergarten at TCP. If you want to contribute to this school supply fund, please write a check to First Church and in the "for" line write Refugee Fund. Thank you very much. Jan Smith, 513.923.2137, janandcarol@fuse.net

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat., July 21, 10 a.m. - First Church women members and friends are invited to a pot-luck brunch at the home of Jean Rohling, 824 Kingfisher Lane in Glendale. There is no guest speaker this time, so we will have plenty of time for brunch, socializing, enjoying Jean's lovely home, and discussing activities and leadership for the coming year. Please bring your ideas and also a brunch dish to share. Email Martha Walker at walkermart76@yahoo.com if you have any questions.

Sun., July 22 - What does it take to be an educator who reaches students where they are and then helps them to develop the skills they need to be successful in life? Join us on July 22nd as Krista Taylor and Jack Jose, authors of the new book, *Angels and Superheroes, Compassionate Educators in an Era of School Accountability*, reflect on their teaching careers in the Cincinnati Public Schools. Jack is the Principal of Gamble Montessori High School and Krista, in addition to being a member of our church, is an Intervention Specialist and Lead Teacher also at Gamble Montessori. Jack and Krista will be joined by Tracy Walker and Krista's entire musical family (Blake, Evan, and Riley) as they bring us several special music selections throughout the service.

Sun., July 29 – Frank Carpenter, D.Min. will preach. His topic is *Causes of Poverty* - Tearing an infant from her mother's breasts, welfare queens, lack of public transportation, laziness, classism, unavailable medical treatment, racism, prisons, jobs, education, politicians, the rich, the poor, opiates, drink, the middle class, inequality, war and zero tolerance.

Fri., Sept. 7 – 6:30 p.m. – Start reading now! Book discussion and dinner happens on this date. The book *In the Shadow of 10,000 Hills* by Jennifer Haupt (Joy and Bud's daughter-in-law) is a sweeping family story that spans from the turmoil of Atlanta during the Civil Rights Movement through the struggle for reconciliation and forgiveness in post-genocide Rwanda. At the heart of this literary novel that crosses racial and cultural boundaries is the search for family on a personal and global level. As a special bonus, the author will be attending the discussion.