

Jazz Theology

May 27, 2018

Prelude

Promenade
George Gershwin

Noriko Matsui

Welcome

Kara Gebhart Uhl
Rev. Benjamin Maucere

Doxology

*For the earth, forever turning
for the skies, for every sea.
For our lives and all we cherish
sing we our joyful song of peace.*

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn #126 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Chalice Lighting

Blessed is the fire of our faith and the chalice of our community.
Blessed is the living tradition that we carry forward in our work and in our love.

Blessed is the transient flame we kindle here,
Blessed is the illuminated moment of our gathering.

Blessed is the light of the eternal;
Blessed is the sacred call of life to which we give ourselves in answer.

Child Dedication

Andy and Kate Wells

Children's Recessional

*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.*

Pastoral Hymn

#8 *Mother Spirit, Father Spirit*

Candles of Joys and Sorrows

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!*

Meditation

Prayer

Musical Response

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

Summertime
George Gershwin

Sermon

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Closing Hymn

#348 *Guide My Feet*
Guide my feet
Hold my hand
Stand by me
Search my heart

Benediction

Postlude

Prelude
George Gershwin



Next Sunday, May 27 – The Rev. Benjamin Maucere and Meredith Plummer, DFP – *Flower Communion* – Please bring flowers for this annual commemoration of beauty, diversity and spring!

The flowers this morning are given by Janet Walsh in honor of her late father, a lover of people and nature in all their beauty and diversity, on his birthday.

Sunday Morning Volunteer Program (MVP) Team Four is handling the duties of greeting, ushering, providing coffee service and clean-up today. Team Four is led by Jenny Krueger. She is joined by Joe Busby, Carol Lloyd, Jan Connelly, Morita Marmo, Beth McGrew, Mary Mark, Mike Krueger, Sherri Wellington and David Johnson.

Sound Technician: Doug Rohrer

Assistive Listening Devices for people needing hearing enhancement are available at the rear of the sanctuary.

All are invited to write their **Joys and Sorrows** in the book at the back of the sanctuary.

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.

Celebrate with us on June 3, Member Recognition Sunday! During that Sunday's service we will recognize our 17 new members and a 25-year member.

TODAY

Today at 11:30 – The Peace Committee meets In the Ellen Hall Room to learn about the war that has been devastating Yemen for three years. The killing and destruction have been aided by US expertise and tax dollars with the generous support of both our present and past Presidents. A Yemeni lunch has been prepared by La Mandi Deli in Clifton (run by a Yemeni). Suggested donation on a sliding scale of \$7 to \$10 dollars. Check with us whether space is available if you haven't previously reserved. Ann Black, 513.563.8467, annblack@cinci.rr.com

Today in Sunday School, all prekindergarten to fifth graders will celebrate the unofficial end to our church year with our annual party on the playground. Upstairs, the youth will be preparing for their youth service.

Today's FP volunteers – Joan Johnson in Infant and Toddler, John Roach in prekindergarten through fifth and Faith Maynard will be with the Junior and Senior High.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat., June 2 - 9 a.m. – noon, the Board will provide a workshop for our congregation members that will help them understand the role of change in personal and organizational success, understand that change affects individuals, teams and organizations differently, identify and manage the phases of change and look at change through the lens of diversity. The need for the members of our congregation to cope with change, whether the changes are at church or in each of our daily lives, requires us to be competent in dealing with and managing change. Having a minister of color will be a change for our congregation. This workshop will provide thoughts on preparing ourselves for this upcoming change.

Facts about “Love My Books” free bookstore: We were open for business seven times this year. Students picked three to five books, depending on the number of books we had on hand. This school year students took 4,800 books home. So, in the year and half we’ve run this store, they have taken a **total of 6,700 books!** That’s an incredible number of books! Thanks to all those who have helped at South Avondale and to all of you who have donated books!