



First Congregational
United Church of Christ

OCTOBER 17 WORSHIP SERVICE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – Pastor Michelle

Welcome to First Congregational United Church of Christ Downers Grove where no matter who you are or where you are on life's journey you are welcome here!

- Want to have a better understanding about what we'll be talking about in church next Sunday? Then look no further than Church without Borders! Online Bible study is Tuesday nights at 7 p.m. the Zoom discussion follows, that link is on Facebook and can be found on the Website as well.
- Sunday School – Pastor Michelle
- Hopes Front Door-- Janelle Robinson
- New Member Exploration will take place next Sunday at 11 a.m. via Zoom The information to join the zoom meeting is below.

Join Zoom Meeting: Meeting ID: 899 6172 9622 Passcode: 835890

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89961729622?pwd=VTV6T2xzb3dMWmVEa20xOUJsWkg4dz09>

- Starting Wednesday, November 3 there will be a new teen choir program! The Teen Choir will meet Wednesdays from 6-7 p.m. and will work with Kelley on music to be used in services and special events. Teen choir is open to any singer from 7-12 grade!
- If you have enjoyed our virtual choir offerings, there will be a few chances for you to join in singing with us for the Advent season. Virtual choir is open to all singers, regardless of location. You can even participate as a family! Be on the lookout for information regarding rehearsals, practice tracks, and recording!
- Teen and Virtual Choir Informational Video

*The altar flowers are provided by Lyle Cheever in honor of Betty Cheever.

PRELUDE

OPENING SONG – #84 *O God Our Help in Ages Past* (v. 1,3,4,5, & 6)

CALL TO WORSHIP – (Responsive) Pastor Michelle
God, when we cry out to You,

Answer us.

In the questions that confound us

Walk with us.

When answers seem fleeting and hope dim

**Remind us of Your presence, comfort us in our struggles, and renew us
with the mighty and deep power of Your Love. Amen.**

OPENING PRAYER – Pastor Michelle

MINISTRY PRESENTATION – Congregational Care

SCRIPTURE READING – Job 38:1-7, 34-41 – Linda Schranz

“Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind: Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me. “Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy? Can you lift up your voice to the clouds, so that a flood of waters may cover you? Can you send forth lightnings, so that they may go and say to you, ‘Here we are’? Who has put wisdom in the inward parts, or given understanding to the mind? Who has the wisdom to number the clouds? Or who can tilt the waterskins of the heavens, when the dust runs into a mass and the clods cling together? “Can you hunt the prey for the lion, or satisfy the appetite of the young lions, when they crouch in their dens, or lie in wait in their covert? Who provides for the raven its prey, when its young ones cry to God, and wander about for lack of food?”

MUSIC MESSAGE – *Believe* by Mumford and Sons – Music Ministry

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

MESSAGE – *Answers to Questions? Or Something Else?* – Pastor Scott

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – Pastor Scott
Lord’s Prayer

OFFERTORY – Pastor Scott

OFFERING SONG – *What if I Stumble* by DC Talk – Music Ministry

OFFERING PRAYER

DOXOLOGY –

**To God, all glorious heavenly light,
To Christ revealed in earthly night,
To God the Spirit now we raise,
Our joyful song of thankful praise.
Amen.**

CLOSING SONG – #436 *Grace Alone*

BENEDICTION – Pastor Scott

POSTLUDE – *Shine* by Collective Soul – Music Ministry

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