

Announcements:

Today after worship, join us for another “Tell Me More!” info session! If you are interested in learning more about our church, the UCC, or becoming a member, please join us in the Parlor (just off the Sanctuary) for information from Rev. Karla.

On Sunday, June 14, we will have another “Join-from-the-Pew” New Member Sunday! We treasure welcoming each and every soul into our FCCH church family! If you are interested in joining the church or would like to speak to Karla before doing so, please contact Jennifer in the church office at office@fcchenderonville.org or by calling 828-692-8630.

Hendersonville Pride Festival is this coming Saturday, June 6, from Noon-5 pm, at Jackson Park. Your presence is a way of supporting our LGBTQIA+ community. Swing by the FCCH tent and say hello!

Happening at FCCH this week:

Mon, 6/1	10:00 am: Coffee & Conversation, Fellowship Hall 1:30 pm: Carolina Village Small Group, CV Chapel
Tues, 6/2	10:00 am: Prayer Shawl Group, Parlor 4:00 pm: Community Meditation Group, Parlor 6:00 pm: PFLAG Meeting, Fellowship Hall
Wed, 6/3	10:00 am: Sit & Stitch, Library 10:00 am: Physical Resources Committee Mtg, Choir Room 11:00 am: Progressive Christianity 101, Fellowship Hall 3:15 pm: Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary 5:00 pm: Progressive Christianity 101, Fellowship Hall
Thurs, 6/4	1:30 pm: Crone Talk, Parlor 7:00 pm: Buddy K Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall
Sat, 6/6	Noon: Hendersonville PRIDE Festival, Jackson Park FCCH Tent

Next Sunday, 6/7, Forum at 9:00 am: For PRIDE Sunday, we have members of our congregation sharing their experiences. Support our LGBTQIA+ community. Panel includes, Kendra Ray & Teresa Ramer, Bruce Mills & Jim Hollingsworth, and Angie & Jan Buchanan.

Save these Future Dates:

June 7 – PRIDE Sunday at FCCH
June 28 – Rev. Brian Combs speaks in Forum and worship
August 23 – John Pavlovitz speaks in Forum and worship

Prayer Concerns:

Please remember these people in your prayers this week

-Prayers for Anne Cain and family in the death of Aubrey Cain, Anne's daughter, after a short, terminal illness. Pray for all.
-Romella Hart-O'Keefe has been hospitalized for care.
-Dede Walton requests prayers for her daughter, Rebecca Baiet, having surgery.
-Sharon and Dody Pratt-Schultz are both recovering from recent health treatments and are home gaining strength.
-Kay Davis is receiving chemo treatments for her cancer.
-Debbie Hyslop, friend of Kristin Jordan, who is undergoing cancer treatments. Pray for peace, comfort and wisdom.
-Mindy Myers is dealing with health issues and treatments.
-Ericka Fagerlin is dealing with various health issues.
-Prayers for the people of Iran and Lebanon experiencing the ravages of war.
-Prayers for our military who may be experiencing mixed feelings, prayers for safety.

Our Birthdays this week: :

David Kelly	5/31
Janet Bostwick	6/3
Jennie Francis	6/5
Angie Buchanan	6/6
Lillian Dashner	6/7

To Our Visitors and Guests:

We are so glad you are here today! If you are interested in learning more about our congregation, denomination or membership, Karla or Mark would love to talk with you.

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Welcome Home

First Congregational Church welcomes persons of all ages, races, gender identities, sexual orientations, theological beliefs, and mental health conditions. In our diversity, we find strength and a way to understand the inclusiveness of God. No matter where you've been, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome and needed here.



**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL
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May 31, 2026

Justice*Compassion*Belonging

Order of Worship

Welcome Karla Miller

Gathering Song
Blessed are you who hunger, blessed are you who thirst.
Blessed are you who mourn and feel no power on this earth.
Blessed are you who are poor in spirit and don't know what to do,
Oh child of God, blessed are you. Blessed are you, Oh blessed are you,
Oh child of God, blessed are you.

A Time for Centering

Voluntary Bourree
G. F. Handel
Linda Laderach, violin

Opening Words

People of God, look around you now and see the faces of those we know and love --

Neighbors and friends, siblings in spirit, a community of kindred hearts.

People of God, take a moment now to look around you and see the faces of those we hardly know --

Strangers, sojourners, forgotten ones, those who need an outstretched hand.

People of God, members and friends, newcomers and guests, take a moment now to look around you and see all the images of God assembled here.

God's spirit shines in me, in you, and in every person and creature on earth.

***Hymn** Bring Many Names No. 6

First Reading Matthew 28 :16-20 Sherie Wilson

Second Reading Primary Wonder
Denise Levertov

Days pass when I forget the mystery.
Problems insoluble and problems offering
their own ignored solutions
jostle for my attention, they crowd its antechamber
along with a host of diversions, my courtiers, wearing

(cont.)
their colored clothes; cap and bells.
And then
once more the quiet mystery
is present to me, the throng's clamor
recedes: the mystery
that there is anything, anything at all,
let alone cosmos, joy, memory, everything,
rather than void: and that, O Lord,
Creator, Hallowed One, You still,
hour by hour sustain it.

Anthem The Majesty and Glory of Your Name FCCH Choir
Tom Fettke

When I gaze into the night skies and see the work of your fingers. The moon and stars suspended in space. O who are we that you are mindful of us. O lord, our God, the majesty and glory of your names. Transcends the earth and fills the heavens. O Lord, our God, little children praise you perfectly, and so would we. Alleluia.

Sermon Primary Colors Karla Miller

A Time for Reflection

Prayers of the People

Loving God, hear our prayer.

Congregational Prayer

Loving God, Source of Life, Breath of Compassion, and Spirit of Justice, we gather in gratitude for Your presence among us. You are Wisdom that guides, Mercy that restores, and Love that welcomes all. Open our hearts to one another and to the work of peace, healing, and hope in the world. May we reflect Your kindness, seek Your truth, and walk together in courage and grace. Amen.

Response

All shall be well. All shall be well. All manner of things shall be well. All shall be well.

Invitation to Offering

Offertory Clare de lune
Claude Debussy

***Doxology**
Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah. Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah.
Halle, halle, hall-lu-jah. Halle-lu-jah, hallelujah.

*Prayer of Blessing

God of all creation, we offer these gifts so that your love may be magnified. Amen.

***Hymn** God of Many Names

God, Creator, Source of Being, Breath of life in earth and sky, Loving Presence, never leaving, Closer than our heartbeat sigh. God of justice, God of mercy, Wisdom deeper than the sea, Still you call us into courage, Shaping what the world can be.

Christ, our Teacher, Friend, and Healer, Breaking chains of fear and shame, Tender Shepherd, Liberator, Still you know us each by name. Living Word and Hope eternal, Light no darkness can contain, Through compassion, truth, and service, Love arises once again.

Spirit moving through creation, Wind of comfort, fire of grace, Sacred Rhythm of communion, Binding all in one embrace. God, the Many-Named and Nameless, Ever ancient, ever new, May our lives become a blessing, Filled with love forever true.

Intentions and Benediction

Postlude Trumpet Voluntary
John Stanley

The light of Christ is carried into the world.

*Please rise in body or spirit

Worship Notes

Prayer cards are in the pew racks; completed cards may be placed in the offering plate or at the candle table.

You are invited to light a candle at the candle table.

The Prayer Wall hangs on the lectern. Paper hearts are provided on which you may write your prayer and attach it to the wall.

Copies of today's sermon are available in the narthex and on the front pew.

Altar Artist: Phyllis Rhinehart **Acolyte:** Zachary Cone

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