

Ask an usher for large-print bulletins and/or hearing phones.

- CD recordings of today's worship service are available following worship.
- Families and children are invited to sit together in the first two rows on the left hand side of the church facing the lectern.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING

PRELUDE	<i>Aria</i> Dudley Oakes	Flor Peeters
GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		Bonnie Hardy
CALL TO WORSHIP		Mike Brooks
*OPENING HYMN	<i>Promise of Peace</i>	K. Lee Scott
PRAYER OF INVOCATION (in unison)		Mike Brooks
Dear Lord and Heavenly Parent, thank you. Thank you for calling us to Your love and grace. Thank you for your extravagant, unwavering welcome. O God, please help us to hear your welcome and to accept it in our hearts today and every day. Lord, help us to feel your presence. Help us to welcome others as you have welcomed us. Help us to worship well today. Please inspire our thoughts and deeds, and grant us the strength to carry You with us always. Lord and Parent, thank you. Amen.		
PRAYER OF CONFESSION		Mike Brooks
O God, we too often fall short of your generous welcome. When we could see new friends to welcome, we see strangers to fear. When we could share our wealth, we become too concerned with ourselves to offer hospitality to others. We doubt others and guard our lives against them, instead of opening our arms and seeing Your presence in all people. Heavenly Parent, we as always need your love and healing presence. We are trying, but we know we can be and do more through You. Dear Lord, please forgive and strengthen us. Amen.		
WORDS OF ASSURANCE		Mike Brooks

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

ANTHEM	<i>Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me</i> FCC Choir	K. Lee Scott
SHARING OUR FAITH		Bonnie Hardy

PROCLAIMING

SCRIPTURE READINGS	Genesis 18:1-10a	Mike Brooks
A Son Promised to Abraham and Sarah		
The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, 'My lord, if I find favour with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.' So they said, 'Do as you have said.' And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, 'Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.' Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to him, 'Where is your wife Sarah?' And he said, 'There, in the tent.' Then one said, 'I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.' And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him.		

*SERMON HYMN	<i>I Will Trust in the Lord</i>	NCH, #416
SERMON	Finding Hospitality Luke 10:38 -42	Mike Slagenweit-Coffman
Jesus Visits Martha and Mary		
Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.' But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'		

RESPONDING

OFFERING

Bonnie Hardy

***DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host: Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

WELCOME OF VISITORS AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastoral Prayer, Prayers of the People, Lord's Prayer (using "debts" and "debtors")

Our God, 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**

When Peace, Like a River

NCH, #438

***BENEDICTION**

Mike Slagenweit-Coffman

POSTLUDE

Fugue in G Major
Dudley Oakes

J. S. Bach

**Those who are able are invited to stand.*

NCH = New Century Hymnal

Preacher: Mike Slagenweit-Coffman is a fourth-year Master of Divinity student at Wesley Theological Seminary, recently coming in-care of the Potomac Association. He lives at Wesley with his husband Tobey and enjoys writing, Photoshop, and reading. (And talking about himself in the third person.)

Worship Leader: Mike Brooks was born and raised in West Des Moines, Iowa. For the last three years, Mike has lived in Washington, DC and run the Student United Way programs for United Way Worldwide. In August, Mike will move to Connecticut to begin graduate school in management and divinity. He is thankful for his incredible friends and family.

THIS WEEK

Today

2:00 pm Fellowship Hour

Wednesday, July 21

8:30 am Pennsylvania Quarter Neighborhood Association

Breakfast Meeting @ First Trinity Lutheran Church, 507 4th Street, NW. Please RSVP via email to joann@PennQuarter.org by Monday, July 19th.

Sunday, July 25

11:00 am Christian Education @ Building Museum

12:00 pm Bible Workbench

1:00 pm Worship Service

Preaching: Steve Robertson

Worship Leader: Barbara Brown Zikmund

2:00 pm Fellowship Hour: Amy & Lloyd Dugan, Jessica & Scott Prentice

2:30 pm Congregational Hearing to discuss the status of the 2010 budget

Birthdays:

July 19 Katherine Williams

Ministers:

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Bonnie Hardy

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First Congregational United Church of Christ
A Just Peace, Open and Affirming,
Multiracial and Multicultural Congregation
Intentionally Inclusive...Expect the Unexpected



“Finding Hospitality”

July 18, 2010 – Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST IS ON AN EXCITING JOURNEY!
WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US ON THIS JOURNEY OF FAITH, HOPE, AND LOVE.**

Our congregation has a rich history of prayer and action, reaching back to our founding as a racially inclusive congregation following the Civil War, continuing through our provision of hospitality for civil rights activists during the 1963 March on Washington, and including major initiatives undertaken during the past quarter-century, such as the founding and continuation of the Dinner Program for Homeless Women (now known as ThriveDC), as well as congregational decisions to become an Open and Affirming, Just Peace, and Multiracial/Multicultural church.

In 2005, faced with a deteriorating building in the midst of a resurgent downtown, we decided to redevelop our site at 10th and G Sts NW into a mixed-use complex. In January 2007 we closed our building at 10th and G, and relocated to our home-away-from-home at First Trinity Lutheran Church at 4th and E St NW. Our social service ministry partner, ThriveDC (<http://thrivedc.org/>), moved with us but has now moved to a new location at St. Stephen and the Incarnation Episcopal Church in Columbia Heights, at the corner of 16th and Newton Streets NW (<http://www.saintstephensdc.org/>). Our church offices are in the “English basement” at 500 3rd Street, NW., suite 102; and our worship service is held in the sanctuary of First Trinity on Sunday afternoons at 1:00 p.m. Financial constraints, coupled with the global economic recession, have resulted in construction delays and use and design changes for our planned mixed-use complex at 10th and G. Within the past few months we have negotiated a new agreement with Skanska USA Commercial Development to restart our site development. At the same time, on November 1 we welcomed our new called pastor, the Rev. Peter Dennebaum.

First Congregational UCC is a Christian community in covenant with God and with each other. We promise in our covenant to follow the teachings of Jesus, to worship together, to nurture one another as we grow in our faith, to be guided by the Holy Spirit, to spread the Good News of God’s love for all God’s children, and to bear witness to our faith in our lives and in our world. We are a member congregation of the Potomac Association and the Central Atlantic Conference of the United Church of Christ (www.potomacucc.org; www.cacucc.org; www.ucc.org).

Together we affirm that we:

- Welcome all who come, rich or poor or in between
- Are an Open and Affirming Church, welcoming people of all sexual orientations and gender identities
- Are living into our identity as a Just Peace Church
- Are living into our identity as a Multiracial and Multicultural Church
- Are a place of hospitality in the downtown, supporting programs that reach out to homeless men, women, and children and providing spiritual care for individuals and communities
- Join with other congregations and organizations in efforts that enrich the community
- Support programs that seek social justice in our city, our nation, and our world
- Are committed to our unique redevelopment project in a new space that will be accessible to all and provide a home for our congregation’s worship and witness for many years into the future.

“A progressive Christian community in the heart of the city seeking the well-being of the city”