

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Welcome to Worship. We're glad you're with us

Order of Worship March 29, 2020

As you prepare to worship, you are invited to gather a candle, a Bible, and offering envelope and bread and juice (of any kind) for your communion element.

Prelude Were You There? Dale Wood (1934-2003) Jihye Choi, organist

Greetings **Pastor Bruce**

Lighting of the Candles

As we light the remaining Tenebrae Candles and Christ Candle, you are invited to light a candle in your home.

Pastoral Prayer, followed by Lord's Prayer

Our Father, 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.

Scripture Reading from John 19:1-16a Adrian Griffin

Extinguishing of the Tenebrae Candle

Homily Pastor Helen

Invitation to Giving

Response of Praise Doxology

You are invited to offer your gift online, by mail, or through your bank. The method of giving does not matter. It's the mission that makes a difference!

The Lord's Supper

Prayer of Dedication for the Offering

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution and Prayer of Consecration for the Elements

Please hold the communion elements in your hands during the communion Anthem. We will partake of them in unison

American Folk Hymn (Southern Harmony)

arr. Virgil Thompson (1896-1989)

Bridget Goodwin, soprano • Sarah Ballman, alto Marquese Carter, tenor • Rivers Hawkins, bass (Recorded at First Christian Church- Bloomington, August 23rd 2015)

When I walk thru the shades of death,

Thy presence is my stay;

A word of Thy supporting breath

Drives all my fears away.

Thy hand, in sight of all my foes,

Doth still my table spread;

My cup with blessings overflows;

Thine oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God

Attend me all my days;

O may Thy house be mine abode,

And all my work be praise!

There would I find a settled rest

While others go and come,

No more a stranger or a guest,

But like a child at home.

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Partaking of the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Invitation to Community

Closing Hymn If You Will Trust In God To Guide You Wer Nur Den Lieben Gott

(vs 1,2,3)

1 If you will trust in God to guide you and hope in God through all your ways, God will give strength, whate'er betide you, and bear you through the evil days. Who trusts in God's unchanging love builds on the rock that will not move.

2 God will embrace your pain and weeping, your helpless anger and distress. If you are in God's care and keeping, in sorrow will God love you less? For Christ, who took for you a cross, will bring you safe through every loss.

3 Sing, pray, and keep God's ways unswerving; so do your own part faithfully, and trust God's word; though undeserving, you'll find God's promise true to be.
God never will forsake in need the soul that trusts in God indeed.

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Benediction

Postlude Fugue in C Minor BWV 537

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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