



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(Disciples of Christ)

May 24, 2020

Ascension of the Lord

Online Worship at 10:30 am

WELCOME

Helen Hempfling and Bruce Ervin

PRELUDE

Ye Blessed, Faithful Spirits
Mary Ruth Yates, organist

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 47

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leaders: Peace of Christ be with you
People: And also with you.

HONORING OUR GRADUATES

Ashlyn Reynolds

PRAYER AND 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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us;
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

Acts 9:1-18

HOMILY

Sarah Lynne Gershon

INVITATION TO GIVING

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

Response of Praise

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication for the Offering

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration for the Bread and Cup

Please hold the communion elements in your hands during the communion anthem.

We will partake of them in unison following the anthem.

Communion Anthem

Save, Mighty Lord

SACRED HARP SHAPE NOTE TUNE

J.A. and J.F. Wade, 1854

Jesus, my all, to heav'n is gone,

Save, mighty Lord.

He whom I fix my hopes upon.

Save, mighty Lord.

Oh, save, save, mighty Lord,

And send converting power down,

Save, mighty Lord.

His track I see and I'll pursue.

Save, mighty Lord.

The narrow way till him I view.

Save, mighty Lord.

Oh, save, save, mighty Lord,

And send converting power down,

Save, mighty Lord.

The King's highway of holiness,

I'll go, for all His paths are peace.

Oh, save, save, mighty Lord,

And send converting power down,

Save, mighty Lord.

-John Cennick, 1743,

Partaking of the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

INVITATION TO COMMUNITY

CLOSING HYMN 609

Take My Life

HENDON

Maria Izzo Walker, soprano

Joseph Andreola, baritone

Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my will, and make it thine;
It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
It shall be thy royal throne,
It shall be thy royal throne.

Take my voice, and let me sing;
Unto God my praise I bring.
Take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee,
filled with messages from thee.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for thee.
Ever, only, all for thee.

-Frances R. Havergal, 1874

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Now Thank We All Our God

Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)

*This service was pre-recorded in various segments to allow the worship leaders
to strictly follow guidelines regarding social distancing.*

Church Announcements

Join us for Pentecost next Sunday, May 31!

This is the day Christians celebrate the birth of Christ's church. In preparation for this special Sunday read the dramatic story of how the Holy Spirit blew life into the church and lit a fire within the hearts of disciples in Acts 2. Gather one or more candles in addition to your Christ candle in preparation for worship, and **wear red** when you join us for online worship at 10:30 am. Join us for a very special online worship service at 10:30am on Sunday, May 31!

Pentecost Special Offering Received May 31 - June 7

In 2001, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) embraced a bold vision: to start 1,000 new churches in 1,000 different ways by the year 2020. Today, we have welcomed 1,034+ new places to worship into the Church! The Table around which we gather has grown in language, diversity, and life experience. Support the 2020 Pentecost Offering. Each year, half of this special offering stays in our Region to support and sustain new churches. The second half helps leaders across the United States and Canada through New Church Ministry programs. Make a gift to the 2020 Pentecost Offering.

Bedford-First Christian Church "Fund the Future" T-shirt Sale

Be one of the first to own the hottest t-shirt in town plus help our church out financially. We receive \$10 for each shirt sold. To order:

<http://dnastore.biz/first-christian-church-fund-the-future-t-shirt/>

Class of 2020 High School Graduates



Austin James Holbrook (AJ)

Parents Jim and Amy Holbrook

Grandma Sharon Waggoner

Graduating from BNL

A.J. will attend Ivy Tech for Graphic Design and then further his education in Animation.

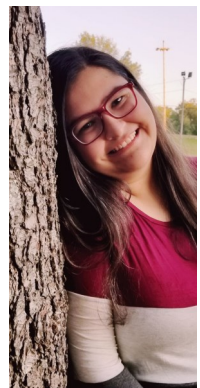
Salma Hackler

Mom Angelica Hackler

Grandparents Ronald D Hackler II and Angelica Hackler

Graduating from BNL

Salma has been accepted at IUPUI. She is planning on pursuing a career in Nursing. She wants to be a surgical nurse. She is currently working at Lowes in the Inside Lawn Department and is saving money for school.





***We are Disciples of Christ.**

A movement for wholeness in a fragmented world. As part of the one body of Christ, we welcome all to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us.

*Disciples of Christ
Statement of Identity

Church Staff:

Pastor: Rev. Bruce Ervin

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Church Office Hours

Wednesday: 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Social Media:

Web Page: www.firstccbedford.org

Facebook: First Christian Church
Bedford - DOC

Camp Facebook: Bedford Camp &
Conference Center

Ways to Give to FCC

Mail Checks to FCC at:

1101 15th St

Bedford, IN 47421

In Person

Wednesday 11:00 am - 1:00 pm and slide it
under the Treasurer's door

An Invitation to Community

As God has welcomed us, we welcome you.

With all our differences--
in age, ability and physical condition,
in race, cultural background and economic status,
in sexual orientation, gender identity & family
structure--

God has received each one
with loving kindness, patience and joy.

All that we are together
and all that we hope to be
is made more perfect
as the richness of varied lives
meets the mystery of God's unifying Spirit
and we become the Body of Christ.