FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(Disciples of Christ)

May 31, 2020 Pentecost Sunday Online Worship at 10:30 am

PRELUDE

PEN

Improvisation on Veni Creator Spiritus Nara Lee, organist

Nara Lee (b. 1984)

WELCOME

GREETINGS

Ashlyn Reynolds and family

Bruce Ervin and Helen Hempfling

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

BEDFORD & BLOOMINGTON FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCHES

Response: Come, Holy Spirt. Come!

OPENING ANTHEM Come Down O Love Divine Ronald E. Martin (b. 1935)

Come down, O love divine, seek Thou this soul of mine, and visit it with Thine own ardor glowing. O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear, and kindle it, Thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn, 'til earthly passions turn to dust and ashes in its heat consuming; and let Thy glorious light shine ever on my sight, and clothe me round, the while my path illuming. Let holy charity mine outward vesture be, and lowliness become mine inner clothing; True lowliness of heart, which takes the humbler part, and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long, shall far outpass the power of human telling; For none can guess its grace, till he become the place wherein the Holy Spirit makes its dwelling.

-Bianco da Siena (d. 1434) tr.Richard Frederick Littledale, Jr., 1867

PENTECOST PRAYER AND LIGHTING OF THE PENTECOST CANDLES (Responsive, congregation reads **bold**)

Spirit of Joy: come like the wind, swirling among us. Fill us with enthusiasm and energize us to do your work and will, even in these difficult times.

Thank you, God, for the Spirit of Joy! The first candle is lit

Spirit of Truth: come as the flame of Christ's light among us, illuminating our hearts, our minds, our lives.

Thank you, God, for the Spirit of Truth! The second candle is lit

Spirit of Life: come as the breath of life, pouring energy and power into our dry bones, rekindling all who are weary, that they, and we, may have life and have it abundantly.

Thank you, God, for the Spirit of Life! The third candle is lit

Spirit of Hope, come as the new wind, blowing away our sense of despair and filling us with a strength that will see us through our present trials, that one day all of creation may be renewed.

Thank you, God, for the Spirit of Hope! The fourth candle is lit

Spirit of Love, Come as our Comforter and consoler, that all who are broken or wounded may be healed, that all who grieve may be consoled by the power of your love and grace.

Thank you, God, for the Spirt of Love! The fifth candle is lit

Spirit of Wisdom, come as the light of understanding, that diversity in all its forms may be respected and may be understood as gifts to cherish.

Thank you, God, for the Spirit of Wisdom! The sixth candle is lit

Spirit of Peace: come as the winds of truth, that our hearts may be kindled by the passion of justice and peace,

Thank you, God, for the Spirit of Peace! The seventh candle is lit

Amen

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

SCRIPTURE

from Acts 2 Adapted from *Children Worship and Wonder* Connie Myers

HOMILY

Helen Hempfling

Pentecost Special Day Offering

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

Response of Praise

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 solo. We will partake of them in unison following the solo.

Communion Solo

Holy Spirit

Brian and Katie Torwalt

Gracie Walls, singer

VERSE

There's nothing worth more That will ever come close, nothing can compare You're our living hope Your presence Lord

I've tasted and seen, of the sweetest of loves Where my heart becomes free And my shame is undone Your presence Lord

CHORUS

Holy Spirit, you are welcome here Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere Your Glory God is what our hearts long for To be overcome by your presence, Lord

BRIDGE

Let us become more aware of your presence Let us experience the Glory of Your Goodness

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Partaking of the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving 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/debts as we forgive those who sin against us/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.

Doxology

Bob Orr

CLOSING HYMN

Filled with the Spirit's Power

NATIONAL HYMN

Filled with the Spirit's power, with one accord the infant church confessed its risen Lord. O Holy Spirit, in the church today no less your power of fellowship display. Now with the mind of Christ set us on fire, that unity may be our great desire. Give joy and peace, give faith to hear your call, And readiness in each to work for all.

Widen our love, good Spirit, to embrace with your compassion all the human race. Like wind and fire with life among us move, till we are known as Christ's and Christian prove. -J.R.Peacey, 1969

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INVITATION TO COMMUNITY

CHANGING OF THE PENTECOST FLAMES

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Prelude in C Major BWV 545 Jihye Choi, organist J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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

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*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

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<u>Mail Checks to FCC at:</u> 1101 15th St Bedford, IN 47421 <u>In Person</u> 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.