



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(Disciples of Christ)

August 9, 2020

Proper 14

Online Worship at 10:00 am

PRELUDE

Andantino
Jihye Choi, organ

Adolph Friedrich Hesse (1809-1863)

WELCOME

Helen Hempfling and Bruce Ervin

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP (*sung*)

Jesus Stand Among Us

WEM IN LEIDENSTAGEN

Jesus stand among us in your risen power,
Let this time of worship be a holy hour.
Breathe the Holy Spirit into every heart.
Bid the fears and sorrows from each soul depart.

PRAYER

PASSING OF THE PEACE

During this time of silence , please offer the peace of Christ to someone who longs to experience the Christ's peace that passes all understanding.

Choral Response

Peace Be Upon You

PEACE

Peace be upon you, surround you forever.
Live with the knowledge that God is with you.
-Daniel S. Wilshire, alt. , 1993

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 14:22-33

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God

People: Thanks be to God

INVITATION TO GIVING

*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

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

Sharing of the Bread and Cup (*unison*)

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

Communion Anthem

Do Not Be Afraid

Philip W.J. Stopford (b. 1977)

Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by your name; you are mine.

When the fear of loneliness is looming,
then remember I am at your side.

When you dwell in the exile of a stranger,
remember you are precious in my eyes.

Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by your name; you are mine.

-Gerald Markland (b.1953) based on Isaiah 43:1, 2, 4

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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 debts/sins as we forgive our debtors/those who have sinned 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNITY

CLOSING HYMN 566

Be Still My Soul

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1. Be still, my soul: for God is on your side;
bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.
Trust in your God, your savior and your guide,
who through all changes faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly friend
through thorny ways leads to a peaceful end.

2. Be still, my soul: for God will undertake
to guide the future surely as the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: The waves and winds still know
the voice that calmed them in this world below.

3. Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
when we shall dwell with God forever more,
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Fanfare and March for Trumpet

Kenneth B. Brewer (b. 1955)

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

Summer Forum Series on Disciples Identity Continues Sundays at 11:00 am via Zoom



August 9: Rev. Rick Spleth

Topic: Creating our Regional Anti-Racism Statement and What's Next

Rick Spleth joined the staff as Indiana Regional Minister on September 1, 2001. His duties include pastoral oversight for congregational and regional ministries and serves as the chief executive officer of the region. As regional minister, Rick works with Search and Call and the Regional Board. He also works with the Stewardship Commission, Finance Committee, Nominating Committee, and the Reference and Counsel Team of the Commission on Ministry.

He also serves as liaison to the General Church in several capacities, including: General Board, College of Regional Ministers, Christian Theological Seminary Board of Trustees, Division of Overseas Ministries Board, and the Council for Theological Education. He also serves as president of the Indiana Interchurch Center board.

Rick has a B.A. from Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, and an M.Div. from Vanderbilt University in Nashville. Rick and his wife, Diane, have two adult children and three grandchildren. Diane is the Senior Minister of Allisonville Christian Church in Indianapolis.



August 16: Rev. Dr. Dick Hamm

Topic: 2020 Vision for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ): Retrospect and Moving Forward

The Rev. Dr. Dick Hamm served as a minister of Disciples of Christ congregations for 23 years before becoming Regional Minister of Tennessee and then General Minister and President of the denomination, a post he held for 10 years. As General Minister and President, Hamm led the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada in developing 2020 Vision: "to be a faithful, growing church that demonstrates true community, deep Christian spirituality, and a passion for justice." The Vision also calls for the achievement of the following goals by the year 2020: to establish 1,000 new congregations, to revitalize 1,000 congregations, to develop the leaders necessary to make this possible, and to become an anti-racist, pro-reconciling church.

Hamm writes and speaks extensively on the subject of church renewal and has recently retired as a Ministry Partner of The Columbia Partnership, a coaching/consulting organization for church leaders, congregations, and other church organizations. He has also written two books on church renewal: *2020 Vision for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)* (Chalice Press, 2001), and *Re-creating the Church: Leadership for the Post-Modern Age* (Chalice Press, 2007). The former, inspiring the topic for this summer forum!

Zoom Link to the Summer Forum Series:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83190090435?pwd=T09ZR1RvZXhoOEExblhtNXgvcVZhUT09>

***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.

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Statement of Identity

Church Staff:

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Church Office Hours

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Ways to Give to FCC

Mail Checks to FCC at:

1101 15th St

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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.