A SEASON OF CREATION BEDFORD & BLOOMINGTON FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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(Disciples of Christ)

September 20, 2020 Season of Creation, Week 3 Online Worship at 10:00 am

Diverse in Thought | United in Faith | Called to Serve

PRELUDE

Étoile du soir (The Evening Star) Louis Vierne (1870-1937) Jihye Choi. organ

WELCOME

Helen Hempfling and Bruce Ervin

CHORAL CALL TO PRAISE (sung)

Let the Whole Creation Cry Rola

Roland E. Martin (b. 1955)

Let the whole creation cry, "Glory to the Lord on high!" Heav'n and earth, awake and sing; Praise him, our almighty King!" Praise him angel hosts above, ever bright and fair in love; Sun and moon, lift up your voice; Night and stars, in God rejoice. -Stopford Brook, 1881

OPENING PRAYER

PASSING OF THE PEACE

During this time, 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	

PASTORAL PRAYER

SCRIPTURE

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God **People: Thanks be to God**

PROCLAMATION

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!

Bruce Ervin

from Genesis 3

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 Anth	nem Where Once There Lay Dragons	Kenton Coe (b. 1931)	
W W	Where once there lay dragons, tall grasses shall grow; Where once there lay wasteland, a pathway shall go; Where once there lay desert, there shall flow a spring; O ransomed of Zion, with joy you shall sing.		
A A	As once you were fearful, you now are made calm; As once you were wounded, you now have a balm; As once you were feeble, you now are made strong; As once you were silent, you now have a song.		
F V	e strong and fear not, for your God will come! For sweet songs of gladness shall sound on each tong When sorrow and sadness shall all flee away! Prepare now, O Zion, to greet this new day!	ue	
	- Carol McClure on Isaiah 35:1-10, esp vs. 7: "And the parched ground shall become a poo land springs of water: in the habitation of dragons, wh be grass reeds and rushes."		
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.

CLOSING HYMN 365 Wash, Oh God, Your Sons and Daughters BEACH

Wash, o God, your sons and daughters,
newborn creatures of your womb.Ev'r
by yNumber them among your people,
raised like Christ from death and tomb.Let
cupWeave them garments bright and sparkling:
Compass them with love and light.God
freeFill, anoint them; send your Spirit,
holy dove and heart's delight.one

Ev'ry day we need your nurture; by your milk may we be fed. Let us join your feast, partaking cup of blessing, living bread. God, renew us; guide our footsteps; free from sin and all its snares, one with Christ in living, dying, by your Spirit, children, heirs.

O how deep your holy wisdom! Unimagined, all your ways! To your name be glory, honor! With our lives we worship, praise! We your people stand before you, water-washed and Spirit-born. By your grace, our lives we offer. Recreate us; God, transform!

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BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Allegro appassionato from Organ Sonata No.1 op. 5 Jihye Choi, organ Basil Harwood (1859-1949)

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

BEACH SPRING

Zoom Discussion on Anti-Racism on September 24 at 7:00 pm

Discussion of Emmanuel Acho's Series "Uncomfortable Conversations with a Black Man"

Members from FCC and North Christian Church in Columbus are invited to gather on Zoom for an anti-racism discussion of the YouTube Series "Uncomfortable Conversations with a Black Man." This series is free and available for anyone to watch.

The series addresses basic, fundamental questions about race in a straight-forward, honest way. The episode that will be discussed in our **Zoom session on Sept. 24 at 7:00 pm** will be Episode 7, which includes a conversation between former NFL player turned ESPN analyst

Emmanuel Acho and Carl Lentz, lead pastor of Hillsong Church East Coast.

This Zoom discussion is the second brought by Pastor Gerardy of North Christian Church. If you would like to join the next discussion, you can watch this episode of "Uncomfortable Conversations" at this link: <u>https://uncomfortableconvos.com/episode/episode-7</u>

Please contact Jean Thompson at lajean 2000@comcast.net for a link to the Zoom discussion.

Being the Church We Say We Are Anti-Racism/Pro-Reconciliation Resources

Love is an Action Word is the name of a 7-part series designed to help educate and engage Disciples as we embrace our mission priority to be an anti-racist/pro-reconciling church. The September 24 (7:00 pm) webinar session will feature Disciples leaders discussing the Black Lives Matter movement and work of the National Convocation. Panelists will be Rev. Dr. Timothy James, Administrative Secretary of the National Convocation, and Associate General Minister and President of the Christian Church and Rev. Dr. Irie Session, President of the Board of the National Convocation and Co-Founder of "The Gathering" church in Dallas TX.

To register, please go to the Disciples homepage, <u>www.disciples.org</u>. The webinar is one of the items that is scrolled across the top. *Love is an Action Word* is produced by and for Disciples to help us "be the church we say we are." It is brought to us by the Office of the General Minister and President and by Reconciliation Ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

Register Your Attendance Online

FCC Bloomington has a new feature on our website: a place to record your attendance. Just head to our homepage at www.fccbloomington.org where you will find the "Online Sunday Worship Attendance Form". Whether or not you are a member of the Bloomington or Bedford congregations, we ask that you take time to fill this out. Thank you. We also have a form where you can submit your prayer requests. Our prayer ministry teams covenant to pray with and for you daily.

*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 E-Mail: pastor@firstccbedford.org **Music Ministry:** Choir Director: Jono Palmer E-Mail: music@firstccbedford.org **Organist:** Mary Ruth Yates Administrative Assistant: Mitzi Flynn E-Mail: office@firstccbedford.org **Custodian:** Steve Harrell **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

<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.