

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(Disciples of Christ)

April 10, 2020 Good Friday Online Worship at noon

Diverse in Thought | United in Faith | Called to Serve

PRELUDE	,	What Wondrous Love Is This	Jihye Choi (b. 1988)
OPENING WORDS AND GREETING			Helen Hempfling
CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)			Bruce Ervin
People: May we ever be grateful for Jesus the Christ And what he has done for us.			
PRAYER OF CONFESSION			
MOMENT OF SILENCE			
WORDS OF ASSURANCE			
SCRIPTURE	READING	John 19:16b-39	Adrian Griffin
Anthem	In This They	Bitter Passion (from Cantata 161)	Passion Chorale arr. J.S. Bach (1685-1750)
In this thy bitter passion, good Shepherd, think of me. with thy most sweet compassion, unworthy though I be: Beneath thy cross abiding forever would I rest, in thy dear love confiding, and with thy presence blest.			
-Paul Gerhardt, (1607-1676); tr. Henry W. Baker (1821-1877)			

CLOSING PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

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.

HYMN 200

What Wondrous Love Is This

WONDROUS LOVE

1. What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, What wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the heavy cross for my soul, for my soul, to bear the heavy cross for my soul!

2. When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,When I was sinking down, sinking down;When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,Christ laid aside his crown for my soul!

3. To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing, To God and to the Lamb I will sing! To God and to the Lamb, who is the great "I AM," while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing, while millions join the theme, I will sing!

4. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on! And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be, and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and through eternity I'll sing on!

-Appalachian Folk Hymn

EXTINGUISHING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

POSTLUDE

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

Special thank you to Ashlyn Reynolds, Jono Palmer and Jennifer Fettchenhauer for assistance in producing and posting our worship services online.

Easter Sunday Online! Guest Preacher: The Rev. Teresa "Terri" Hord Owens General Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Disciples from across the United States and Canada will shout out our Alleluias with one voice on Easter as our General Minister and President proclaims the Good News of Resurrection to all of us! The Rev. Teresa "Terri" Hord Owens, a powerful preacher who has a great love for the church, will strengthen, encourage, and empower us to be the church of Jesus Christ.

FCC Bedford and FCC Bloomington will welcome Terri by (hopefully) "parachuting" her into our online joint Easter Sunday service. Pastor Helen and Pastor Bruce will lead the service of worship from our sanctuary, and our FCC musicians will offer special music and lead us in our hymn singing! We will partake of communion together in spirit and have our online coffee fellowship following our time of worship! Plans are still being finalized (and there are surprises yet to be revealed!), so please watch your inbox for updates from Pastor Helen via her Pastor's Post Card.

About our General Minister and President



Rev. Hord Owens was elected as the General Minister and President on July 9, 2017. A Disciple since young adulthood, she served as dean of students at the University of Chicago Divinity School and pastor of First Christian Church of Downers Grove, IL prior to her election.

Terri's resume includes more than 20 years in corporate America leading diverse teams in data management before she entered seminary. For 15 years, she served as the dean of students at the University of Chicago Divinity School, shepherding a varied student body in both background and theology.

Rev. Hord Owens is widely sought after as a preacher, speaker and workshop facilitator. Her ministry and intellectual interests include a theology of reconciliation, cultural intelligence, developing inclusive and multi-cultural congregations, and the mentoring of youth and young adults.

Staff

<u>Pastor</u> Rev. Helen Hempfling

<u>Music Ministry</u> Jan Harrington, director of music Jihye Choi, organist, handbell director and assistant music director Ellie Pruneau, director of First Friday Jazz Vespers

Faith Formation & Family Ministry Sarah Lynne Gershon, director

<u>Youth Ministry</u> Ashlyn Reynolds, director Haley Norris, college ministry intern

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Office Hours

Monday to Thursday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm <u>Friday</u> 9:00 am – Noon



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.

