

# FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(Disciples of Christ)

October 18, 2020

Season of Courage, Week 3

Online Worship at 10:00 am

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*Diverse in Thought | United in Faith | Called to Serve*

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PRELUDE

Reverie  
Jihye Choi, organ

William Grant Still (1895-1978)

WELCOME

Sarah Lynne Gershon

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER (*sung*) Grant Us True Courage, Lord J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Grant us true courage, Lord, to face each new endeavor,  
confiding in your word that you will leave us never;  
Alike in gloom or joy, each duty to fulfil,  
our faithful hearts employ to do your perfect will.  
-Henry Wilder Foote (1875-1964), alt.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who is in Heaven, Holy is your name;  
Your Kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven.  
Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors;  
And lead us not into times of trial, but deliver us from the evil one.  
For yours is the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

PEACE

SCRIPTURE

from 2 Samuel 17:17-24

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God

People: Thanks be to God

HOMILY

Sarah Lynne Gershon

INVITATION TO GIVING

Betsy Watson

*You are invited to offer your gift online, by mail, through your bank, or by text (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

Now Shall My Inward Joys Arise

William Billings, 1770

Now shall my inward joys arise,  
And burst into a song;  
Almighty love inspires my heart,  
And pleasure tunes my tongue.

God on his thirsty Zion hill  
Some mercy drops has thrown,  
And solemn oaths have bound his love  
To shower salvation down.

Why do we then indulge our fears,  
Suspensions, and complaints?  
Is he a God, and shall his grace  
Grow weary of his saints?

-Isaac Watts, 1709

Partaking of the Bread and Cup

## INVITATION TO COMMUNITY

### CLOSING HYMN

### My Life Flows On

### HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

My life flows on in endless song  
Above earth's lamentation.  
I hear the clear, though far-off hymn  
That hails a new creation.

Through all the tumult and the strife  
I hear that music ringing.  
It finds an echo in my soul.  
How can I keep from singing?

No storm can shake my inmost calm  
While to that Rock I'm clinging.  
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,  
How can I keep from singing?

No storm can shake my inmost calm  
While to that Rock I'm clinging.  
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,  
How can I keep from singing?

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,  
A fountain ever springing!  
All things are mine since I am his!  
How can I keep from singing?

No storm can shake my inmost calm  
While to that Rock I'm clinging.  
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,  
How can I keep from singing?

Text and Music: Robert Lowry, 1869

## BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

Toccatà in minor, op. 80, no. 11  
Jihye Choi, organ

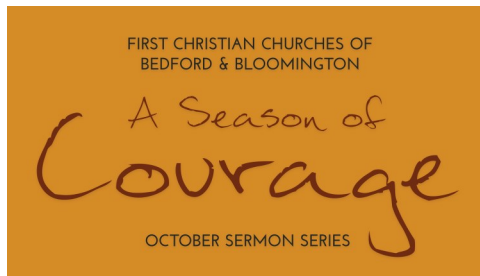
Max Reger (1873-1916)

#### Musicians

Jihye Choi, organ  
Maria Izzo Walker, soprano  
Sarah Slover, alto  
Renson Madarang, tenor  
Joseph Andreola, bass

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



## **Sermon Series, “A Season of Courage” Continues Through October:**

October 18: I Used All My Courage, Sarah Lynne Gershon preaching  
Scripture: from 2 Samuel 17:17-24  
(Pastor Bruce on study leave)

October 25: The Fiery Furnace;  
Scripture: Daniel 3:8-30

### **Church Office Closed**

The church office will not be open until **Thursday, October 22**.  
Mitzi will be working remotely during this time and will be available by phone, 812-545-5568,  
or email: [firstccbedford@gmail.com](mailto:firstccbedford@gmail.com). Feel free to call her during regular office hours  
9:30-2:00, if you need assistance or have questions.

### **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](http://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. If you have trouble with the online form, please send an email to the church office to make us aware of your attendance and of the problem you are having with the form. 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.

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Statement of Identity

### **Church Staff:**

**Pastor:** Rev. Bruce Ervin

#### **E-Mail:**

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**Choir Director:** Jono Palmer

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#### **Administrative Assistant:**

Mitzi Flynn

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**Custodian:** Steve Harrell

### **Church Office Hours**

Closed until Thursday, October 22

### **Social Media:**

**Web Page:** [www.firstccbedford.org](http://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

## **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.