

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCHES OF
BEDFORD & BLOOMINGTON

A Season of
Courage
OCTOBER SERMON SERIES

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(Disciples of Christ)

1101 15th St

Bedford, IN 47421

October 25, 2020

Season of Courage, Week 4

Online Worship at 10:00 am

Diverse in Thought | United in Faith | Called to Serve

PRELUDE

How Firm A Foundation
Jihye Choi, piano

arr. Cindy Berry (b. 1949)

WELCOME

Helen Hempfling and Bruce Ervin

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

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

SCRIPTURE

from Daniel 3:8-30

Sarah Lynne Gershon

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

Prayer for Our Time
Renson Madarang, tenor

PROSPECT
from *The Sacred Harp*
arr. Hal Hopson (b. 1933)

O great Creator Who does give
the gift of life to all who live.
Look down on all earth's wrong and strife,
and lift us to a nobler life.

Your world is weary of its pain:
of selfish greed and fruitless gain;
Of tarnished honor falsely strong,
and all its ancient deed of wrong.

Lift up our hearts, o King of Kings
to brighter hopes and kindlier things.
To feed your sheep and share your Word
with visions of a larger good.

O hear the prayer your people pray
uprising from all lands today.
Let peace, descending like a dove,
make known on earth your healing love.

-John Masterman (1867-1933)

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

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

1. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in God's excellent word!
What more can be said than to you God has said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

2. "Fear not, I am with thee, oh, be not dismayed,
for I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand."

3. "When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply.
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine."

4. "The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake!"

Text: "K" in John Rippon's *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt.

Music: American folk melody: Funk's *Genuine Church Music*, 1832, alt.

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Allegretto from Sonata in E-flat
Jihye Choi, organ

Horatio Parker (1863-1919)

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.*

Celebrate the Saints!

10:00 am Online Worship

Worship on Sunday, November 1, will be a very special one as we honor our Saints in morning worship online at 10:00 am with a candle lighting service to remember and celebrate the saints in our lives, those members of the family of God - past and present - whose lives of witness, service and love have strengthened, supported and guided us. Please submit the names of your own personal saints to Mitzi in the Church Office **by Monday, October 26** so that they can be included in our All Saints Service.

Coat Bank

Saturday: October 24—November 21

Time: 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Children must be accompanied by parent/guardian or adult. If you or someone you know needs a winter coat, please come to one of the dates listed above or contact Janet Cunningham or Barbara Sorrells.

Virtual Coffee Hour

Join us on Zoom after Online Worship on **today and November 1** for a time of fellowship with your Bedford First Christian friends. Click on the link below and Moderator Jamie will welcome you in starting at **11:15 am**. But you'll have to provide your own coffee or tea or hot cocoa.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82020684237?pwd=OTBSd2xKV0xUZzVLVWV0VXhZYWZOdz09>

If you haven't used Zoom before, give yourself extra time to get online, follow the prompts and download whatever your computer may need in order for you to participate. It's easy. Even Pastor Bruce can do it (ha-ha)! You might want to start online worship a little early in order to give yourself extra time to get on Zoom after worship. The YouTube link is always live no later than 10 am on Sundays.

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. We have discovered that if you are using an iPad, you will need to turn it horizontally to see the entire form. 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:

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Church Office Hours

Wednesday: 11:00 am—1:00 pm

Social Media:

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Ways to Give to FCC

Mail Checks to FCC at:

1101 15th St

Bedford, IN 47421

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.