



# FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(Disciples of Christ)

November 22, 2020

Season of Gratitude, Week 4  
Online Worship at 10:00 am

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

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PRELUDE

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come - Charles Callahan  
Mary Ruth Yates - Organ

WELCOME

Helen Hempfling and Bruce Ervin

OPENING HYMN

We Gather Together

KREMSER

We gather together to ask for God's blessing  
to turn to a wisdom surpassing our own  
the pow'rs that oppress us now cease to distress us.  
O God, be present with us, and make your will known.

Beside us to guide us, our God we perceive you,  
ordaining, maintaining the power of life.  
Yes, yours be the glory; let all tell the story.  
O God, be ever with us, in gladness and strife

May all sing your praises, Redeemer triumphant,  
defend us, befriend us, whatever may be.  
May your congregation escape tribulation:  
Your name, be praised forever, O God make us free.

Words: *Nederlandsche Gedenckclanck*, 1626, tr. Theodore Baker, 1894, adapt. Ruth Duck, 1981

Music: Dutch melody (16<sup>th</sup> century), arr. Edward Kremser, 1877

PRAYER

PASSING OF THE PEACE

*During this time, please use your cell phone to text "The peace of Christ be with you" to someone who needs to receive these words of encouragement.*

Choral Response

Come and Fill Our Hearts

CONFITEMINI DOMINO

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You alone O Lord are holy.

May the peace of Christ be with you. Alleluia!

Words and Music: Jacques Berthier, 1982

SCRIPTURE from Luke 17 Adapted from *Growing in God's Love Story Bible*

SPECIAL MUSIC We Gather Together - Marilyn Corlson Ginny Jones - Violin

PROCLAMATION Helen Hempfling

MOMENT OF GRATITUDE Rhonda Trippel

INVITATION TO GIVING AND ESTIMATE OF GIVING CARDS

*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 and Consecration of Giving Cards

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 O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing AZMON

O for a thousand tongues to sing  
my great Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and king,  
the triumphs of His grace!

My gracious master and my God,  
assist me to proclaim,  
to spread through all the earth abroad  
the honors of Thy name.

Jesus! the name that charms our fears,  
that bids our sorrows cease;  
'tis music in the sinner's ears,  
'tis life, and health, and peace.

He speaks, and, listening to His voice,  
new life the dead receive,  
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice,  
the humble poor believe.

Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb,  
your loosened tongues employ;  
Ye blind, behold your Savior come,  
and leap, ye lame, for joy.  
Amen.

Text: Charles Wesley (1739) Music: Carl G Glaser (1868; adapted Lowell Mason, 1839)

## 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

### Now Thank We All Our God

### NUN DANKET

Now thank we all our God,  
with heart and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things has done,  
in whom the world rejoices,  
who from our mothers' arms  
has blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love,  
and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God  
through all our life be near us,  
with ever-joyful hearts  
and blessed peace to cheer us,  
and keep us full of grace,  
and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all ills  
in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God  
our Father and our Mother,  
to Christ and to the One  
who binds us to each other,  
the one eternal God,  
whom earth and heaven adore,  
for thus it was, is now,  
and shall be evermore.

Words: Martin Rinkart, 1636, tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1858, alt.

Music: Johann Crüger, 1647; harm. Felic Mendelssohn, 1840

### BLESSING

### BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

Now Thank We All Our God - Michael Burkhardt  
Mary Ruth Yates - Organ

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

## **Church Announcements**

### **Join us for Congregational Zoom Meeting Today Following Worship!**

Simply copy and paste the following link into your web browser:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86185439153?pwd=VlErY2dONDZnbTg2MTBIQ0FXeGZudz09>



### **Thanksgiving Offering**

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Higher education has been an important focus for Disciples since the very beginning of the movement. Throughout our history, Disciples have founded institutions of higher learning to educate students and form leaders to make a difference in the world.

Your gift to the Thanksgiving Offering helps support the education of thousands of students at our fifteen colleges and universities as well as our seven seminaries and divinity houses.

Support for Disciples Mission Fund and gifts to the Thanksgiving Offering are a critical part of the ongoing collaborative work of church and higher education that is such a foundational part of the heritage of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Please give generously to this offering.

Your gift makes a difference in the lives of our students and it makes a difference in the world.

### **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”. We have discovered that if you are using an iPad, you will need to turn it horizontally to see the entire form. You can also register your attendance by emailing the church office. You will also find a form where you can submit your prayer requests. Thank you.

**\*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

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**Church Office Hours**

Wednesday: 11:00 am—1:00 pm

**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

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.