



First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

Welcome to Worship. We're glad you're with us

Order of Worship

Palm/Passion Sunday

April 5, 2020

As you prepare to worship, you are invited to gather a branch (of any kind), a Bible, an offering envelope, and bread and juice (of any kind).

Prelude **Prelude on Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates** **Nara Lee (b. 1984)**

Greetings Pastor Helen Hempling

Lighting of the Candles

As we light the Christ Candle and the remaining Tenebrae Candles, you are invited to light a candle in your home.

Call to Worship

John 12:12-13

Hymn

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

#192

1. All glory, laud, and honor, to you, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!
You are a child of Israel, Great David's greater son;
you ride in lowly triumph, Messiah, blessed one!

2. The company of angels are praising you on high,
And we with all creation in chorus make reply.
The people of the Hebrews with palms before you went;
your praise and prayer and anthems before you we present.

3. To you before your passion they sang their hymns of praise;
to you, now high exalted, our melody we raise.
As you received their praises, now hear us as we pray.
Since you delight in goodness, rule in our hearts today.

Pastoral Prayer 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 sins
as we forgive those who sin 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.

Scripture Reading

from John 19:16b-22

Miche Andre

Extinguishing of the Tenebrae Candle

Homily

Pastor Bruce Ervin

Invitation to Giving

Pastor Helen Hemplfing

Response of Praise

Doxology

*You are invited to offer your gift by mail or in person at the office.
The method of giving does not matter. It's the mission that makes a difference!*

The Lord's Supper

Prayer of Dedication for the Offering

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution and Prayer of Consecration for the Bread and Cup

***Please hold the communion elements in your hands during the communion
Anthem. We will partake of them in unison***

Communion Solo

**God So Loved the World
Renson Madarang, Tenor**

John Stainer (1840-1901)

God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son,
that whosoever believeth in him should not perish,
but have everlasting life.

For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world,
but that the world, through him, might be saved.

- John 3:16,17

Partaking of the Bread and Cup (in unison)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Invitation to Community

Following worship, please find your way to our Facebook page to participate in our "virtual" Coffee Fellowship.



Closing Hymn

Lift High the Cross (vs 1,2,4)

#108 Crucifer

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

1. Come, Christians follow, this triumphant sign.
The hosts of God in unity combine.

Refrain

2. Each newborn servant of the Crucified
bears on the brow the seal of Christ who died.

Refrain

4. So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory.

Refrain

-George William Kitchin and Michael Robert Newbolt, 1916, alt.
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Benediction

Postlude

Fantasia In C Minor Bwv 537

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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."

Online Holy Week Services

All of our Worship Services will be offered online and easily accessed through our website's homepage <https://www.firstccbedford.org/>. If you need help finding us online, please call the church office.

Maundy Thursday, April 9, 7:00 pm. (online)

This brief and meaningful interactive worship service will help us remember and re-enact the events that occurred on a Thursday evening in an upper room 2,000 years ago. There will be music, scripture, communion, prayer, and images. We invite you to prepare by gathering up the elements that will allow you to worship at home: 1) a candle to remind us of Christ's presence in our midst, 2) bread and juice of any kind for communion elements, 3) something that will help you remember and perhaps reenact Jesus washing his Disciples' feet (e.g. a bowl and cloth, or perhaps disposable towels such as wipes or paper towels and a hand sanitizer.)

Good Friday, April 10, noon (online)

This traditional Good Friday Service will lead us to the foot of the cross. There, we will be invited to "lean into" the painful events of that day, and to reflect on wondrous love of Christ Jesus for us and for this world. This brief and reflective service will contain scripture from John's Gospel, prayers, music, and images.

Easter Sunday Online!

**Guest Preacher: The Rev. Teresa "Terri" Hord Owens
General Minister and President of the Christian
Church (Disciples of 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 (from both congregations) will offer special music and lead us in our hymn singing! Of course, 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 Bruce via a sticky note. Email the church office firstccbedford@gmail.com to be added to our email list.

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(Disciples of Christ)**

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**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:

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11:00 am - 1:00 pm

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