



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(Disciples of Christ)

April 26, 2020

Third Sunday of Easter

Online Worship at 10:30 am

PRELUDE

My Trust is in the Lord
Mary Ruth Yates, organist

C.P.E Bach (1714-1788)

GREETING

Helen Hempfling and Bruce Ervin

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES AND CHORAL INTROIT

*Please light the candle in your home as a reminder that the Light of the Risen Christ
is with us both now and forever.*

Jesus Stand Among Us (Chalice Hymnal 283)

WEM IN LEIDENSTAGEN

Jesus stand among us in your risen pow'r.
Let this time of worship be a holy hour.
Breathe the Holy Spirit into ev'ry heart.
Bid the fears and sorrows from each soul depart.

CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive*)

People: The risen Christ makes all things new!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leaders: Peace of Christ be with you

People: And also with you.

PRAYER (*responsive*)

People: Your Kingdom come, Your will be done.

SCRIPTURE

Luke 4:14-21

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HOMILY

Bruce Ervin

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!*

Prayer of Dedication for the Offering

THE LORD'S SUPPER

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 following the anthem.*

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Communion Anthem The Spirit of the Lord is Upon Me Philip Stopford (b. 1977)

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor.

He hath sent me to heal the broken hearted, to preach deliverance
to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind;
to preach the acceptable year of the Lord,
to give unto them that mourn a garland of ashes,
the oil of joy for mourning,
the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness:
that they might be called trees of righteousness:
the planting of the Lord that he might be glorified.

For as the earth bringeth forth her bud,
and as the garden causes the things
that are planted in it to spring forth,
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise
to spring forth before the nations.

- text from Isaiah 61.

Partaking of the Bread and Cup (*unison*)

Prayer of Thanksgiving and 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 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNITY

Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna!
 Celebrate this day of days!
 Christ is risen! Hush in wonder:
 All creation is amazed.
 In the desert all-surrounding
 see, a spreading tree has grown.
 Healing leaves of grace abounding
 Bring a taste of love unknown.

Christ is risen! Raise your spirits
 from the caverns of despair.
 Walk with gladness in the morning.
 See what love can do and dare.
 Drink the wine of resurrection,
 not a servant, but a friend;
 Jesus is our strong companion.
 Joy and peace shall never end.

Christ is risen! Earth and heaven
 nevermore shall be the same.
 Break the bread of new creation
 where the world is still in pain.
 Tell its grim, demonic chorus:
 'Christ is risen! Get you gone!
 God the first and last is with us.
 Sing Hosanna everyone!

-Brian Wren, 1984

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BLESSING (*responsive, congregation reads bold*)

God of Life,
 From where we are to where you need us,
Christ be beside us.
 From what we are to what you can make of us,
Christ be before us.
 From the mouthing of generalities to making signs of your kingdom,
Christ be beneath us.
 Through the streets of this world to the gates of heaven,
Christ be above us.
 Surround us with your presence, inspire us with your purpose, confirm us in your love.
Amen

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

God of Grace and God of Glory

Paul Manz (1919-2009)

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, Jennifer Fettlehauer and Mitzi Flynn for assistance in producing and posting our worship services online.



***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

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Church Office Hours

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Join us next **Sunday, May 3**, for a very special **Youth Sunday** worship service!

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.