



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(Disciples of Christ)

May 10, 2020

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Online Worship at 10:30 am

WELCOME

Helen Hempfling and Bruce Ervin

PRELUDE

Rhosymedre (*Lovely Mother*)
Mary Ruth Yates, organist

Ralph Vaughn Williams
(1872-1958)

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 31

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leaders: Peace of Christ be with you

People: And also with you.

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 debts as we forgive our debtors;

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

Luke 13:18-21

Adrian Griffin

PROCLAMATION

Helen Hempfling

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 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

God Moves in a Mysterious Way

UNION
arr. Alice Parker (b. 1925)

God moves in a mysterious way
great wonders to perform,
and plants firm footsteps in the sea
and rides upon the storm.

O fearful saints, fresh courage take,
the clouds you so much dread
are big with mercy, and shall break
in blessings on your head.

Judge not God's way through human sense,
but trust unfailing grace.
Behind a frowning providence
there shines a smiling face.

God's purposes will ripen fast,
unfolding every hour.
The bud may have a bitter taste,
but sweet will be the flower.

-William Cowper (1731-1800)

Partaking of the Bread and Cup (*unison*)

INVITATION TO COMMUNITY

In the bulb there is a flower;
 In the seed, an apple tree;
 In cocoons, a hidden promise:
 butterflies will soon be free!
 In the cold and snow of winter
 There's a spring that waits to be,
 Unrevealed until its season,
 Something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence,
 Seeking word and melody;
 There's a dawn in every darkness,
 bringing hope to you and me.
 From the past will come the future;
 what it holds, a mystery,
 Unrevealed until its season,
 Something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning;
 In our time, infinity;
 In our doubt there is believing;
 In our life, eternity,
 In our death, a resurrection;
 At the last, a victory,
 Unrevealed until its season,
 Something God alone can see.
 -Natalie Sleeth, 1986

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BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

The Rejoicing

G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

The prayers at the Table (offered by Pastor Helen) were written by Amy Hoover, Elder.

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 Fettchenhauer 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.

*Disciples of Christ
Statement of Identity

Church Staff:

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Church Office Hours

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Social Media:

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Bedford - DOC

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Ways to Give to FCC

Mail Checks to FCC at:

1101 15th St

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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.