



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(Disciples of Christ)

May 17, 2020

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Online Worship at 10:30 am

WELCOME

Helen Hempfling and Bruce Ervin

PRELUDE

Softly and Tenderly
Jihye Choi, organist

arr. Don Hustad (1918-2013)

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING HYMN 284

Gather Us In

GATHER US IN

Here in this place, the new light is streaming,
Shadows of doubt are vanished away.

See in this space our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you in the light of this day.

Gather us in, the lost and forsaken;
gather us in; our spirits inflame.

Call to us now, and we shall awaken;
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

Here we receive new life in the waters;
here we receive the bread of new birth;
here you shall call your sons and your daughters;
call us anew to be salt for the earth.

Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not just in buildings, small and confining,
not in some heaven, light years away,
here in this place the new light is shining;
now is God present, and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever;
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

-Marty Haugen, 1981

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PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leaders: Peace of Christ be with you

People: And also with you.

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

Luke 14:12-24

Adrian Griffin and Miche Andre

HOMILY

Bruce Ervin

RECOGNITION AND BLESSING OF XPLOR RESIDENTS

Miche Andre, Adrian Griffin, Kristen Valentine

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

How Beautiful Upon the Mountain

John Carter (b. 1930)

How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of those who bring good tidings,
who bring words of peace and salvation;
How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of those who bring good tidings of peace.

Break forth together into singing,
you waste places of Jerusalem,
for the Lord has comforted his people,
the Lord has comforted his people,
He has redeemed Jerusalem.

-Isaiah 52 (adapted)

Partaking of the Bread and Cup (*unison*)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

INVITATION TO COMMUNITY

CLOSING HYMN 433

Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love:
the fellowship of kindred minds
is like to that above

Blest Be the Tie that Binds

-John Fawcett, 1872

DENNIS

When we are called to part,
it gives us inward pain;
but we shall still be joined in heart,
and hope to meet again.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Toccata on “All Creatures of Our God and King”

Gilbert M. Martin
(b. 1941)

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.

Church Announcements

SENIOR RECOGNITION PARADE TODAY: 2:00 - 5:00 pm

Graduating Seniors: A.J. Holbrook and Salma Hackler

**A.J. and Salma will be outside the main church entrance!
Please come by to congratulate them, bring cards, gifts
and be a part of the graduation *parade!**

***Please enter the church parking lot on 15th street and exit on K Street! ***



Bedford-First Christian Church "Fund the Future" T-shirt Sale

Be one of the first to own the hottest t-shirt in town plus help our church out financially. We get \$10 for each shirt sold.

To order:

<http://dnastore.biz/first-christian-church-fund-the-future-t-shirt/>



*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:

Web Page: 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.