



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(Disciples of Christ)

July 19, 2020

Proper 11

Online Worship at 10:00 am

PRELUDE

Sicilienne
Jono Palmer, piano Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)
Mary Ruth Yates, organ

WELCOME

Helen Hempfling and Bruce Ervin

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP (*sung*) God of Mercy, God of Grace HEATHLANDS

God of Mercy, God of grace,
show the brightness of thy face;
Shine upon us, Savior, shine,
fill thy Church with light divine;
And thy saving health extend
unto earth's remotest end.

-Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847); based on Psalm 67, alt.
Music: Henry Smart (1813-1879)

PRAYER AND THE 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.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leaders: Peace of Christ be with you
People: And also with you.

SCRIPTURE

from Romans 8

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God

People: Thanks be to God

CHORAL RESPONSE

Know That God Loves You

Carson Cooman (b. 1982)

Antiphon: Know that God loves you.

Verse: For neither death nor life nor present nor future shall separate us from the love of God (Romans 8:38)

Antiphon: Know that God loves you.

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

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 Solo

If God Be For Us (from *Messiah*)

G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

Maria Izzo-Walker, soprano

Jihye Choi, piano

If God be for us, who can be against us?

Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect?

It is God that justifieth.

Who is he that condemneth?

It is Christ that died and who is at the right hand of God,
who makes intercession for us.

-Romans 8:31

Partaking of the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

INVITATION TO COMMUNITY

CLOSING HYMN 546

Amazing Grace

NEW BRITAIN

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me.

I once was lost, but now I am found,
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come;

'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far
and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

Words: John Newton 1779; Stanza 4 anonymous Music: *Virginia Harmony*, 1831

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Joy In The Morning

Natalie Sleeth (1930-1992)

Ray Bradway and Jim Kirkman, trumpets

Mary Ruth Yates, piano

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***Join Us For HymnFest - Next Sunday, July 26
A Very Special Online Worship Service Built Around Our Disciples Affirmations***

Join us for online worship next Sunday, July 26, at 10:00 am as we “Sing Our Faith.” FCC’s HymnFest is a treasured service that allows us to share in favorite hymns structured around a service that celebrates the church by lifting up the “Disciple Affirmations” within the Preamble of the design for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

Certainly, you will recognize many (if not all) of these favorite hymns. We will sing and reflect on the affirmation as a statement of faith that identifies the Disciples’ commitment to and place within the universal and ecumenical church.

Announcements

Summer Forum Series on Disciples Identity Continues Sundays at 11:00 am via Zoom



July 19: Rev. Dr. Ronald Allen

Topic: How Disciples Understand the Bible

Ronald Allen, ordained in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), is Professor of Preaching and Gospels and Letters, Emeritus at Christian Theological Seminary, where he served from 1982 -2019. In retirement, he works with lectionary preaching groups, supports commissioned ministers, leads Bible studies, retreats, and other events in congregations, regions, and the general church.

A prolific writer, Allen's most recent publication is the fruit of 40 years of research and teaching: *I Will Tell You the Mystery: A Commentary on Preaching from the Book of Revelation* (Cascade, 2019). He recently helped edit *Preaching Prophetic Care: Building Bridges to Justice* (Pickwick, 2018), a reframing of the notion of "prophetic preaching" as an expression of "prophetic care."



July 26: Rev. Dr. Michael Kinnamon

Topic: *How Disciples Understand Liberty and Unity
(and the Tension between Justice and Unity)*

Michael Kinnamon, one of the most prominent and influential ecumenical leaders and educators of our time, was the ninth General Secretary of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA. Prior to his election in 2007, he was chair of the Council's Justice and Advocacy Commission. He also served as General Secretary of the Consultation on Church Union (now Churches Uniting in Christ) and as an Executive Secretary of the World Council of Churches' Faith and Order Commission.

An ordained minister in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Dr. Kinnamon, now retired, was a seminary and university professor for 30 years, also serving as Dean of Lexington Theological Seminary from 1988-98. A highly published author and sought after preacher and speaker who has preached and lectured all over the world. Dr. Kinnamon will help us reflect on some of the themes he lifts up in his book *Disciples: Who We Are and What Holds Us Together*.

Zoom Link to the Summer Forum Series:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83190090435?pwd=T09ZR1RvZXhoOExsblhtNXgvcVZhUT09>

Special Conversation on the History of Racism and a Movement Toward Racial Reconciliation in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) *Following Online Sunday Worship on August 2*

Join us on **Sunday, August 2**, following our online service of worship, for a lively conversation with Rev. Dr. Timothy James, Associate General Minister and Administrative Secretary of the National Convocation. As the key leader of Disciples historic black congregations, he will help us understand the history of racism and a movement toward racial reconciliation in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

***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

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Church Office Hours

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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.