



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(Disciples of Christ)

July 5, 2020

Proper 9

Online Worship at 10:00 am

PRELUDE

Amazing Grace
Jihye Choi and Nara Lee, handbells

NEW BRITAIN
arr. Nara Lee

WELCOME

Helen Hempfling and Ashlyn Reynolds

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)

SPOKEN CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 145

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

PRAYER

Bruce Ervin

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.

INVITATION TO GIVING

*You are invited to offer your gift online, by mail, through your bank, or by text (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

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 Anthem

The Turtle Dove

SIDNEY

Shape Note Hymn from *Southern Harmony* (1835)

Hark! Don't you hear the turtle dove,
The token of redeeming love?
From hill to hill we hear the sound
The neighboring valleys echo round.

O Zion, hear the turtle dove,
The token of the Savior's love!
She comes the desert land to cheer
And welcomes in the jubil-year.

The winter's past, the rain is o'er.
We feel the chilling winds no more;
The spring is come, how sweet the view;
All things appear divinely new

On Zion's mount the watchmen cry,
The resurrection's drawing night.
Behold the nations from abroad
Are flocking to the mount of God.

O Zion, hear the turtle dove,
The token of the Savior's love!
She comes the desert land to cheer
And welcomes in the jubil-year.

The latter days on us have come,
And fugitives are flocking home;
Behold them crowd the gospel road,
All pressing to the mount of God.

O yes! And I will join that band,
Now here's my heart, and here's my hand.
With Satan's band no more I'll be,
But fight for Christ and liberty.

O Zion, hear the turtle dove,
The token of the Savior's love!
She comes the desert land to cheer
And welcomes in the jubil-year.

Partaking of the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sung Lord's Prayer

Elena Escudero

INTRODUCTION OF CLOSING HYMN

CLOSING HYMN 720

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

MATERNA

Women:

O beautiful for spacious skies,
for amber waves of grain,
for purple mountains majesty
above the fruited plain.

America! America! God shed his grace on thee!
And crown thy good with servanthood
from sea to shining sea!

Men:

O beautiful for heroes proved
in liberating strife,
who more than self their country loved,
and mercy more than life!
America! America! May God thy gold refine,
till all success be nobleness,
and every gain divine!

All:

O beautiful for patriot dream
that sees beyond the years.
Thine alabaster cities gleam,
undimmed by human tears!
America! America! God mend thy every flaw.
Confirm thy soul with self-control;
thy liberty in law.

Words: Katherine Lee Bates, 1893; vs 1 alt. as in Chalice Hymnal

Music: Samuel Augustus Ward, 1882

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

from *Water Music*

G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

Mary Ruth Yates, organ

Ginny K. Jones, violin

arr. David Ritter

This service was pre-recorded in various segments to allow the worship leaders to strictly follow guidelines regarding social distancing.

Announcements

After Worship, at 11:00 am:

Self-guided Resources on Racism in America

Due to the holiday weekend) there will be no adult forum hour today. Instead, try using the hour to check out these resources on racism in the U.S. and how this relates to what it means to be an anti-racism/pro-reconciling church.

You will surely learn something!

First, Sarah Lynne Gershon recommends a 55-minute interview with best-selling author/scholar Ibram X. Kendi on the subject of racism in America.

Here is the link, along with a study guide: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1QFoa-kjYagAA3H77HvD6VZwGTwMAC-z-n_CY_Meo9M/edit?usp=sharing

For a shorter (10 minute) "Forum Hour," you might watch PBS's [The History of Race in the US](#) .

Alternatively, you could watch the movie *Just Mercy*

Please join us next Sunday (July 12) at 11:00 am, when Rev. Dr. Robert Welsh, former president of the Disciples Council on Christian Unity, will offer a presentation on the Disciples' understanding of baptism and communion.

***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

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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.