



Singing our Faith



2020 HYMN FESTIVAL

Sunday, July 26 | 10:00 am

A Disciples Affirmation

As Members of the Christian Church,

We confess that Jesus is the Christ,
the Son of the living God,
and proclaim him Lord and Savior of the world.

In Christ's name and by his grace
we accept our mission of witness
and service to all people.

We rejoice in God,
maker of heaven and earth,
and in the covenant of love
which binds us to God and one another.

Through baptism into Christ
we enter into newness of life
and are made one with the whole people of God.

In the communion of the Holy Spirit
we are joined together in discipleship
and in obedience to Christ.

At the table of the Lord
we celebrate with thanksgiving
the saving acts and presence of Christ.

Within the universal church,
we receive the gift of ministry
and the light of scripture.

In the bonds of Christian faith
we yield ourselves to God
that we may serve the One
whose kingdom has no end.

Blessing, glory and honor
be to God forever. Amen.

*-Preamble to the Design for the
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ),
p. 355 in the Chalice Hymnal*



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
(Disciples of Christ)

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Siciliana

Michael Burkhardt (b. 1957)

(from *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty Variations for Organ Duet*)

Jihye Choi and Nara Lee, organists

WELCOME

Helen Hempfling and Bruce Ervin

CALL TO WORSHIP

Ephesians 5:18b-20

Hymn 100 (vss. 1 and 4)

When Morning Gilds the Skies

LAUDES DOMINI

When morning gilds the skies,
My heart awaking cries:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Alike at work and prayer,
To Jesus I repair;
May Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this, while life is mine,
My canticle divine;
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Be this the eternal song,
Through all the ages long:
May Jesus Christ be praised!

PRAYER

Philippians 4:5-7

Opening Prayer

Hymn 585 (vs. 1)

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

CONVERSE

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit, oh what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND SILENT PRAYER

Hymn 561 (vs. 1 and refrain)

It Is Well with My Soul

VILLE DU HAVRE

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
“It is well, it is well with my soul.

It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

DISCIPLES AFFIRMATION (Part 1)

Scripture

Philippians 2:9-11

Leader: Together, let us affirm our faith:

**As members of the Christian Church:
We confess that Jesus is the Christ,
the Son of the living God,
and proclaim him Lord and Savior of the world.**

Hymn 91 (vss. 1 and 4)

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

CORONATION

All hail the power of Jesus's Name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him Lord of all;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him Lord of all

Let every kindred, every tribe
on this celestial ball,
to him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all.
To him all majesty ascribe,
And crown him Lord of all.

DISCIPLES AFFIRMATION (Part 2)

Scripture

Matthew 28:18-20

Leader: Together, let us affirm our faith

**In Christ's name and by his grace
we accept our mission of witness
and service to all people.**

Hymn 452 (vss. 1 and 3)

Here I Am, Lord

HERE I AM, LORD

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin
my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?
Refrain

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them,
my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide,
'Til their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?
Refrain

Refrain:

Here am I, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your people in my heart.

DISCIPLES AFFIRMATION (Part 3)

Scripture

Psalm 100

Leader: Together, let us affirm our faith

**We rejoice in God,
maker of heaven and earth,
and in God's covenant of love
which binds us to God and to one another.**

Hymn 33 (vs. 1)

How Great Thou Art

O STORE GUD

O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
How great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee,
How great thou art, how great thou art!

DISCIPLES AFFIRMATION (Part 4)

Scripture

Galatians 3:26-28

Leader: Together, let us affirm our faith

**Through baptism into Christ
we enter into newness of life
and are made one with the whole people of God.**

Hymn 357 (vs. 3)

We're Baptized in the Spirit

LANCASHIRE

We're baptized in the Spirit, in waters God provides.
In Christ we rise to newness, for in him we have died.
Now dead to powers of evil, and free from hopeless fears,
we live with faith and purpose, creative through the years.

DISCIPLES AFFIRMATION (Part 5)

Scripture

John 13:34; 14:26

Leader: Together, let us affirm our faith

**In the communion of the Holy Spirit
we are joined together in discipleship
and in obedience to Christ.**

Hymn 494 (vss. 1 and 3) They'll Know We Are Christians

ST. BRENDAN'S

We are one in the Spirit,
we are one in the Lord,
we are one in the Spirit,
we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that our unity
will one day be restored:
And they'll know we are Christians
by our love, by our love,
yes, they'll know we are Christians
by our love.

We will work with each other,
we will work side by side,
we will work with each other,
we will work side by side,
and we'll guard each one's dignity
and save each one's pride:
And they'll know we are Christians
by our love, by our love,
yes, they'll know we are Christians
by our love.

INVITATION TO GIVING

Hymn 715 (vs. 3)

Now Thank We All Our God

NUN DANKET

All praise and thanks to God our Father and our Mother,
to Christ and to the One who binds us to each other,
the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore,
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

Prayer of Dedication

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

A DISCIPLES AFFIRMATION (Part 6)

Leader: Together, let us affirm our faith:

**At the table of the Lord
we celebrate with thanksgiving
the saving acts and presence of Christ.**

Hymn 425 (vss. 1 and 2) Let us Break Bread Together

LET US BREAK BREAD

Let us break bread together on our knees.
Let us break bread together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees.
Let us drink wine together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Words of Institution and Prayer of Consecration

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Communion Hymns

Scott and Dell Cripe

Hymn 339 (vs. 1)

Just as I Am

WOODWORTH

Just as I am, without one plea,
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bid'st me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Hymn 557 (Refrain/verse 1/Refrain)

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

CLOSER WALK

Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
daily walking close to thee: let it be, dear Lord, let it be.
I am weak, but thou art strong; Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee.
Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
daily walking close to thee: let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

Hymn 548 (vs. 1)

The Old Rugged Cross

THE OLD RUGGED CROSS

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
the emblem of suffering and shame;
and I love that old cross where the dearest and best
for a world of lost sinners was slain.

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it some day for a crown.

Hymn 227 (vs. 1)

In the Garden

GARDEN

I come to the garden alone,
while the dew is still on the roses;
and the voice I hear, falling on my ear,
the Son of God discloses.

And he walks with me, and he talks with me,
and he tells me I am his own,
and the joy we share, as we tarry there,
none other has ever known.

PARTAKING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND LORD'S PRAYER

Hymn 595 (vs. 1)

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

Maria Izzo-Walker and Lucia Walker, singers

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

DISCIPLES AFFIRMATION (Part 7)

Scripture

Ephesians 4:11-13

Leader: Together, let us affirm our faith:

**Within the universal church,
we receive the gift of ministry
and the light of scripture.**

Hymn 464 (vss. 1 and 4)

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

Set our feet on lofty places; fill our lives that we may be
strengthened with all Christlike graces, pledged to set all captives free.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we fail our call from thee,
lest we fail our call from thee.

DISCIPLES AFFIRMATION (Part 8)

Invitation to Community

Leader: Together, let us affirm our faith:

**In the bonds of Christian faith
we yield ourselves to God
that we may serve the One
whose kingdom has no end.
Blessing, glory, and honor
be to God forever. Amen.**

*Hymn 2 (vss. 1 and 4)

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

Joyful, joyful we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive our fear and doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

Mortals, join the happy chorus
stars of morning, take your part;
love divine is reigning o'er us,
binding those of tender heart.
Ever singing, move we onward,
victors in the midst of strife,
joyful music leads us sunward
in the triumph song of life.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Carillon

Michael Burkhardt (b. 1957)

(from *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty Variations for Organ Duet*)

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Announcements

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



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. He is 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*.



August 2: Rev. Dr. Timothy James
Topic: *A Special Conversation on the History of Racism and a Movement Toward Racial Reconciliation in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)*

Join us on Sunday, August 2, 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).

Zoom Link to the Summer Forum Series:

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

***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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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.