



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(Disciples of Christ)

August 16, 2020

Proper 15

Online Worship at 10:00 am

PRELUDE

Elegy
Mary Ruth Yates, organ

Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)

WELCOME

Helen Hempfling and Bruce Ervin

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP (*sung*)

Jesus Stand Among Us

WEM IN LEIDENSTAGEN

Jesus stand among us in your risen power,
Let this time of worship be a holy hour.
Breathe the Holy Spirit into every heart.
Bid the fears and sorrows from each soul depart.

OPENING PRAYER

PASSING OF THE PEACE

During this time, offer the peace of Christ to someone who longs to experience the Christ's peace that passes all understanding.

Choral Response

Peace Be Upon You

PEACE

Peace be upon you, surround you forever.
Live with the knowledge that God is with you.
-Daniel S. Wilshire, alt. , 1993

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 15:21-28

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God

People: Thanks be to God

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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 Anthem

JLM

Bradley Philips (b. 1955)

Jesus loves me, of this I know,
Jesus loves me for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong,
They are weak but he is so strong.

Yes, Jesus love me,
the Bible tells me so.

Alleluia!

Partaking of the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving 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/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 COMMUNITY

CLOSING HYMN 485

Diverse in culture, nation, race,
We come together by your grace.
God, let us be a meeting ground
where hope and healing love are found.

God, let us be a bridge of care
connecting people ev'rywhere.
Help us confront all fear and hate
and lust for pow'r that separate.

Diverse in Culture

When chasms widen, storms arise,
O Holy Spirit, make us wise.
Let our resolve, like steel, be strong
to stand with those who suffer wrong.

God, let us be a table spread
with gifts of love and broken bread,
where all find welcome, grace attends,
and enemies arise as friends.

TALLIS' CANON

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BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Psalm XIX

Benedetto Marcello (1686-1739)

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

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



August 16: Rev. Dr. Dick Hamm

Topic: 2020 Vision for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ): Retrospect and Moving Forward

The Rev. Dr. Dick Hamm served as a minister of Disciples of Christ congregations for 23 years before becoming Regional Minister of Tennessee and then General Minister and President of the denomination, a post he held for 10 years. As General Minister and President, Hamm led the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada in developing 2020 Vision: “to be a faithful, growing church that demonstrates true community, deep Christian spirituality, and a passion for justice.” The Vision also calls for the achievement of the following goals by the year 2020: to establish 1,000 new congregations, to revitalize 1,000 congregations, to develop the leaders necessary to make this possible, and to become an anti-racist, pro-reconciling church.

Hamm writes and speaks extensively on the subject of church renewal and has recently retired as a Ministry Partner of The Columbia Partnership, a coaching/consulting organization for church leaders, congregations, and other church organizations. He has also written two books on church renewal: *2020 Vision for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)* (Chalice Press, 2001), and *Recreating the Church: Leadership for the Post-Modern Age* (Chalice Press, 2007). The former, inspiring the topic for this summer forum!

Zoom Link to the Summer Forum Series:

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

August Sermon Series

Our August sermon series continues to focus on several well-known stories from Matthew’s gospel that lift up the power of faith.

August 23

Join us as Mark and Danielle lead us in worship and Mark will bring the message from Matthew 17 as Jesus cures a boy with a demon.

August 30

Join us as FCC’s Faith Formation and Family Ministries Director, Sarah Lynne Gershon brings the message with a theme of “True Greatness” from Matthew 16.

***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

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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.