



# FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(Disciples of Christ)

August 23, 2020

Proper 15

Online Worship at 10:00 am

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PRELUDE

God Will Take Care of You  
Jihye Choi, organ

Robert J. Hughes (1916-1999)

WELCOME

Linda Abe

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.

PRAYER

Danielle Murry-Knowles

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 17:14-20

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God  
**People: Thanks be to God**

## 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

Balm in Gilead

African American Spiritual

Liz Culpepper, mezzo-soprano

Jihye Choi, piano

arr. Richard Walker (b. 1956)

*Refrain:**There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole.**There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.*

Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work's in vain,  
But then the holy spirit revives my soul again.

*Refrain*

If you can preach like Peter, if you can pray like Paul,  
Go home and tell your neighbor that he died to save us all.

*Refrain*

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

Almighty God, Thy Word is Cast

KINGSFOLD

Almighty God, Thy Word is cast  
Like seed into the ground;  
Now let the dew of Heav'n descend,  
And righteous fruits abound.  
Let not the foe of Christ and man  
This holy seed remove,  
But give it root in ev'ry heart  
To bring forth fruits of love.

Let not the world's deceitful cares  
The rising plant destroy.  
But let it yield a hundredfold  
The fruits of peace and joy.  
Nor let Your Word so kindly sent  
To raise us to Your throne  
Return to You, and sadly tell  
That we reject Your Son.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"I am this dark world's Light;  
look unto Me, your morn shall rise,  
and all your day be bright!"  
I looked to Jesus, and I found  
in Him both Star and Sun;  
and in that light of life I'll walk,  
till all my days are done.

Oft as the precious seed is sown,  
Your quick'ning grace bestow,  
That all whose souls the truth receive,  
Its saving power may know.  
Great God, come down and on Your Word  
Your mighty power bestow,  
That all who hear the joyful sound,  
Your saving grace shall know.

-Verses 1, 2 and 4: John Cawood (1819); Verse 3: Horatius Bonar, 1846

## BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

Postlude in G

Henry Kihlken (1939-2017)

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

## **Register Your Attendance Online**

FCC Bloomington has a new feature on our website: a place to record your attendance. Just head to our homepage at [www.fccbloomington.org](http://www.fccbloomington.org) where you will find the "Online Sunday Worship Attendance Form". Whether or not you are a member of the Bloomington or Bedford congregations, we ask that you take time to fill this out. Thank you. We also have a form where you can submit your prayer requests. Our prayer ministry teams covenant to pray with and for you daily.

## **Special Coffee Fellowship on Zoom Today**

Join us for a Zoom Coffee Hour following worship today at 11:15 am. Jan Harrington will be hosting this very informal zoom coffee fellowship hour to give you an opportunity to see each other and say a special "hi" to Mark and Danielle. They will share more pictures and stories from their time in Lesotho, plus there will be a chance for informal visiting. The Zoom invitation is below.

**Join from computer or mobile:**

<https://iu.zoom.us/j/99796757564>

Meeting ID: 997 9675 7564

## **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.

### **Today, 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

### **Church Staff:**

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### **Church Office Hours**

Wednesday: 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

### **Social Media:**

**Web Page:** [www.firstccbedford.org](http://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.