



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(Disciples of Christ)

August 30, 2020

Proper 17

Online Worship at 10:00 am

PRELUDE

Be Thou My Vision
Mary Ruth Yates, organ

David Cherwien (b. 1957)

WELCOME

Elders Pat Bennett and Mitzi Flynn

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 HYMN

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of Heav'n to earth come down;
fix in us thy humble dwelling;
all thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, thou art all compassion;
pure unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation;
enter every trembling heart.

Come, Almighty, to deliver;
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation,
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in Thee:
changed from glory into glory,
till in Heav'n we take our place;
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

-Charles Wesley, 1747

PASTORAL PRAYER

Sarah Lynne Gershon

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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 18:1-5

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God

People: Thanks be to God

PROCLAMATION

Sarah Lynne Gershon

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

Come, Little Children

LOUISIANA

Come, little children, now we may
Partake a little morsel.
For little songs and little ways
Adorned a great apostle.
A little sip from Jesus' cup
Can make a feast of union.
It is by little steps we move
Into a full communion.

A little faith doth mighty deeds,
Quite past all my recounting;
Faith like a little mustard seed
Can move a lofty mountain.
A little charity and zeal,
A little tribulation,
A little patience makes us feel
Great peace and consolation.

A little cross in Jesus' name,
A little self-denial,
Will serve to make our troubles less,
And bear the greatest trial.
A little voice that's small and still
Can rule the whole creation;
A little stone the earth shall fill,
And humble ev'ry nation
- William Walker, 1835 in *Southern Harmony*

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

'Tis the Gift to Be Simple

SIMPLE GIFTS

'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free,
'tis the gift to come down where we ought to be,
and when we find ourselves in the place just right,
'twill be in the valley of love and delight.
When true simplicity is gained
to bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed,
to turn, turn will be our delight
till by turning, turning, we come round right.
-Shaker song, 18th century

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Hymn of Promise

Natalie Sleeth (1930-1992)
arr. Lloyd Larson

Ray Bradway, trumpet

Jim Kirkman, trumpet

Mary Ruth Yates, piano

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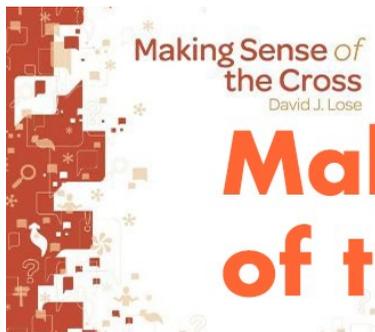
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to strictly follow guidelines regarding social distancing.*

NEW ONLINE CHURCH SERVICE REGISTRATION

Register Your Attendance Online

FCC Bloomington has a new feature on our website: a place to record your attendance. Just head to 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.



Making Sense of the Cross

Adult Faith Formation Opportunity

Making Sense of the Cross:

a 6 week book/DVD/discussion study via Zoom of different understandings of the Cross.
Lutheran biblical scholar David Lose will be the teacher on DVD,
with Pastor Bruce providing local leadership.

The class will be held on Wednesday evenings, beginning September 9.

Books can be ordered through the Church Office @ 812-275-4497; or online @ both Amazon and Augsburg Fortress Press. Bloomington-First Christian folks are also invited to participate.

***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:

Pastor: Rev. Bruce Ervin

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Church Office Hours

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Social Media:

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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.