

A SEASON OF
CREATION

BEDFORD & BLOOMINGTON
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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(Disciples of Christ)

September 13, 2020
Season of Creation, Week 2
Online Worship at 10:00 am

Diverse in Thought | United in Faith | Called to Serve

PRELUDE

All Creatures of Our God and King
Jihye Choi and Nara Lee, handbells

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

WELCOME

Helen Hempfling and Bruce Ervin

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP *(sung)*

Let the Whole Creation Cry

Roland E. Martin (b. 1955)

Let the whole creation cry, "Glory to the Lord on high!"
Heav'n and earth, awake and sing; Praise him, our almighty King!"
Praise him angel hosts above, ever bright and fair in love;
Sun and moon, lift up your voice; Night and stars, in God rejoice.
-Stopford Brook, 1881

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 2:4b-9, 15

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

For the Beauty of the Earth
Maria Izzo-Walker, soprano

Kenton Coe (b. 1931)

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,
For the love from which our birth over and around us lies;
We sing this hymn of grateful praise, we sing this hymn of praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild;
We sing this hymn of grateful praise, we sing this hymn of praise.

We sing this grateful hymn of praise.

-text adapted from F.S. Pierpoint, 1864

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 22

All Creatures of our God and King

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia, Alleluia!

O burning sun with golden beam,
O silver moon with softer gleam:
O praise God, O praise God,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

O flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for your God to hear,
Alleluia, Alleluia!

O blazing fire who lights the night,
providing warmth, enhancing sight.
O praise God, O praise God,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

And all forgiven tender hearts,
forgiving others, take your part,
sing praises, Alleluia!
You who long pain and sorrow bear,
praise God, who knows your ev'ry care.
O praise God, O praise God,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

- Francis of Assisi, 1225; tr. William H. Draper, 1925, alt.

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Shine Jesus, Shine

Graham Kendrick (b. 1959)

Ray Bradway and Jim Kirkman, trumpets Mary Ruth Yates, piano arr. Lloyd Larson

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

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 (Bedford and Bloomington) leadership.

The class will be held on Wednesday evenings, beginning September 16.

Books can be ordered through Mitzi in the Bedford-FCC office: 812-275-4497. Mitzi can also provide you with the Zoom link. Check out our website (fccbedford.org) or the E-caller for other opportunities for Study, Fellowship and Spiritual Reflection

Zoom Discussion on Anti-Racism on September 24 at 7:00 pm

Discussion of Emmanuel Acho's Series "Uncomfortable Conversations with a Black Man"

Members from FCC and North Christian Church in Columbus are invited to gather on Zoom for an anti-racism discussion of the YouTube Series "Uncomfortable Conversations with a Black Man." This series is free and available for anyone to watch. It features former NFL player turned ESPN analyst Emmanuel Acho and is produced in part by Oprah Winfrey. In the series, Acho addresses basic, fundamental questions about race in a straight-forward, honest way. The episode that will be discussed in our **Zoom session on Sept. 24 at 7:00 pm** will be Episode 7 that includes a conversation between Acho and Carl Lentz, lead pastor of Hillsong Church East Coast.

This Zoom discussion is the second brought by Pastor Gerardy of North Christian Church. In August, members from FCC and North Christian discussed the documentary film "13th". If you would like to join the next discussion, you can watch this episode of "Uncomfortable Conversations" at the link below.

<https://uncomfortableconvos.com/episode/episode-7>

Please contact Jean Thompson at ljajan_2000@comcast.net for a link to the Zoom discussion.

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 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.

***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

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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.