



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      Where Once There Lay Dragons      Kenton Coe (b. 1931)

Where once there lay dragons, tall grasses shall grow;  
Where once there lay wasteland, a pathway shall go;  
Where once there lay desert, there shall flow a spring;  
O ransomed of Zion, with joy you shall sing.

As once you were fearful, you now are made calm;  
As once you were wounded, you now have a balm;  
As once you were feeble, you now are made strong;  
As once you were silent, you now have a song.

Be strong and fear not, for your God will come!  
For sweet songs of gladness shall sound on each tongue  
When sorrow and sadness shall all flee away!  
Prepare now, O Zion, to greet this new day!

- Carol McClure on Isaiah 35:1-10, esp vs. 7:

*“And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty  
land springs of water: in the habitation of dragons, where each lay, shall  
be grass reeds and rushes.”*

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.



## **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.

The series 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, which includes a conversation between former NFL player turned ESPN analyst Emmanuel 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. If you would like to join the next discussion, you can watch this episode of "Uncomfortable Conversations" at this link: <https://uncomfortableconvos.com/episode/episode-7>

Please contact Jean Thompson at [lajean\\_2000@comcast.net](mailto:lajean_2000@comcast.net) for a link to the Zoom discussion.

### ***Being the Church We Say We Are*** **Anti-Racism / Pro-Reconciliation Resources**

*Love is an Action Word* is the name of a 7-part series designed to help educate and engage Disciples as we embrace our mission priority to be an anti-racist/pro-reconciling church. The **September 24 (7:00 pm) webinar session** will feature Disciples leaders discussing the Black Lives Matter movement and work of the National Convocation. Panelists will be Rev. Dr. Timothy James, Administrative Secretary of the National Convocation, and Associate General Minister and President of the Christian Church and Rev. Dr. Irie Session, President of the Board of the National Convocation and Co-Founder of "The Gathering" church in Dallas TX.

To register, please go to the Disciples homepage, [www.disciples.org](http://www.disciples.org). The webinar is one of the items that is scrolled across the top. *Love is an Action Word* is produced by and for Disciples to help us "be the church we say we are." It is brought to us by the Office of the General Minister and President and by Reconciliation Ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

### **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.

## **\*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**

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.