

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

from Genesis 1

Connie Myers

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God

People: Thanks be to God

HOMILY

It's Good!

Bruce Ervin

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

from Joseph Haydn - *The Creation*

Genesis 1:1-4

Joseph Andreola, baritone

Renson Madarang, tenor

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth,

and the earth was without form, and void:

and darkness was upon the face of the deep.

And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

And God said, "Let there be light:" and there was light.

And God saw the light that it was good:

And God divided the light from the darkness.

Response:

Now vanish before the holy beams the gloomy shades of dark:

The first of days appears. A new created world springs up at God's command.

-Gottfried van Swieten (1733-1803); after Milton *Paradise Lost*

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 64

We Sing Your Mighty Power, O God

ELLACOMBE

1 We sing your mighty power, O God,
that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad,
and built the lofty skies.
We sing the wisdom that ordained
the sun to rule the day;
the moon shines full at your command,
and all the stars obey.

2 We sing your goodness, sovereign God,
who filled the earth with food;
you formed the creatures with your word,
and then pronounced them good.
Oh! how your wonders are displayed
where'er we turn our eyes,
if we survey the ground we tread,
or gaze upon the skies.

3 There's not a plant or flower below
but makes your glories known;
and clouds arise, and tempests blow,
by order from your throne.
While all that borrows life from you
is ever in your care,
and everywhere that we can be,
you, God, are present there.
-Isaac Watts (1715), alt.

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

How Great Thou Art

arr. by Carolyn Hamlin (b. 1937)

Permission to stream "Let the Whole Creation Cry" from St. James Music Press ID# 1038

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 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

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 9.

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

Support LIFE Pantry

We are collecting Packaged Foods for L.I.F.E Pantry during the month of September.

All packages can be placed in the baskets located in the foyer. Any food or items you wish to donate are welcome any month.



***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.

*Disciples of Christ
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

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.