

Third Friday  
Jazz  
VESPERS



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The Keller-Tuberg Trio  
with  
Marina Alba López, vocalist



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FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
*(Disciples of Christ)*

September 16, 2022  
6:30 pm

# WELCOME TO THIRD FRIDAY JAZZ VESPERS

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Welcome to *Third Friday Jazz Vespers* at First Christian Church. For centuries, people have asked God for guidance and care as day turns to night. This night, we ask God to refresh, inspire, and call us into a deeper relationship with the Divine Spark that is in this world. Enter into the songs, silence and poetry as you feel so moved: breathe deeply, be still, and know that you are beloved. May God bless you in this time of reflection and meditation.

### The Pattern of Vespers

**Gathering:** God beckons us to gather, to reflect on life where we live it, and to be engaged as fully as possible in the world around us. We light candles and sing a song of thanksgiving for God's bringing light into the darkness of our lives.

**Word:** God continues to communicate through words of wisdom, encouragement, hope, and challenge spoken throughout the ages by God's beloved children.

**Psalms:** Psalms are the Bible's language of prayer and praise. They provide us language to speak about all of life, including our joys, disappointments, confusion and anger, sadness, and concern for ourselves, others, and this world.

**Meditation:** When we listen and pray while gathered in community, we are reminded that we are not alone. We also affirm that life is not about "just me," but about participating in a larger movement for wholeness in a fragmented world.

**Prayers:** Prayer is honest, holy conversation with God and those who gather. God invites our honesty, joys, sorrows, confusion, anger, and wonder. Prayer practices can open us up to deeper understanding and meaningful spiritual connections with God, others, and ourselves.

**Going Out:** As we leave the vesper service, we are reminded of Christ's peace, presence and purpose in all of life.

# ORDER OF SERVICE

## Gathering

Gathering Music

Welcome

Lighting of Candles

Leader:

The coming night is dark.  
Let our fears of the darkness of the world  
and of our own lives be dispelled in this hour.

The night is quiet.  
Let the quietness of your peace enfold us,  
all who are dear to us, and all who have no peace.

The night heralds the dawn.  
Let us look expectantly to a new day,  
new joys, new possibilities.

Evening Prayer

Leader:

Let us pray.

Creator God,  
because of your abundant love  
you chose to bring light and order into the formless void,  
to create a world of unsurpassed beauty  
and you saw that it was good.

**Antiphon:** *(Solo Cantor)*

*Surely the Presence of the Lord*

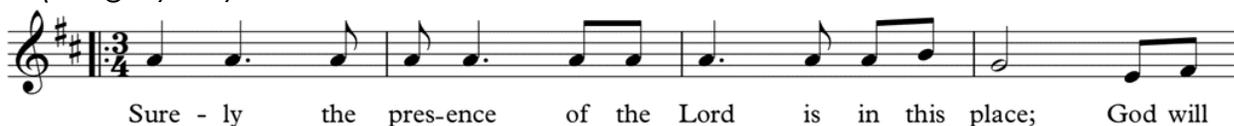
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Leader:

We ask that you continue to recreate the world  
with that same attentive love,  
to bring light into today's ever-increasing chaos and darkness.

**Antiphon:** *(Sung by all.)*



Leader:

Where we have failed to be stewards and caretakers of your creation,  
replenish our hearts so that we too can renew the face of the earth.  
We ask in the name of the Risen Christ.

**Antiphon:** (Sung by all.)

Sure - ly the pres-ence of the Lord is in this place; God will  
hear our prayer and bless us with his grace.

Introduction to Theme

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Henry Nouwen (1932-1996)

\*Song

Through All the Changing Scenes of Life

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Through all the chan - ging scenes of life, In trou-ble and in joy, The  
prai-ses of my God shall still my heart and toungue em - ploy; The  
hosts of God en - camp a-round The dwell-ings of the just; Pro -  
tec-tion He af - fords to all Who in his pro - mise trust. Love  
Him, ye saints, and you will then Have no-thing else to fear, Make  
you His ser - vice your de-light; He'll make your wants His care.

Text: Tate and Brady, 1696 Tune: Carl G. Gläser, 1784-1829  
Jazz Interpretation: Marina Alba López

\*Please stand as you are able

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come:  
The old has gone, the new is here!

Reading

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Wendy Videlock (b. 1961)

Psalm  
**Psalm 16:1-2, 5-9. 11**  
(CEV and New Grail)

**Refrain:** *(Sung twice. Cantor first and then congregation)*



<sup>1</sup>Protect me, O God, for I run to you for safety.  
<sup>2</sup>and I have said, "Only you are my Lord!  
Every good thing I have is a gift from you."

**Refrain:** *(Sung by all.)*



<sup>5</sup>You, Lord, are my portion and cup;  
you are my choice and you keep me safe.  
<sup>6</sup>You mark out a pleasant life for me, and my destiny is my delight.  
<sup>7</sup>I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel,  
who even at night is the compass of my heart.

**Refrain:** *(Sung by all.)*



<sup>9</sup> And so, my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;  
 and I can safely rest in hope.  
<sup>11</sup> You have shown me the path of life,  
 the fullness of joy in your presence.  
 At your side my soul will sing forever  
 to the one who brought life unto my spirit.

**Refrain:** (*Sung by all.*)



Har - bour of my heart, I take re - fuge in you; pre -  
 3  
 serve me oh God! My joy is in you a - lone.

Glory be to our Maker, the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,  
 As it was in the beginning is now and will be forever. Amen

Reading

Beyond Borders

Rick Hoyt (b. 1962)

## Community Meditation

During this time of quiet meditation, we are reminded that we are not alone. Let this time be for you an invitation to approach God as you are in this very moment.

**Candle Table:** Light a candle as a reminder that God's light overpowers the darkness.

**Reflection:** Contemplate what a pathway to a change of heart might be bringing you closer to a life centered on God's presence. It might be through listening, exercising patience, prayer, or another way. Write down your thoughts on the paper provided.

**Water Bowl:** After determining a pathway to bring about a change of heart that will center you in God, take some of the water beads and drop them in the water bowl on the table. Let their expansion represent the change of heart that you are making.

**Communion Table:** No matter where you are on life's journey, you are invited to the Table to partake of the bread and the cup, reminders of Christ's compassion for all—no exceptions. Come as you are.

Cantor Solo

Ecclesiastes 3:1 (NIV)

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens.

Reading

The Tide Rises, the Tide Falls

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow(1807-1882)

\*Song

If You Will Trust in God to Guide You

WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT



If you will trust in God to guide you, and hope in God through all your ways;  
God will embrace your pain and weep-ing, your help-less an - ger and dis-tress;  
Sing, pray, and keep God's ways un - swer-ving; so do your own part faith - ful - ly,



God will give strength, what - e'er be - tide you; and bear you through the ev - il days;  
If you are in God's care and keep-ing, in sor - row will God love you less?  
and trust God's word, though un - des - er - ving, you'll find God's pro - mise true to be.



Who trusts in God's un-chang-ing love builds on the rock that will not move.  
For Christ who took for you a cross, will bring you safe through ev - ery loss.  
God ne - ver will for-sake in need the soul that trusts in God in-deed.

Text: George Neumark, 1657; tr. st. 1, 3, Catherine Winkworth, 1863, alt;  
St. 2 tr. Jaroslav Vajda, alt.

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## Prayers

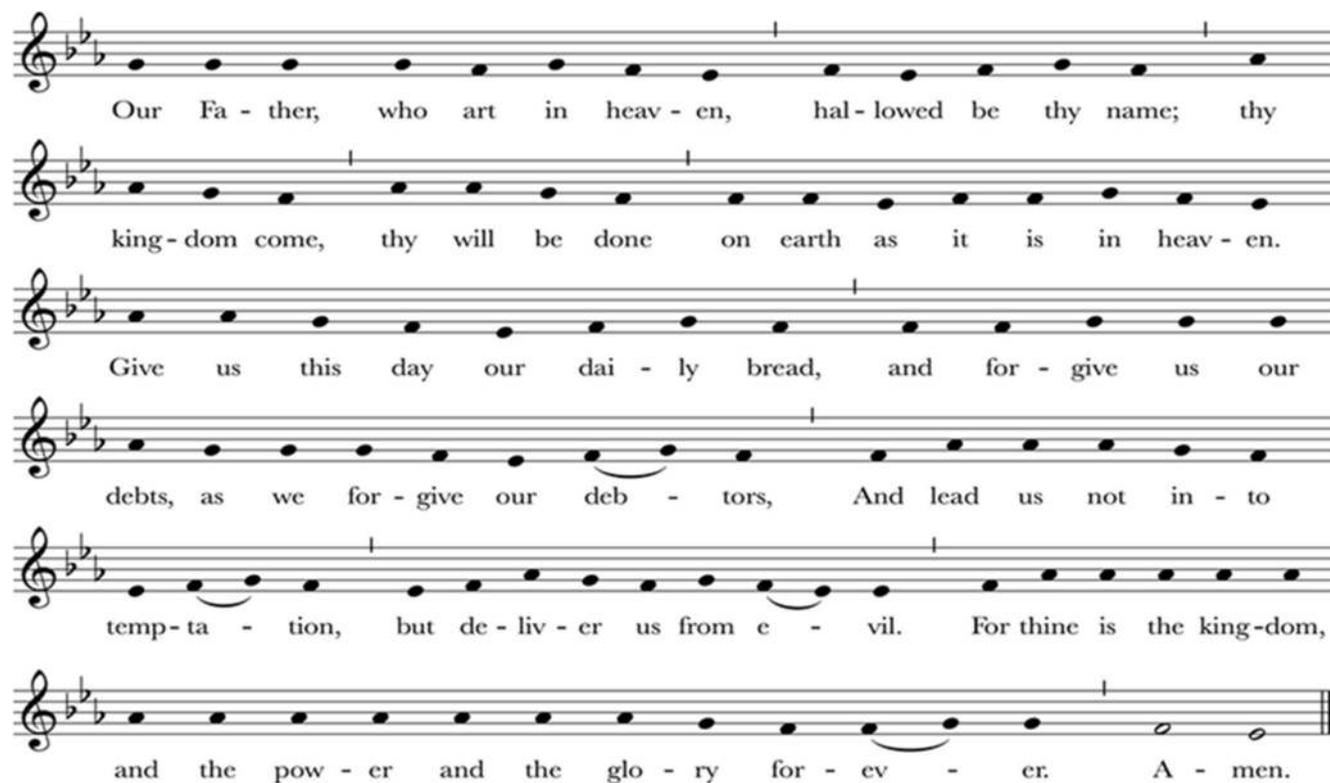
Prayer

**Leader:** Gracious God,

You created us in your image and gifted us with our lives and an ability to make choices. When those choices do not honor you, we are grateful that we can ask for forgiveness and know that your love for us is constant. We ask that as we live out our lives you guide us toward changes that will position us to better serve you. We ask in the name of Jesus who taught us to pray saying:

\*Please stand as you are able

The Lord's Prayer (*sung first by Cantor, then by all*):



Our Fa - ther, who art in heav - en, hal - lowed be thy name; thy  
king - dom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heav - en.  
Give us this day our dai - ly bread, and for - give us our  
debts, as we for - give our deb - tors, And lead us not in - to  
temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom,  
and the pow - er and the glo - ry for - ev - er. A - men.

## Going Out

Benediction

Leader: Go now and rejoice in the Lord always.  
Do not be afraid or worried about anything  
but in everything trust God and pray.

**Amen.**

Closing Music



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## Participants

### **The Brendan Keller-Tuberg Trio**

Brendan Keller-Tuberg, bass  
Austin Tyler, piano  
Justin Clark, drums  
with  
Marina Alba López, vocals

### **Readers**

Jan Harrington  
Betsy Watson  
Linda Abe

### **Staff**

Linda Abe, Jazz Vespers Ministry  
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Jan Harrington, Director of Music  
Brendan Keller-Tuberg, Director of Jazz Vespers  
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Join us for our next Third Friday Jazz Vespers service on Oct. 21 at 6:30pm  
Our theme in October is **Unity**



## Blessing of the Animals

Bring your pet (leashes please) or a picture of your pet and join us at First Christian Church on Sunday, October 2 for a Blessing of the Animals. We'll gather at 4:00 pm on the front lawn for a brief service in celebration of all animals. You can also support the important work of the Bloomington Animal Shelter by bringing donations of new, unopened dog and cat food.

All are welcome!

Sunday, October 2 at 4:00 pm  
First Christian Church  
205 E. Kirkwood Ave.  
(corner of Kirkwood & Washington)

## Farewell Reception for Jihye Choi

Following Jazz Vespers this Evening

FCC Organist and Assistant Music Director Jihye Choi will be taking up her new job at the Christ Church Cathedral in Indianapolis this week. Join us following Jazz Vespers this evening in showing our gratitude for sharing her talents with our music program since 2017! We will celebrate in the Chapel Gathering Space after Jazz Vespers.



## Staff

### Pastor

Rev. Kyrmen Rea

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Sarah Lynne Gershon

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Dr. Jan Harrington, director

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Brendan Keller-Tuberg, Jazz Vespers music director

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### **Office Hours**

Monday to Thursday

9:00 am – 5:00 pm

# Welcome!

## Welcome to FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Disciples of Christ)

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### **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.

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