



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(Disciples of Christ)

February 5, 2023
Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
Worship at 10:00 am

Diverse in Thought | United in Faith | Called to Serve

Welcome to this time of worship at FCC. As we gather, you are invited to greet one another. As the prelude begins may we enter a time of quiet meditation, allowing the music and these inspiring words to help us prepare to worship.

*You are the salt of the earth
You are the salt of the earth
But if that salt has lost its flavor
It ain't got much in its favor
You can't have that fault and be the salt of the earth!*
- Stephen Schwartz, "You Are the Light of the World" from *Godspell*

PRELUDE	Pastorale on "Come Down, O Love Divine" Shayla Van Hal, organ Copyright: 1982, Bertram Sterbanz	Bertram Sterbanz
WELCOME		Pastor Kyrmen Rea
INTROIT	Alleluia! Jesus said: "I am the light of the World" Text: Verse for Epiphany 4 Music from <i>Verses and Offertories: Epiphany 2-The Transfiguration of Our Lord</i> , 1980. © 1980, Augsburg Publishing House. All rights Reserved. Permission to podcast / stream from ONE LICENSE with license #A-724866 All rights reserved.	David N. Johnson (1922-1987)

*CALL TO WORSHIP		Patti Parkes
	Leader: We are called to bring a new understanding of God: that God so loves the world. People: We are the salt of the earth. Leader: We are called to bring a new hope in God: that God gives us new life. People: We are the light of the world. Leader: We are called to follow the commandments and the law. People: The Law of God is to love God and to love one another. Leader: Come, let us be the salt of the earth, the light of the world. People: Come, let us love one another with the love of God. Let us join together in our love of God to worship and follow Jesus.	

(Written by Rev. Mindi and posted on Rev-o-lution. <http://rev-o-lution.org>)

** Please stand as you are able.*

*OPENING HYMN 484 (*vss. 1, 2 & 3*) We've a Story to Tell to the Nations MESSAGE

Text and Music: H. Ernest Nichol, 1896

(During the final hymn verse, all children are invited to gather on the chancel steps for the children's message.)

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (CEB) Patti Parkes

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

A MOMENT WITH CHILDREN

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you...

People: and also with you.

You are invited to greet one another in the name of Christ. For those who are worshipping at home, reach out and share peace through emails, texts and phone calls in the days to come.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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 as we forgive our debtors;

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 5:13-20 (CEB)

SERMON An Aha Moment: Salt and Light Pastor Kyrmen Rea

INVITATION TO GIVING Betsy Watson

Your offerings may be placed in the offering plates as they are passed, or you may offer your gift online, by mail, through your bank, or by phone (see the insert).

Offertory Anthem Siyahamba Zulu Folk Song
arr. Thomas R. Vozella (b. 1963)

We are marching, for the Lord is our Light

We are sharing, for the Lord is our Light.

We are loving, for the Lord is our Light.

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*Offering Response 46 Doxology OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

THE LORD'S SUPPER

All are welcome to share in the Communion meal. Gluten-free bread and water are available in the center of each communion tray. Please hold the Bread and Cup so that we may take them together.

Invitation to the Table Pastor Kyrmen Rea

Communion Hymn 136 Christians All, Your Lord Is Coming PLEADING SAVIOR
(vs. 2, 3 & 4)

Text: Jim Miller, 1993 Music: Joshua Leavitt's *Christian Lyre*, 1831

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Communion Prayer Betsy Watson

Communion Solo I Will Sing of Thy Great Mercies Felix Mendelssohn
(*St. Paul, Op. 36, part 2*) (1809-1847)
Tiara Abraham, soprano

I will sing of Thy great mercies, O Lord,
and of Thy faithfulness evermore.

-Psalm 89:1

Words of Institution and Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Proclamation

INVITATION TO COMMUNITY

*CLOSING HYMN 477 Pass It On PASS IT ON

Words and Music: Kurt Kaiser, 1969

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If you desire to declare your faith in Christ through baptism, or if you would like to become a member of First Christian Church through affirmation of faith or through a transfer of membership, please join Pastor Kyrmen at the front of the sanctuary during the closing hymn.

BLESSING

POSTLUDE Trumpet Tune in D David N. Johnson (1922-1987)
Shayla Van Hal, organ

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Sunday Worship at 10:00 am

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47408

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www.fccbloomington.org

Text to Give:

844-298-8978

Include the amount in your text message line.
You may receive a text reply with a link and
instructions to complete your contribution.

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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BLOOMINGTON, IN



DIVERSE IN THOUGHT | UNITED IN FAITH | CALLED TO SERVE

MUSICIANS

Shayla Van Hal, organ
Maria Izzo Walker, soprano
Tiara Abraham, soprano
Sara Dailey Muñoz, alto
Connor Stratton, tenor
Anthony Josep, bass

Members of the First Christian Church Sanctuary Choir

Music Notes for February 5, 2023

Siyahamba – Zulu Folk Song

The song “Siyahamba” originated in South Africa, probably as a Zulu folk song. It was rewritten as a Christian hymn by Andries Van Tonder in 1952 and in 1978 it was “discovered” and recorded by the Swedish choral group Fjedur. After that recording the song was widely popularized throughout the world, mostly through churches and schools. This “folk” piece belongs to the people of South Africa. It is part of their culture, their struggle, and their unity. There have been many westerners who have tried to put this “live” work onto manuscript. Since the piece has been passed on from generation to generation, it is not static; notes, rhythms, and exactness are less important than singing with truth passion, spirit, joy, determination, and unity.

The lyrics, with their biblical imagery of walking in the divine light, could be inspired by Methodist or Pentecostalist hymnody. The melody has more similarities with African or Afro-American patterns than with conventional European church music.

Siyahamba is a "zipper song": the lyrics consist of one phrase, repeated with permutations (changes). This results in a structure that is perceived as cyclical rather than linear. Hawn notes that cyclical forms tend to emphasize a spirit of community and allow for physical response during the performance. This cyclical form, along with the meaning of the lyrics, may explain the song's popularity as a processional and offertory as well as a protest or marching song

Usually translated as “We are marching in the light of God,” Siyahamba contains layers of meaning. “We” is a word of community—the community of those living and the community of the living dead. In African traditional society, those who have died are still with us, and their witness may influence the actions of the living. “Marching” is an action that unifies the community, as they move physically and spiritually in the same direction. It is a bodily, kinesthetic response to the leading of the Spirit rather than a passive acquiescence.

I Will Sing of Thy Great Mercies– Felix Mendelssohn

The aria “I Will Sing of Thy Great Mercies” is from the second part of Felix Mendelssohn’s oratorio St. Paul, Op. 36. The oratorio deals with the apostle Paul – his conversion and subsequent change as a minister of the gospel. The three principal themes are the martyrdom of Saint Stephen, the conversion of Saint Paul, and the apostle’s subsequent career.

Following the famous chorus “How Lovely Are the Messengers,” the text of this aria from Psalm 89:1 deals with the conviction of the mission of Paul and Barnabas following Paul’s conversion and baptism. The disciples, being filled with the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost, departed to preach the word of God with joyfulness (Acts 13:4-5).

Notes sourced from <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Siyahamba>;
C. Michael Hawn at https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/articles/history-of-hymns-___siyahamba;
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LynoJDUOkzc>

Announcements

FCC Congregational Meeting following worship TODAY

Plan to stay for a brief Congregational Meeting following worship today. This semi-annual meeting is held for the purpose of adopting the 2023 FCC Budget. A copy of the proposed budget will be provided for those in attendance. Additionally, copies were mailed out to our FCC email list on Monday and Wednesday of this past week.

Join us for Family Game Night at FCC on February 18 at 6:30pm

A beloved FCC tradition is making a big comeback! Join us on February 18 at 6:30pm for FCC Game Night. This truly intergenerational event will include tables for Euchre as well as board games and other games for all ages. Bring your favorite game to share with others, and bring your favorite finger food snacks to share as well! Mark your calendar and plan to join us for this FUN night of FELLOWSHIP with games and fun snacks!

New Study for Lent: Entering The Passion of Jesus

Join Pastor Kyrmen for a six-week Lenten study, leading participants on an exploration of the biblical texts surrounding the Passion story. *Beginning Tuesday, Feb. 28, the study group will meet weekly from 6:30 to 8:00 pm via Zoom.* Author, rabbi, and New Testament professor Amy-Jill Levine will guide us in discovering the risks Jesus knowingly faced while also showing us how these texts raise ethical and spiritual questions for his followers. Participants will need to purchase the book *Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide* by Amy-Jill Levine. Please let Pastor Kyrmen know if you need help purchasing a book. Register by contacting Pastor Kyrmen (pastorkyrmen@gmail.com) or filling out the sign-up sheet on the church reception desk by Feb. 21.



REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!
GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2023
in Louisville, Kentucky
JULY 29 - AUGUST 1, 2022

Join FCC for this year's General Assembly in Louisville, Kentucky - July 29-August 1

The early bird pricing is only good through the month of February. On March 1, registration will go up (\$55 more for adults)! Yikes! It's only a couple of hours away, so it's a great year to attend! And FCC will reimburse the cost of your registration!

Register online at: <https://ga.disciples.org>. Once you have registered, let us know that you are GOING (email fcc@fccbloomington.org) You will find information on hotel accommodations as you register. We are also planning to rent an AirBnB for those interested in sharing space in a house. Let us know if that would appeal to you. Don't miss out! General Assembly is a great way to connect with the greater church and to your FCC family, and Louisville is a great place to do it!