



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(Disciples of Christ)

May 2, 2021

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Online Worship at 10:00 am

Diverse in Thought | United in Faith | Called to Serve

PRELUDE I. Allegro from *Concerto in G*, BWV 592 J.S. Bach (1685-1750)
Jihye Choi, organ

WELCOME Helen Hempfling

OPENING HYMN 56 For the Beauty of the Earth DIX

During the refrain, please raise your hands in praise.

If you are worshiping in the sanctuary, follow the words as you quietly hum (no singing) the tune.

For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon, and stars of light,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

Words: Folliot S. Pierpoint, 1864

Music: Conrad Kocher, 1838; arr. William Henry Monk, 1861

PRAYER

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The Peace of the Christ be with you

People: And also with you.

*Please greet one another in the name of the risen Christ
via live chat or by phone, text, email or face to face.*

Choral Response 294

Here We Gather as God's People

NETTLETON

Please hum or (if you are at home) sing.

Here we gather as God's People with our friends from far and near:
let our voices sound with praises knowing Christ has called us here.

Now we seek and greet each other, now in joy we see our friends.

Here we join in prayer together as to all our love extends.

Words: Daniel B. Merrick, 1991 Music: Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second*, 1813

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SCRIPTURE

Genesis 1:1-5

Scott Cripe

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

People: Thanks be to God!

HOMILY

It's Not About Me! It's About God's Creation

Helen Hempfling

INVITATION TO GIVING

You are invited to offer your gift online, by mail, through your bank, or by text to give (see back page).

The method of giving does not matter. It's the mission that makes a difference!

Doxology 46

OLD 100TH

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 for the Offering

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Scott Cripe

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you!

Leader: Lift up your hearts

People: We lift them up to God.

Leader: Let us give thanks to God most high!

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise!

Invitation to the Table and Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration for the Bread and Cup

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

(Please hold the bread and cup in your hands as the Choral Scholars sing the communion anthem. Following the anthem, we will partake of the elements in unison.)

Communion Anthem

A Gaelic Blessing

setting Roland E. Martin (b. 1955)

Deep peace of the running wave to you
Deep peace of the flowing air to you
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you
Deep peace of the shining stars to you
Deep peace of the gentle night to you
Moon and stars pour their healing light on you
Deep peace of Christ the light of the world to you
Deep peace of Christ to you. Deep peace of Christ to you.
Peace of Christ to you. Peace of Christ to you.
Deep peace.

-Words from a Gaelic Rune

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Partaking of the Bread and Cup (*unison*)

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 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNITY

CLOSING HYMN

Great is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

Please hum or (if you are at home) sing.

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

III. Presto from *Concerto in G*, BWV 592
Jihye Choi, organ

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

MUSICIANS

Jihye Choi, organ
Maria Izzo-Walker, soprano
Liz Culpepper, alto
Nick Stevens, tenor
Joseph Andreola, bass

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Announcements



Honoring our 2020 Graduates!

Spring always brings warmer weather, beautiful flowers... and **graduations!** If you or family will be celebrating a graduate this year, please let us know. We are developing our list of high school and college graduates now and will celebrate them in worship on May 16!

Please, send information about your graduate (including school name, honors received, sports or activities, and post-high school or post-college plans) to Sarah Lynne Gershon at sarahlynn@fcbloomington.org. We want to be sure to recognize all graduates. We can't wait to celebrate our grads! Way to go class of 2021!!