



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(Disciples of Christ)

May 29, 2022

Seventh Sunday of Easter

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 this Psalm to help us prepare to worship.

*Clap your hands, all you people!
Shout joyfully to God with a joyous shout!
God is exalted beyond all!
from Psalm 67*

PRELUDE	Préambule op. 31 no. 1 Jihye Choi, organ	Louis Vierne (1870-1937)
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WELCOME		Will Jewsbury
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INTROIT	Blessed Jesus, at Your Word	Johann Rudolph Ahle (1625-1673) harm. J.S. Bach (1685-1750)
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Blessed Jesus, at Your word We are gathered all to hear You; Let our hearts and souls be stirred Now to seek and love and fear You; By Your teachings true and holy, Drawn from earth to love You solely.	All our knowledge, sense, and sight Lie in deepest darkness shrouded, Till your Spirit breaks our night With the beams of truth unclouded; You alone to God can win us, You must work all good within us
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Text: Tobias Clausnitzer, 1663; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1858

Music: Johann Rudolph Ahle, 1664; harm. J.S. Bach

*CALL TO WORSHIP		Sarah Lynne Gershon
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Leader: Grateful hearts need no special season to offer thanks to God.

People: Life abundant is itself reason for praise.

Leader; In the face of Love's mysteries given such bountiful expression what gifts of praise have we?

People: We have gifts enough for praise: Our hands, our strength, our singing hearts. Let us worship God!

**Please stand if you are able.*

*OPENING HYMN 323 (*vss. 1 & 2*) Wonderful Words of Life

WORDS OF LIFE

-Words and Music: Philip P. Bliss, 1874

(Children are invited to come to the chancel during the final verse of the hymn.)

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: As our children go out to share in a time of Worship and Wonder, may we send them with our blessing.

Congregation: The peace of Christ be with you.

Children: And also with you.

You are invited to share the peace of Christ by waving your hands. 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

We share a responsive lament:

Leader: Give to the departed eternal rest.

People: Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Leader: All those who have died in any incident of gun violence.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

People: Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Leader: For survivors of gun violence. Grant them comfort and healing.

People: Hear us, Lord.

Leader: For those who have lost loved ones to gun violence. Grant them peace.

People: Hear us, Lord.

Leader: For those first responders who care for victims of gun violence.

Protect and strengthen them.

People: Hear us, Lord.

Leader: Lord, have mercy.

People: Christ, have mercy.

Leader: Lord, have mercy

SCRIPTURE

Romans 14:1-12

Sarah Lynne Gershon

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

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

People of the Book

Will Jewsbury

ANTHEM

Cantique de Jean Racine, Op. 11

Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)

O Thou Word from on high, our one hope of salvation,
Eternal Day of the heavens and the earth,
the peaceful night is past; Our voices break the silence.
O Lord divine, we pray thee turn thine eyes.

O Christ, bestow thy favor
upon all thy faithful now gathered here
to bless thee this day.

Pour down on us the fire of thy grace and thy favor,
that hell may flee before thy mighty Word.
Dispel from us the sleep in which our souls now languish,
that dulls our heats to the light of thy law.

Receive the hymns we offer to thy glory.
Renewed by thy gifts may we give back to thee.
Renewed by thy gifts may we give back to thee.
And thus renewed, may we give back to thee.

Text: Jean Racine (1639-1699)
English singing translation: Jan Harrington (b. 1943)
with assistance from Lynette and Thierry Liberge

INVITATION TO GIVING

As you leave the sanctuary at the conclusion of the worship service, please place your tithes and offerings in the trays located at each entrance to the sanctuary. You may also offer your gift online, by mail, through your bank, or by phone (see the insert). Please stand if you are able, as we praise God:

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 for the Offering

THE LORD'S SUPPER

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

Prayer of Consecration for the Bread and Cup

Communion Hymn 321

Break Thou the Bread of Life

BREAD OF LIFE

Text: Mary A. Lathbury, 1877 (st. 1 and 2); Alexander Groves, 1913 (st. 3. alt)
Music: William F. Sherwin 1877

Words of Institution and 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 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 335 Creating God, Your Fingers Trace TALLIS CANON

Text: Jeffery Rowthorn, 1974 Music: Thomas Tallis, 1561

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*BENEDICTION

Choral Benediction Response Go Throughout the Whole World Jeremy Rawson (b. 1954)

Jesus said:

“Go throughout the whole world and preach the Gospel.
Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved.”

As Jesus was blessing them he departed them and was taken up into heaven.

Text: Introit for the Sunday After Ascension Day
paraphrased from Mark 16 and John 17

POSTLUDE III. Transports de joie from *L'ascension* Olivier Messiaen

"Outbursts of joy from a soul before the glory of Christ which is its own glory"

Jihye Choi, organ (1908-1992)

*As you leave the sanctuary, please place your offering in the trays and take
your bulletin and communion cup with you to the receptacles located outside the sanctuary doors.*

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MUSICIANS

Jihye Choi, organ

Maria Izzo Walker, soprano

Sara Dailey, alto

Claire Tafoya, alto

Connor Stratton, tenor

Rivers Hawkins, bass

Members of the First Christian Church Sanctuary Choir

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Coming to FCC This Summer!



This summer we will provide a time of connection to FCC's *Why* with fellowship and fun on the front lawn. There will be chairs, tables and awnings for people to sit and chat, lawn games and chalk for play, and light refreshments. Each week the theme will be slightly different, but they will all be focused on connecting to FCC and God's work in our community. Table tents with discussion questions and information will be on each table. Most of all though, we just want to gather and enjoy each other's company, so come prepared to relax, eat treats, and have fun! **Please contact the church office if you are able to help with set up, refreshments, or lawn games. We also need 3-4 people to sign up to provide some snacks for June 5 (open signup), 12 (Elders), and 19 (Deacons).** *Please contact the church office to sign up for one of these dates.*

Help Us Get FCC's Building Spruced Up

Sign up for a Project to Complete On Your Own Schedule

Your help is needed to spruce up the building before our new minister arrives! Instead of one "work day," the Property Commission is asking for volunteers to do the work by July 1 on your own timeframe. So, there is plenty of time to get lots of projects done!

Projects will need to be done in coordination with the church calendar as some events are scheduled for May and June. A sign-up sheet is on the reception desk, or you can call the church office to sign up. Please consider pitching in as you can! Many hands make light work! Questions can be addressed to Cindy Welch or Peggy Stafford. Thanks!

MEN'S RETREAT

Men of FCC are invited to join with the men of Woodhaven Christian Church for a half-day retreat with the theme "A Man After God's Own Heart." The event will be Saturday, June 11, from 9:00 am to noon at Woodhaven Christian Church, 3345 S. Leonard Springs Road. Our interim pastor, Will Jewsbury, will be the keynote speaker. To register for this free event call or text 317-987-0123 with your name and please note that you are part of FCC. RSVP deadline is Friday, May 27.

Attention FCC Families!



Worship & Wonder will be on summer vacation beginning June 5, and will return after school resumes following Labor Day. We will provide Kids' Worship Bags and the PrayGround area will be open during the summer months. Thank you!

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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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