

# FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(Disciples of Christ)

September 12, 2021

Proper 19

Worship at 10:00 am

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*Diverse in Thought | United in Faith | Called to Serve*

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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 words to help us prepare to worship.

*Mighty gates: lift up your heads!  
Ancient doors: rise up high!  
So the glorious king can enter!  
Who is this glorious king?  
The Lord of hosts—The King of glory!  
from Psalm 24*

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PRELUDE	If Thou Art Near Jihye Choi, organ	J.S. Bach (1685-1750)
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WELCOME		Will Jewsbury
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CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP	Jesus Stand Among Us	WEM IN LEIDENSTAGEN
Jesus, stand among us in your risen pow'r; let this time of worship be a holy hour.		Breathe the Holy Spirit into every heart; bid the fears and sorrows from each soul depart.
	Text: William Pennefather, 1873	Music: Friedrich Filitz, 1847

INVOCATION

OPENING HYMN 190

Tell Me the Stories of Jesus

STORIES OF JESUS

**1** Tell me the stories of Jesus  
I love to hear;  
things I would ask him to tell me  
if he were here:  
scenes by the wayside,  
tales of the sea,  
stories of Jesus,  
tell them to me.

**2** First let me hear how the children  
stood round his knee,  
and I shall fancy his blessing  
resting on me;  
words full of kindness,  
deeds full of grace,  
all in the lovelight  
of Jesus' face.

**3** Into the city I'd follow  
the children's band,  
waving a branch of the palm tree  
high in my hand;  
one of his heralds,  
yes, I would sing  
loudest hosannas,  
"Jesus is King!"

Text: William H. Parker, 1885

Music: Frederick A. Challinor, 1903

A MOMENT FOR CHILDREN

Sarah Lynne Gershon

MORNING PRAYER

PASSING OF THE PEACE

*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.*

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

SCRIPTURE

Mark 8:27-38

Scott Cripe

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

**People: Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM

Ain'-a That Good News

African-American Spiritual

arr. William L. Dawson (1899-1990)

*(See last page of bulletin for anthem text)*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**Disciple Affirmation of Faith**

We confess that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God, and proclaim him Lord and Savior of the world.

In Christ's name and by his grace, we accept our mission of witness and service to all people. We rejoice in God, Maker of heaven and earth, and in the covenant of love which binds us to God and one another.

Through baptism into Christ we enter into newness of life and are made one with the whole people of God.

In the communion of the Holy Spirit we are joined together in discipleship and in obedience to Christ.

At the table of the Lord we celebrate with thanksgiving the saving acts and presence of Christ.

Within the universal Church we receive the gift of ministry and the light of Scripture.

In the bonds of Christian faith we yield ourselves to God, that we may serve the One whose Kingdom has no end.

Blessing, glory and honor be to God forever. Amen

SERMON

Who is Jesus for You?

Will Jewsbury

INVITATION TO GIVING

Scott Cripe

*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:*

Doxology 46

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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

Prayer of Consecration for the Bread and Cup

Communion Hymn 416 Here, O Our Lord, I See Thee Face to Face CONSOLATION  
(vss. 1, 2, and 4)

1. Here, O our Lord, I see thee face to face,      2. Here I will feed upon the bread of God,  
here would I touch and handle things unseen;      here drink with thee the royal wine of heav'n;  
here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace,      here would I lay aside each earthly load;  
and all my weariness upon thee lean.      here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiv'n.

4. Feast after feast thus comes and passes by;  
yet, passing, points to that glad feast above—  
giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,  
the Lamb's great bridal feast of bliss and love.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1855  
Music: Felix Mendelssohn, 19<sup>th</sup> century

Words of Institution and 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 5 O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing AZMON

1 O for a thousand tongues to sing  
my great Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and king,  
The triumphs of God's grace!

2 Jesus! the name that charms our fears,  
that bids our sorrows cease;  
'tis music in the sinner's ears,  
'tis life, and health, and peace

3 My loving Savior and my God,  
assist me to proclaim  
to spread through all the earth abroad  
the honors of thy name.

4 Glory to God and praise and love  
be ever, ever given  
by saints below and saints above,  
the church in earth and heaven.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1739. alt.  
Music: Carl Gotthelf Gläser, 1828; adapted Lowell Mason, 1839



## Announcements

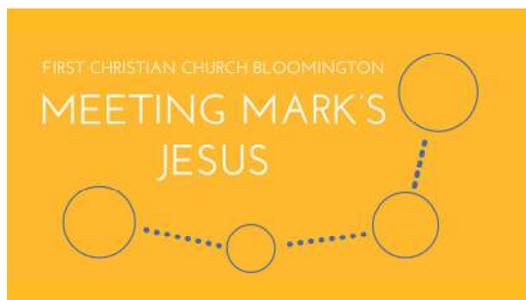
### **RSVP TODAY for FCC's All-Church Retreat September 18-19**

*Plan to Join Your FCC Family and Friends at Camp Bedford*

Have you registered for FCC's All Church Retreat at Camp Bedford? You can find a brochure in recent newsletters and in the pew seat backs in the sanctuary. The registration form is inside the brochure. Registration and fees need to be returned to FCC TODAY! Please contact Sarah Lynne Gershon with any questions about registering for the retreat. FCC's All-Church Retreat is truly intergenerational, so bring the whole FCC Family and bring friends too! Flexibility is needed as we monitor COVID case numbers, it is possible that the retreat schedule might change to help manage safety of everyone attending. You can register to attend both days, or just come and join us on Sunday! See you at Camp Bedford!

### **FCC Connects! Small Groups and Classes at FCC are starting soon!**

As classes begin in our local schools as well as IU, we are also preparing at FCC to return to our small groups and classes. *FCC Connects* programming includes something for everyone, we hope. We are planning for a return to in-person meetings for some groups, while others may choose to remain online for a while. You will find a brochure with details on each small group and class in the pews during worship as well as in our late August newsletter and on our website within the Church from Home tab on the "Small Groups and Classes" page. You will find an interest card within that brochure. Please fill this out and return to FCC so that group leaders can make plans. Questions? Contact Sarah Lynne Gershon



### **Meeting Mark's Jesus** *September Sermon Series*

In Mark's gospel Jesus is always on the move. We will join Jesus on his journey through Galilee and toward the cross.

#### **September 19**

(All Church Retreat theme - Circles of Support)  
Mark 9:30-37 *Come Join the Circle*

#### **September 26**

Mark 9:38-50 *No Roadblocks!*

## Staff

### Interim Pastor

Rev. Will Jewsbury

### Student Associate Pastor

Sarah Lynne Gershon

### Music Ministry

Jan Harrington, director of music  
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47408

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[www.fccbloomington.org](http://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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