



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
(Disciples of Christ)

September 17, 2023
Proper 19
Worship at 10:00 am

Diverse in Thought | United in Faith | Called to Serve

Welcome to this time of worship. 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.

Moses said to the people, "Don't be afraid. Stand your ground, and watch the LORD rescue you today.

Exodus 14:13a

PRELUDE	Concerto No. 1, <i>Adagio, Andante</i> Marilyn Keiser, organ	G.F. Handel (1685-1759)
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WELCOME	Pastor Kyrmen Rea
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GATHERING ANTHEM	Prayer of St. Columba Richard Shephard (1949-2021) My dearest Lord, Be thou a bright flame before me, Be thou a guiding star above me, Be thou a smooth path beneath me, Be thou a kindly shepherd behind me, today and evermore.
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Text: St. Columba (521-597), Irish Abbot; died Iona United Kingdom
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*CALL TO WORSHIP	Psalms 113:1-2, 6, 8, 13	Nick Mitchell
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Bless the Lord, O my soul,

And all that is within me bless God's holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

And do not forget all that God has done.

The Lord works vindication and justice

For all who are oppressed.

The Lord is merciful and gracious,

Slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

As a parent has compassion for their children,

So God has compassion for those who are in awe of the Creator.

-written by Rev. Mindi. Posted on <http://rev-o-lution.org/>

* *Please stand as you are able.*

*OPENING HYMN 622 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah CWM RHONDDA

Text: William Williams, 1745; tr, William and Peter Williams, 1771

Music: John Hughes, 1907

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Romans 14:1-12 (CEB) Nick Mitchell

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

People: Thanks be to God!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE Pastor Kyrmen Rea

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.

Children in grades K-5 are invited to accompany an adult leader to children's worship.

The leader will return them to the sanctuary during the offering.

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 Exodus 14:19-31 (CEB)

SERMON Exploring Identity: A People With A Way Forward Pastor Kyrmen Rea

ANTHEM Psalm 124 (*Our Israel May Say*) Metrical Psalm: *Ainsworth Psalter*, 1619
arr. Alice Parker (b. 1925) and Robert Shaw (1916-1999)

Our Israel may say, and that truly,	Then they had swallowed us in fearful wrath.
If that the Lord had not our cause maintain'd;	Such was their rage, as we might well esteem.
If that the Lord had not our cause maintain'd;	Then all the waters had us overwhelm'd
When all the world against us furiously	And like a stream had flooded o'er our soul.
Made their uproars and said we all should die;	Then the proud waters o'er our soul had gone.

Blessed be the Lord, who hath not us disdained.

Like to a bird freed out of fowler's snare,

Our soul is sav'd, and that most gloriously.

Our help is God who heaven and earth had made.

Metric Text and Tune: Psalm 124; *Ainsworth Psalter*, 1618

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INVITATION TO GIVING

Scott Cripe

*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

Cantabile
Marilyn Keiser, organ

Margaret V. Sandresky

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

Scott Cripe

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 458

He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought

HE LEADETH ME

Text: Joseph H. Gilmore, 1862 Music: William B. Bradbury, 1865

Communion Prayer

Scott Cripe

Communion Anthem

Thanks Be To Thee Siegfried Ochs(1858-1929)
Formerly attributed to George Frederick Handel (1685-1859)
arr. J. W. Faustini, 1981

Colin Anderson, baritone

Thanks be to thee. Thou hast thy chosen people led Israel forth through the sea.
Like as a shepherd hast thou led them, Lord;
Thy hand shielded them in Thy great goodness unto the end.

Words of Institution and Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Proclamation

Pastor Kyrmen Rea

INVITATION TO COMMUNITY

Pastor Kyrmen Rea

*CLOSING HYMN 458

Ours the Journey

OURS THE JOURNEY

Text and Tune: Julian B. Rush, 1979

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BLESSING

Pastor Kyrmen Rea

POSTLUDE

We Thank Thee, O God (*Cantata 29*)
Marilyn Keiser, organ

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

MUSICIANS

Marilyn Keiser, organ

Maria Izzo Walker, soprano

Tiara Abraham, soprano

Sara Dailey Muñoz, alto

Courage Barda, tenor

Colin Anderson, baritone

Anthony Josep, bass

Members of the FCC Sanctuary Choir

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Music Note



We are excited to welcome guest organist Dr. Marilyn Keiser to play for our worship service.

Marilyn Keiser is Chancellor's Professor Emerita of Music at the Jacobs School of Music, where she taught sacred music courses and applied organ for 25 years. In 1998, she was presented with a Teaching Excellence Recognition Award from the Jacobs School and in 2002, she was named Chancellor's Professor at Indiana University, the most prestigious academic appointment at IU that recognizes faculty who have served as pioneers in their field with an extensive record of accomplishment and leadership in teaching, research, and service.

A virtuoso concert organist, Marilyn Keiser has performed across the United States and internationally. Before joining the faculty in 1983, she served as organist at Riverside Church and Cathedral of St. John the Divine in NYC, and from 1970-1983 was Organist and Director of Music at All Souls Parish in Asheville, North Carolina and Music Consultant for the Episcopal Diocese of Western North Carolina. In Bloomington, she was Director of Music and organist at Trinity Episcopal Church in Bloomington until her retirement last year. Dr. Keiser has given lectures and workshops in church music for all of the major denominations, specializing in music for small churches. Marilyn served on the Standing Commission on Church Music for six years, was a consultant to the *Hymnal 1982*, and a contributing editor to the hymnal *Ecumenical Praise*; she is a past president of the Association of Anglican Musicians, and served as a founder and chair of the Leadership Program for Musicians Serving Small Churches for 5 years. She also chaired a Mentoring Task Force sponsored by the Association of Anglican Musicians for 5 years.

In 2006 the Episcopal Diocese of Indianapolis and Bishop Cate Waynick created the Marilyn Keiser Organ Scholarship to support organ students at the IU Jacobs School of Music in recognition of her mentorship, contributions to sacred music and, dedicated service to the music world.

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Sunday Worship at 10:00 am
*Childcare is available in the nursery during
worship for infants through age 5.*

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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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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Crafts Needed for Advent Marketplace

Do you enjoy making things? Do you enjoy making scarves, or dish towels, or soaps or cards or jewelry? Would you like to donate some of those items for a fun fundraiser for FCC? Well, FCC will be having an Advent Market on December 3, and we are looking for nice handmade items to sell. Please contact Pastor Sarah Lynne Gershon (sarahlynn@fccbloomington.org) if you are interested in making items to sell or in helping make this market a big success and a lot of fun. And mark your calendars to get some holiday shopping done at the FCC Advent Market on December 3rd.

Mark Your Calendars for FCC's Blessing of the Animals October 8 at 4:00 pm

Mark your calendars and plan to join us for this year's Blessing of the Animals on October 8 at 4:00 pm. We will gather on FCC's front lawn with our pets (on leashes or in crates as applies) for a special service of blessing for all of our animal friends. If your pet isn't comfortable with traveling or with being around others, you can still participate by bringing a picture of your pet. You can also support the important work of the **Monroe County Humane Association** by bringing donations of dog and cat food for their low-income pet food pantry. **All are welcome so invite your friends and neighbors to join us for this beloved annual event celebrating and blessing animals!**

