

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

*A Welcoming Community of Faith in the Heart of the Twin Cities:
Come to a place where you can explore, be curious and ask questions.*

August 6, 2017

10:30 am



Five Colors of Canaries

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Welcome Visitors, Friends, and Members!

Welcome! ...to a place where you can explore, be curious and ask questions.

May you find comfort, joy, strength and peace as you worship the Loving and Living Lord with us today.

First Christian truly seeks to be a place of welcome to all!

Children are welcome in worship! For those who desire childcare during worship, nursery care is available downstairs for infants through 4 year olds. Older children can be at the activity table by the clear windows with Deb and Anna.

Audio Receivers are available from an usher for the hearing impaired.

Songbooks: Words to the songs are printed in this bulletin. If you'd like to have words and music, songbooks can be found on the bookrack by the sanctuary entrance.

Communion: As members of The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) we practice open communion. All believers are invited to partake. The emblems will be passed through the rows by the deacons. Please partake of the gluten free bread and grape juice as it is passed.

Our denomination: The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), often referred to as The Disciples, is a denomination known for an Open Theology and an Open Table. To find out more about our heritage, check out the DOC page: www.disciples.org.

Want to know more about First Christian? Go to www.fccmpls.org and check out our ministries. To find out more about our LGBT ministry, click on Reaching Out.

Missed a service? Listen to the sermon: <http://www.fccminneapolis.org/home/sermon-archive/>
Live stream in case you can't be here! https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPVqQ57szyEh8JCtF_8lhiw/live

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Like us on Facebook: First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)-Minneapolis. Follow various activities and events. You'll also find links to the newsletter and podcasts.

Deadline for next issue of *The Courier* newsletter: Sunday, August 6, 2017

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+Please stand as you are able in body & spirit.

The Community Gathers

Please add your prayers to the Prayer Wall in the back of the sanctuary. If you have a Joy, Concern, or Prayer Request to share, please write it on one of the white slips found on the table by the prayer wall and give it to Pastor Dan before our prayer time.

Gathering Music

Patty McPherson

Welcome, Announcements & Greeting each other

Jim Lee

Prelude

Patty McPherson

+Call to Worship (in unison)

Jim Lee

Precious and Loving God: So often the prophets have asked us to remember and care for our prisoners. So often the prophets have implored us to set our prisoners free. Mindful of their timeless message, we gather today to remember all those we have placed behind bars or who are affected by our prison system. We remember especially those recently released from prison and re-entering society, often with more hurdles before them than support behind them. We pray that they may make their way with grace and dignity. As we worship you this day, bless us as we struggle with questions of justice, seeking your answers; and open our ears once again to heed your call to build a more just society, a more beloved community. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

+Song of Praise

God Is Here

Chalice Hymnal #280

God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.

Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace;
here are table, fount, and pulpit; here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech,
here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.

Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.

Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt,
keep us faithful to the Gospel; help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive;
we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!

+Invocation

Jim Lee

+A Version of the Lord’s Prayer (Please pray the version in your heart)

Our Creator, who is in heaven, holy is your name.
Your kingdom come, your 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 yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

+Musical Response

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

CH #261

There’s a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, and I know that it’s the Spirit of the Lord;
there are sweet expressions on each face, and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us filling us with your love;
and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise; without a doubt we’ll know
that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.

Hearing and Reflecting on God’s Word

Community Joys & Concerns

Dan Adolphson

Song of Response

Spirit Song (v. 1)

CH #352

O let the Son of God enfold you with his Spirit and his love.
Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.
O let him have the things that hold you, and his Spirit like a dove
Will descend upon your life and make you whole.
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs. Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.
Prayers of the People

Children’s Moment

Deb Murphy

Special Music

‘Til No One Is Free

The Steel Wheels

Hot Tomato Jam

Scripture

Jim Lee

Ephesians 6: 10-20 (The Message Bible) And that about wraps it up. God is strong, and he wants you strong. So take everything the Master has set out for you, well-made weapons of the best materials. And put them to use so you will be able to stand up to everything the Devil throws your way. This is no afternoon athletic contest that we'll walk away from and forget about in a couple of hours. This is for keeps, a life-or-death fight to the finish against the Devil and all his angels. Be prepared. You're up against far more than you can handle on your own. Take all the help you can get, every weapon God has issued, so that when it's all over but the shouting you'll still be on your feet.

Truth, righteousness, peace, faith, and salvation are more than words. Learn how to apply them. You'll need them throughout your life. God's Word is an indispensable weapon. In the same way, prayer is essential in this ongoing warfare. Pray hard and long. Pray for your brothers and sisters. Keep your eyes open. Keep each other's spirits up so that no one falls behind or drops out. And don't forget to pray for me. Pray that I'll know what to say and have the courage to say it at the right time, telling the mystery to one and all, the Message that I, jailbird preacher that I am, am responsible for getting out.

Matthew 10:28-31 The Message (MSG) “Don’t be bluffed into silence by the threats of bullies. There’s nothing they can do to your soul, your core being. Save your fear for God, who holds your entire life—body and soul—in his hands. “What’s the price of a pet canary? Some loose change, right? And God cares what happens to it even more than you do. He pays even greater attention to you, down to the last detail—even numbering the hairs on your head! So don’t be intimidated by all this bully talk. You’re worth more than a million canaries.

Sermon

“That’s What I Know”

Lynda Lee

Responding to the Word

+Song of Commitment

Lord Whose Love Through Humble Service

CH #461

Lord, whose love through humble service bore the weight of human need,
Who upon the cross, forsaken, offered mercy’s perfect deed:
We, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart,
Consecrating to your purpose every gift that you impart.

Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread;
Still the captives long for freedom, still in grief we mourn our dead.
As, O Lord, your deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul,
Use the love your Spirit kindles still to save and make us whole.

As we worship, grant us vision, till your love’s revealing light
In its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight,
Making know the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear,
Stirring us to tireless striving your abundant life to share.

Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go
To the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show;
Hope and health, good will comfort, counsel, aid, and peace we give,
That your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know, and live.

Celebration of Gifts

Martha Harris

Offering Invitation

Collection of Offering

Special Music: *Tomorrow Will Be Kinder* by The Secret Sisters

Hot Tomato Jam

+Doxology: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below. Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts: Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen

+Prayer of Dedication

The Lord's Supper

Kirsten Cackoski

Invitation to Communion

Sharing the Peace of Christ

*(When invited to do so, please share Christ's peace with **one or two** near you.*

"The peace of Christ be with you". Response: "And also with you.")

Song of Communion

We Place Upon Your Table Lord

CH #417

We place upon your table, Lord, the food of life, the bread and wine,
as symbols of our daily work, according to your grand design.

Within these simple things there lie the height and depth of human life:
our pain and tears, our thoughts and toils, our hopes and fears, our joy and strife.

Accept them, Lord, they come from you; we take them humbly from your hand.
These gifts of yours for higher use we offer up as you command.

Prayer for Communion and Words of Institution

Partaking of the Lord's Supper: **All are truly welcome to partake.**

Please partake of the gluten free bread and the grape juice as they are passed to you.

Music for Meditation

Closing Words

Dan Adolphson

+Benediction

Lynda Lee

+Song of Blessing

We Call Ourselves Disciples (v. 4)

CH #357

We join with all disciples to live the Word in deed,
To share the cup of water and bread with all in need;
To work till God's compassion and righteousness prevail,
Till all this planet's people know justice without fail.

Postlude

Patty McPherson

*Thank you for worshipping with us this morning!
Please join us in the Gathering Space just outside the sanctuary
for fellowship and refreshment.*

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Thank you to Patty McPherson for playing for us this morning. **Thanks** also to Rev. Lynda Lee for her message **and** to Hot Tomato Jam for their special music.

About Hot Tomato Jam: Linda Lee is a musician and a potter. She also works at Thomson Reuters in the Print Department. Jennifer Green Gardner is the Enrichment Program Coordinator at District 191 (Burnsville/ Eagan/Savage) Community Education. Lynda Lee is an ordained minister with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and currently serves as Chaplain for the State of MN Department of Corrections. Raised on parlor music and Lutheran choirs with family and friends, all three learned early on that music builds community and helps keep their hearts in tune. Together they call themselves Hot Tomato Jam.

Outreach Opportunities

Bags of Grace – Our stock has again been replenished! Please take a few to keep in your car to give to those asking for help on street corners.

Announcements & Things of Interest

Lectionary Bible Study, Wednesdays, 8:30 am: This group is taking a break for the month of August.

Saturday morning Men's Study Group: This was inadvertently left off of the calendar in our *Courier* newsletter. They continue to meet at 9 am on Saturday mornings.

Celebrate the Life of Susie Smith: Sunday, August 13, 2017 from 3:00pm-7:00pm; The Van Dusen Mansion located at 1900 Lasalle Avenue, Mpls, MN 55403. Please join family and friends in celebrating the life of Susan Barenholtz Smith during an open house style event. *We will share stories, photos, laughter, tears — and our mutual love for Susie. Complimentary valet parking, light appetizers and drinks will be available. Hosted parking also available in the "Minnesota Church Center" lot behind the mansion — enter between W. Franklin and Groveland Avenue.*

RSVP via email or phone by Wednesday, August 2nd.

Email: jbsmith813@mac.com

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August 2017

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Sunday, August 6

9:30 am – Art of the Covenant Children’s Time in Squiggle Space

9:30 am – Adult Ed in the Gathering Space

10:30 am –Worship in the South Sanctuary
guest preacher, Lynda Lee

11:30 am – Fellowship Time in the Gathering Space

Noon – Child Ministries Team Meeting

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Monday, August 7

Nicaragua trip participants return

7 pm – SHMC Covenant Task Group

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Wednesday, August 9

2 pm – Mission & Outreach meeting

Thursday, August 10

9 am – Knitting group at Mary Lou Norman’s. Contact Mary Lou if you’d like to join the knitters. The office has her contact information.

7 pm – SHMC Finance Committee

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Saturday, August 12

9 am – Men’s Bible Study

9 am – SpringHouse Huddle

9:30 am – Downtown Coalition for Grief Support in the Garden level

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Live-streaming: We now live-stream our worship services over the internet. If you do not wish to be photographed or to have your children photographed, please talk to Pastor Laurie, Pastor Dan or Deb Murphy before the service. Parents, we have a photo permission form for you to fill out whether you do or do not want your child in the live stream.