

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.*

October 8, 2017

10:30 am



Samuel called by God by Marc Chagall, 1958

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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 towards the front on the right 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

Interested in receiving our newsletter? Send an e-mail to office@fccmpls.org or call Deb 612-870-1868, ext. 1. We can send it electronically or in the mail or both!

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 is today Sunday, October 8, 2017
for bulletin announcements is Wednesdays at noon

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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 front 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		Mike Vasich
Welcome, Announcements & Greeting each other		Sandy Morgan
Prelude	<i>Sonatina Op. 13 no. 1, mvmt. 1</i>	Kabalevsky

+Call to Worship (a responsive reading) Sandy Morgan

One: What do you do, when God calls?

Center: Wake up. Listen. Act.

One: What do you do when God asks you to do something difficult?

Children: Wake up. Listen. Act.

One: What do you do when God asks you to do something impossible?

ALL: Wake up. Listen. Act. Because, with God, nothing is impossible.

One: Even changing ourselves?

Sides: Even changing the world. Wake up. Listen. Act.

One: And, with all this living,

Many: we worship God.

+Song of Praise	<i>Praise to the Lord, the Almighty</i>	Chalice Hymnal #25
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Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, who rules all creation.

O my soul, worship the wellspring of health and salvation.

All you who hear, now to God's temple draw near.

Join me in in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigns,
who, as on wings of an eagle uplifted, sustains.

Have you not seen?

All that is needful has been granted in what God ordains?

Praise to the Lord, who does prosper your work, and defend you.

Surely God's goodness and mercy here daily attend you.

Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
who with great love does befriend you.

Praise to the Lord, who nourishes your life and restores you,
fitting you well for the tasks that are ever before you.

Then to your need God as a mother does speed,
spreading the wings of grace o'er you.

Praise to the Lord! O let all of God's peoples and races,
all that has life and breath, give thanks for manifold graces.
Let the Amen sound from God's people again.
Gladly for ever sing praises.

+Invocation

Sandy Morgan

+The Lord's Prayer

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

Amen

CH #314

Amen. Amen. Amen

Hearing and Reflecting on God's Word

Community Joys & Concerns

Dan Adolphson

Song of Response

Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

CH #306

Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord;
incline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Stewardship Moment

Children's Moment

Deb Murphy

Anthem

Sent Out Thy Light

K Lee Scott

Harpist: Emily Juno

Scripture

Sandy Morgan

1 Samuel 3:1-20 Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the

word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." Then the Lord said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever." Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the Lord; let him do what seems good to him." As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the Lord.

Sermon

"The Alarms Went Off"

Laurie Feille

Responding to the Word

+Hymn of Invitation

In Loving Partnership

CH #497

In loving partnership we come seeking, O God, your will to do.
Our prayers and actions now receive, we freely offer them to you.

We are the hands and feet of Christ serving, by grace, each other's need.
We dare to risk and sacrifice with truthful word and faithful deed.

Loving community we seek; your hope and strength within us move.
The poor and rich, the strong and weak are brought together in you love.

In loving partnership, O God, help us your future to proclaim.
Justice and peace be our desire we humbly pray in Jesus' name.

Celebration of Gifts

Ann Wolverton

Offering Invitation

Collection of Offering

Special Music Tanner Vanderkrabben, bass section leader
+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

Lu Griffin

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

Let Us Break Bread Together

CH #425

Let us break bread together on our knees; (on our knees)

let us break bread together on our knees. (on our knees)

[Refrain] When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,

O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)

Let us drink wine together on our knees; (on our knees)

let us drink wine together on our knees. (on our knees) *[Refrain]*

Let us praise God together on our knees; (on our knees)

let us praise God together on our knees. (on our knees) *[Refrain]*

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.

Music for Meditation: *Sonatina Op. 13 no. 1, mvmt. 2* by Kabalevsky

Closing Words

Laurie Feille

+Benediction

Dan Adolphson

+Song of Blessing

Lord You Give the Great Commission (v. 1)

CH #459

Lord, you give the great commission: "Heal the sick and preach the word."

Lest the church neglect its mission and the gospel go unheard,

help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity:

With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Postlude

Sonatina Op. 13 no. 1, mvmt. 3

Kabalevsky

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

Thank you to our guest musician, harpist Emily Juno.

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About the cover: As I was searching for something for the cover, I knew this was a Chagall painting about Samuel's call before finding any information about it. What do you see in the painting that would have provided the information needed? djm

Outreach Opportunities

Mission & Outreach Ministry Meeting: Our Mission & Outreach Team will be meeting on Wednesday, October 11, at 2 pm. If you have a passion for mission & outreach, please come to the meeting. If that time doesn't work for you but you want to help, please talk to any member of the team: Kirsten Cackoski, Pat Dunlop, Karen Kandik or Pastor Laurie. Feel free to contact them to ask any questions you might have.

Hygiene & Cleaning Kits for Church World Service: There is a great need created by the hurricanes, earthquakes, and floods for Hygiene Kits and Cleaning Kit Buckets. We send them to Church World Service for distribution. If you would like to contribute items, check-in with the Mission & Outreach Team – Kirsten Cackoski, Pat Dunlop, Karen Kandik or Pastor Laurie. Monetary donations are also accepted and needed. Make the check out to First Christian and put *Supplies for Kits* in the memo. We will put more kits together during worship on Stewardship Sunday, November 5th.

Give to Week of Compassion: Week of Compassion is the relief, refugee and development mission fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada. They seek to equip and empower disciples to alleviate the suffering of others through disaster response, humanitarian aid, sustainable development and the promotion of mission opportunities. Make the check out to First Christian and put *WOC* in the memo line. For more information, go to www.weekofcompassion.org. 100% of our donations go to relief.

Announcements & Things of Interest

BREWS AND VIEWS: Our next Brews and Views will be Monday, October 23, 6:30 p.m. at Wicked Wort Brewing, [4165 Broadway Avenue](#) in Robbinsdale. Questions? Talk to Pastor Laurie or Pastor Dan. Come join us!

Choral Singers! In observance of TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE in this, the deadliest year for transgender people on record, St. Luke Presbyterian Church in Minnetonka is presenting the powerful Requiem by John Rutter for choir, soprano solo, and small orchestra. We are extending an invitation to any choral singers who would like to be a part of this moving, multi-sensory experience. To participate, you must commit to the following schedule:
Mondays, October 23 & 30 – 7:00-9:00 PM
Mondays, November 6 & 13 – 7:00-9:00 PM
Saturday, November 18 – 10:00 AM-12:00 PM
Sunday, November 19 – 9:00 AM warm-ups, 10:30 service

Please RSVP by October 13 by emailing DAVID LOHMAN, conductor, at david@stluke.mn.

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Sunday, October 8

10:30 am – Worship in the North Sanctuary
11:30 am – Fellowship Time in the Gathering Space
Noon – Child Ministry Team Meeting

Monday, October 9

7 pm – Preaching Response Group in Timothy

Wednesday, October 11

8:30 am – Narrative Lectionary Bible Study at Walker Residence
2 pm – Mission & Outreach
5:30 pm – Finance meeting in Esther
6:30 pm – Bell Choir Rehearsal in Lydia
7:45 pm – Choir rehearsal in North Sanctuary

Thursday, October 12

9 am – Ecumenical Women’s Fellowship
7 pm – Pastor Laurie’s Pastoral Relations Committee

Saturday, October 14

9 am – Men’s Bible Study
9 am – SpringHouse Huddle

Sunday, October 15

9:15 am – Children’s Sunday School in the Squiggle Space
9:30 am – Adult Ed in the Gathering Space
10:30 am – Worship in the North Sanctuary
11:30 am – Fellowship Time in the Gathering Space
Noon – SHMC Activistas
1 pm – Youth Director Interviews

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.