

# 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.*

**November 12, 2017**

**10:30 am**



*Jesus Walks on Water*

Sadao Watanabe

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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](http://www.disciples.org).

**Want to know more about First Christian?** Go to [www.fccmpls.org](http://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](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPVqQ57szyEh8JCtF_8lhiw/live)

**Interested in receiving our newsletter?** Send an e-mail to [office@fccmpls.org](mailto: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 Sunday, November 26, 2017

Wednesdays at noon for bulletin announcements

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

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## The Community Gathers

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*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 Laurie before our prayer time.*

### Gathering Music

Mike Vasich

### Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting each other

Sarah Lauer

### Prelude

*It's a Raggy Waltz*

Dave Brubeck

### +Call to Worship (a responsive reading)

Sarah Lauer

One: Here, in this place, God welcomes all the dreamers, as well as the doubters:

**Many: here, the worriers and wanderers can call on God by name.**

One: Here, in this time, we can remember all the ways God has graced us:

**Many: here, in these moments, we are reminded that God is with us, always!**

One: Here are gathered those daring enough to step out of comfort into the unknown:

**Many: here, in this faith space, we will find the courage to cry out, 'God, save us!' in every situation.**

One: Let us worship God!

### +Song of Praise

*From All That Dwell Below the Skies*

Chalice Hymnal #49

From all that dwell below the skies, let the Creator's praise arise:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let the Redeemer's name be sung through every land, in every tongue.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

### +Invocation

Sarah Lauer

### +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 #317

Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.

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## Hearing and Reflecting on God's Word

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### Community Joys & Concerns

Laurie Feille

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

### Children's Moment

Dan Adolphson

### Anthem

*You Are the Salt of the Earth*

Richard Avery and Donald Marsh

### Scripture

Sarah Lauer

Matthew 14:22-33 Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

### Sermon

"Boat Builders or Jesus' Followers?"

Christian Piatt

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## Responding to the Word

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### +Hymn of Invitation

*Wade in the Water*

CH #371

[Refrain] Wade in the water, (children,) wade in the water, children,  
children, wade in the water, God's a-going to trouble the water.

See that host all dressed in white, God's a-going to trouble the water;  
the leader looks like the Israelite, God's a-going to trouble the water. [Refrain]

See that band all dressed in red, God's a-going to trouble the water;  
looks like the band that Moses led, God's a-going to trouble the water. [Refrain]

Look over yonder, what do I see? God's a gonna trouble the water;  
Holy Ghost a-coming on me, God's a-going to trouble the water. [Refrain]

If you don't believe I've been redeemed, God's a-going to trouble the water;  
just follow me down to Jordan's stream, God's a-going to trouble the water. [Refrain]

## Celebration of Gifts

Steve Rusinak

Offering Invitation

Collection of Offering

Special Music: *Feels Like Home* by Randy Newman

Adam Conrad

+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

Ann Wolverton

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

*Come, Share the Lord*

CH #408

We gather here in Jesus' name, his love is burning in our hearts like living flame;  
For through the loving Son the Father makes us one:  
Come, take the bread, come, drink the wine, come, share the Lord.

No one is a stranger here, everyone belongs;  
Finding our forgiveness here, we in turn forgive all wrongs.

He joins us here, he breaks the bread, the Lord who pours the cup  
Is risen from the dead; the one we love the most is now our gracious host:  
Come, take the bread, come, drink the wine, come, share the Lord.

We are now a family of which the Lord is head;  
Though unseen he meets us here in the breaking of the bread.

We'll gather soon where angels sing; we'll see the glory  
of our Lord and coming King; now we anticipate the feast for which we wait:  
Come, take the bread, come, drink the wine, come, share the Lord.

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:

*In Your Own Sweet Way*

Dave Brubeck

**Closing Words**

Dan Adolphson

**+Benediction**

Deb Murphy

**+Song of Blessing**

*Why Stand So Far Away, My God?* (vs. 4, 5)

CH #671

In ages past you hear the voice of those the proud oppress.

Remember those who suffer now, who cry in deep distress.

Arise, O God, and lift your hand; bring justice to the poor.

Come, help us stop the flow of blood! Let terror reign no more!

**Postlude**

*The Duke*

Dave Brubeck

*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 Christian Piatt for being with us this weekend - at our Voices conference yesterday, in adult ed this morning, and during our worship service!

**About the cover:** Sadao Watanabe (1913-1996) is a Japanese Christian printmaker who used the traditional mingei (folk art) process. Watanabe's prints are exclusively scenes from the Gospel, using a Japanese context. The minei tradition uses natural materials – paper made from the mulberry and organic and mineral pigments. A medium of soy bean milk is mixed with the pigments to bind the colors to the paper.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sadao\\_Watanabe\\_\(artist\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sadao_Watanabe_(artist))

## Outreach Opportunities

**Sheridan Story:** Every other Friday morning, 1 or 2 people from First Christian go to the Whittier School – just 3 blocks from here – to put pre-packed food into children’s backpacks in their lockers so that they will have food over the weekend. The sign-up clip board is kept in the office on the counter.

**Don’t forget to take a few Bags of Grace:** You can find these by the doors of the North Sanctuary that are on the same side of the room as the kids’ table. Keep them in your car to give to the homeless that are on street corners.

## Announcements & Things of Interest

Sunday, November 12: **Today**, the *SpringHouse Sanctuary Task Force* is hosting a **fundraising lunch and a resource fair** after worship. Questions about the Task Force? Kathy Hintz and Wendy Manuel are our representatives to the Task Force. They’d be happy to speak with you.

Monday, November 13: Carter Circle will be meeting tomorrow, Monday evening, at 7 pm at Sandy Morgan’s. This is a change from the original schedule.

Sunday, November 19: Join us after worship next Sunday, November 19, for a **Thanksgiving dinner**. Turkey, potatoes and gravy will be provided. *Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.*

Thursday, November 23: **Interfaith Thanksgiving Service**, 10 am, at the Basilica.  
**Happy Thanksgiving!**

Tuesday, November 28: **Board Meeting**, 7 pm in Lydia meeting room

Saturday, December 2: The Umpteenth Annual **Advent Brunch** will be at 10 am. The program will be provided by Lynda Lee: "The Lynda Situation (subset of Hot Tomato Jam) Cooking Up Christmas" – stories, poems, recipes and music. Invitations will be sent out shortly. Remember to RSVP to the office with your attendance, dietary needs, and/or child care needs.

## November 2017

### **Sunday, November 12**

10:30 am – Worship in the North Sanctuary

11:30 am – Fundraising Lunch & Resource Fair sponsored by the SH Sanctuary  
Task Force

### **Monday, November 13**

6 pm – Yoga in North Sanctuary

7 pm – Carter Circle at Sandy Morgan's

### **Tuesday, November 14**

8:30 am – Narrative Lectionary Bible Study at Walker Residence

### **Wednesday, November 15**

2 pm – Mission & Outreach committee

3 pm – DCEH Personnel Committee

5:30 pm – FCC Finance Mtg

6:30 pm – Bell Choir Rehearsal in Lydia

7:45 pm – Choir rehearsal in North Sanctuary

### **Thursday, November 16**

9 am – Ecumenical Women's Fellowship

5:30 pm – Pastors & Youth Director meeting

### **Saturday, November 18**

9 am – Men's Bible Study

### **Sunday, November 19**

9:15 am – Children's Sunday School & Adult Ed in the Squiggle Space

*Service projects*

10:30 am – Worship in the North Sanctuary

11:45 am – Thanksgiving Dinner Potluck

*Please bring side or dessert to share*

**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.

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