

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.*

January 14, 2018 10:30 am



The Wedding at Cana Part of the Keur Moussa Abbey
Altar Mural by Father Georges Saget, 1963, Senegal

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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 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 January 21, 2018
Wednesdays at noon for bulletin announcements

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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 Laurie before our prayer time.

Gathering Music

Mike Vasich

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting each other

Barb Creighton

Prelude

An Expression of Joy
Handbells

John A. Behnke

+Call to Worship (a responsive reading)

Barb Creighton

One: We come this day, Precious God, as people in need of your steadfast love:

Many: with you is the fountain of life; in your Light we see light.

One: We gather this day, Water-changing God, as people looking for signs:

Many: with you is the fountain of life; in your Light we see light.

One: We worship this day, Gifting God, as people who confess Jesus as our Lord:

All: with you is the fountain of life; in your Light we see light.

+Song of Praise

Woke Up This Morning

Chalice Hymnal #623

Oh, I woke up this morning with my mind (and it was) stayed on Jesus.

Woke up this morning with my mind (and it was) stayed on Jesus,

woke up this morning with my mind (and it was) stayed on Jesus

Hallelu (Hallelu) Hallelu (Hallelu) Hallelujah.

Can't hate your neighbor in your mind (if you keep it) stayed on Jesus.

Can't hate your neighbor in your mind (if you keep it) stayed on Jesus,

can't hate your neighbor in your mind (if you keep it) stayed on Jesus,

Hallelu (Hallelu) Hallelu (Hallelu) Hallelujah.

Makes you love ev'rybody with your mind (when you keep it) stayed on Jesus.

Love ev'rybody with your mind (when you keep it) stayed on Jesus,

Love ev'rybody with your mind (when you keep it) stayed on Jesus,

Hallelu (Hallelu) Hallelu (Hallelu) Hallelujah.

+Invocation

Barb Creighton

+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

We've Come This Far by Faith

CH #533

We've come this far by faith, leaning on the Lord;
Trusting in his holy word, he's never failed me yet.
O can't turn around, we've come this far by faith.

Hearing and Reflecting on God's Word

Community Joys & Concerns

Laurie Feille

Song of Response

Help Me to Know What I Can Do

Adam Conrad

Musical notation for the song "Help Me to Know What I Can Do". The notation is written on a single staff in treble clef. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. Chords are indicated above the staff: C, Dm, C/E, F, Em, Dm, C, Dm, C/E, F, Em, Dm, C, E7, Bm7(b5)/F. The lyrics are: "Help me not look a - way. Help me not fear what's true. Help me to know what I can do. What can I do?"

Prayers of the People

Children's Moment

Laurie Feille

Anthem

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Allen & Merman, arr. Ringwald

Scripture

Barb Creighton

John 2:1-11: On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing

there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Sermon

"A Breach of Protocol"

Dan Adolphson

Responding to the Word

+Hymn of Invitation

Lift Every Voice and Sing

CH #631

Lift every voice and sing till earth and heaven ring, ring with the harmonies of liberty;
let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies; let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
facing the rising sun of our new day begun, let us march on, till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod, felt in the days when hope unborn
had died;
yet, with a steady beat, have not our weary feet come to the place for which our
parents sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears have been watered;
we have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,
out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last where the white gleam of our bright
star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, thou who hast brought us thus far on
the way;
thou who hast by thy might led us into the light; keep us for ever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;
lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee;
shadowed beneath thy hand may we for ever stand, true to our God, true to our native
land.

Celebration of Gifts

Ann Wolverton

Offering Invitation

Collection of Offering

Special Music:

Eternal God

Bill Ingram

Handbells

+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:

God Has Smiled On Me

Isaiah Jones

Closing Words

Dan Adolphson

+Benediction

Deb Murphy

+Song of Blessing

We Shall Overcome (vs. 1, 4, 6)

CH #630

We shall overcome, we shall overcome, we shall overcome someday!

Oh, deep in my heart I do believe we shall over come someday!

We are not afraid (today)...

We shall live in peace...

*Thank you for worshipping with us this morning! Please join us
in the Gathering Space upstairs for fellowship and refreshment*

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About the cover: This scene is one of twenty in a mural above the altar of the Keur Moussa Abbey in Keur Moussa, Senegal. It was painted by Father Georges Saget in 1963. The scenes are not labeled, so what about it tells us it is the wedding at Cana? What about the painting tells us who these people are?

[For more information and to view more of the altar scenes, go to
<http://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=56077>]

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 during the week.

Announcements & Things of Interest

Annual Congregational Meeting: First Christian’s annual congregational meeting will be after worship on Laity Sunday, January 21st. The business to be brought in front of the congregation is the 2018 budget, trustees, elders and deacons. Nominees are posted.

SpringHouse Ministry Center Annual Meeting Sunday: There will be a joint worship service on Sunday, January 28th. The SpringHouse Annual Meeting will be held immediately after worship. When that has finished, there will be lunch (stay tuned for more details on that as well).

Adult Faith Formation: Join us for Adult Faith Formation at 9:30 am in the Gathering Space. Pastor Ashley, who is helping us examine various spiritual practices, is leading the current study. The last session is next week.

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Sunday, January 14, 2018

MLK Sunday

10:30 am – Worship in the Garden Sanctuary

11:30 am – Fellowship in the Gathering Space

Monday, January 15, 2018

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

6 pm – Yoga in the North Sanctuary

6:45 pm – SHMC Building Cmte in Timothy

Tuesday, January 16

8 am – Narrative Lectionary SpringHouse Study Group in Timothy at SpringHouse

6 pm – Worship Meeting in Timothy

7 pm – FCC Board Meeting in Lydia

Wednesday, January 17

6:30 pm – Handbells in Lydia

7:45 pm – Choir in the Garden Sanctuary

Thursday, January 18

9 am – Ecumenical Women’s Ministry in Timothy

Saturday, January 20

9 am – Men’s Study Group in Esther

Sunday, January 21, 2018

Laitiy Sunday

9:15 am - Children’s Sunday School

9:30 am – Adult Ed in the Gathering Space

10:30 am – Worship in the Garden Sanctuary

Following Worship: Annual Congregational Meeting in the Garden Sanctuary

11:30 am – Fellowship in the Gathering Space

Noon – Newsletter deadline: info to Martha Harris

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.