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.  

Sunday, March 15, 2020  

The Tribute Money  
James Jacques Tissot  

The Third Sunday in Lent  
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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 at the side towards the front 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.  
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.  
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.  
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/UCPVqQ57szyEh8JClF_8h5iw/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 Sunday, March 22, 2020 – to Martha Harris  
Wednesdays at noon for bulletin announcements – to Deb Murphy

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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 sound system and put it in the basket before prayer time.

**Gathering Music**
- Matt Blair
- Anna Bliss
- A. Conrad

**Crossing the Threshold**

*Enter, Enter the Story*  
Congregation sings when invited to do so

> Enter, Enter the passion. Enter the place we belong, not just looking on for this is *our* passion, enter the passion.  
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> Enter the story...Enter the passion...Enter his passion.

*Unison Prayer*  
Anna Bliss

We come here to encounter the teachings of Jesus. Many wanted to destroy Him for these teachings, and sometimes we too find that his words challenge us, calling us to more than we think we can be or do. Forgive us, O God. Let us be shaped into a new people, made in the mold of justice, not the stamp of Caesar’s coin. You entered our story through Jesus, now help us to enter fully into the story of your kin-dom on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

**Assurance of God’s Love**

**Hymn of Praise**  
*God Speak to Me That I May Speak* (v. 1, 2, 3)

God, speak to me, that I may speak in living echoes of your tone;  
As you have sought, so let me seek your erring children lost and lone.

O lead me, God, that I may lead some wanderers along life’s way;  
O feed me so that I may feed your hungry ones without delay.

O fill me with your fullness, God, your overflowing love to know;  
In glowing word and face I see, your rest, your joy, your glory share.

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

Song of Response  

*Humble Me* (insert)  

Prayers of the People

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.

Children’s Moment  

*The Teaching: Risking Challenge*  

To be sung while the children come forward:  

*I Love to tell the Story* (v. 1)  

CH #480

I love to tell the story of unseen things above, of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love. I love to tell the story because I know 'tis true; it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

[Refrain] I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory, to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

Please sing only the refrain as the children return to their seats.

Anthem  

*Teach Me Your Way, O Lord*  

Lloyd Larson

Dwelling in the Story  

“The Teaching”  

First Christian Players

Musical Response  

*Enter, Enter the Story*  

[Congregation sings when invited to do so]

Enter, Enter the passion. Enter the place we belong, not just looking on for this is our passion, enter the passion. Enter the story...Enter the passion...Enter his passion.

Sermon  

“The Teaching: Risking Challenge:”  

Laurie Feille

Zooming In

+Hymn of Invitation  

*God, We Bear the Imprint of Your Face* (vs. 1, 3)  

CH #681

O God, we bear the imprint of your face: the colors of our skin are your design, and what we have of beauty in our race as man or woman, you alone define, who stretched a living fabric on our frame and gave to each a language and a name.
O God, we share the image of your Son whose flesh and blood are ours, whatever skin, in his humanity we find our own, and in his family our proper kin: Christ is the brother we still crucify, his love the language we must learn, or die.

Celebration of Gifts of Self, Tithes, and Offerings

Arlene Hillestad

Offering Invitation

Collection of Offering [Electronic giving is available through the Givelify app.]

Special Music:  
Ah, Holy Jesus”  
J Cruger, arr. R. Walters

Deanna Davis, soprano section leader

+Doxology:  
Accept, O God, the Gifts We Bring  
CH #379

Accept, O God, the gifts we bring of spirit and of clay,
Transform them into blessings on those we serve today.
Rekindle deep within us all a passion to fulfill
The ministry disciples have, empower’d to do your will.

The Lord’s Supper

Steve Rusinak

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  
Loving Lord, As Now We Gather (v. 2)  
CH #427

Holy Lord, as here you give us bread and wine, as means of grace,
grant to every true believer now to meet you face to face,
and to own, in silent wonder, Lord, how holy is this place.

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 grape juice as they are passed to you.

Music for Meditation:  
Matt Blair

Closing Words

Dan Adolphson

+Benediction

Laurie Feille

+Song of Blessing  
Wellspring of Wisdom (v. 1)  
CH #596

Wellspring of Wisdom, hear our cry. The way ahead is parched and dry.
We seek a source to satisfy our thirst for sanctifying waters,
Wisdom for your faith-filled sons and daughters.

Postlude

Matt Blair
Thank you for worshipping with us this morning. Please join us for refreshments upstairs in the Gathering Space.

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Thank you to Matt Blair for being our pianist today. We are grateful he’s available to sub for Mike.

About the cover art: The Tribute Money by James Jacques Tissot. In 1885, Tissot had a revival of his Catholic faith, which led him to spend the rest of his life making paintings about Biblical events. At a time when French artists were working in impressionism, pointillism, and heavy oil washes, Tissot was moving toward realism in his watercolors. To assist in his completion of biblical illustrations, Tissot traveled to the Middle East in 1886, 1889, and 1896 to make studies of the landscape and people. His series of 365 gouache (opaque watercolor) illustrations showing the life of Christ were shown to critical acclaim and enthusiastic audiences in Paris (1894–5), London (1896) and New York (1898–9), before being bought by the Brooklyn Museum in 1900. They were published in a French edition in 1896–7 and in an English one in 1897–8, bringing Tissot vast wealth and fame. During July 1894, Tissot was awarded the Légion d’honneur, France’s most prestigious medal. Tissot spent the last years of his life working on paintings of subjects from the Old Testament. Although he never completed the series, he exhibited 80 of these paintings in Paris in 1901 and engravings after them were published in 1904.

Outreach

White Barrel Collections: During the month of March, we are accepting donations of non-perishable food items for Groveland Food Shelf. Please add only food donations to the White Barrel at this time. Monetary donations in the offering plate are always welcome. Use the Givelify app or make a check out to First Christian with Groveland written in the memo.

Paraguay Servant Trip: There will be a fund-raising lunch for the Paraguay trip on Sunday, March 22nd. It will be a baked potato bar. Plan to stay after worship, enjoy a good meal & good company, and help the servant trip team!
Announcements & Things of Interest

**Cause for celebration!** Wendy Manuel passed her interview to become a certified chaplain! Congratulations Wendy!

**Lenten Journey Into the Community:** We will be attending Westminster Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, March 18. There are 2 different services – the first one is at noon, the second one is a Taize service at 6 pm. Come to one or both. The next one will be March 25 at Central Lutheran Church, Noon or 7 pm.

**Adult Ed in Lent:** In the video series *Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week*, author, professor, and biblical scholar Dr. Amy-Jill Levine delves into the history and literature surrounding the last days of Jesus' life. Levine sets the narrative in historical context and analyzes the risks and motives of the story's characters. Co-led by Pastor Dan and Pastor Rhonda, 9:30 AM in the Gathering Space.

**Dementia-friendly Worship:** People with memory care needs and their care partners are invited to a new worship service at Hazel Park UCC (1831 Minnehaha Ave E, St Paul, MN 55119): **Mondays March 23, April 20, and May 18 at 10am.** These short services will feature favorite hymns, active participation, and joy-filled interaction led by Claire Klein, a Board-Certified Music Therapist and recent seminary graduate. Volunteers will be ready to welcome you and help you feel at home. Contact Claire Klein (612-250-6700 or dementiafriendlyworship@gmail.com) for more information or with any questions or concerns. We are looking forward to worshipping with you!

**Family Fun Day!** Plans have been made for a Family Fun Day on Saturday, March 28 at Seaquest in the Rosedale mall starting at 10 am. Of course, as with everything else currently, we will be watching the health updates. If you’d like to go, please sign up on the sheet towards the back of the sanctuary. We will keep you informed of final plans, so please sign up so we know who to specifically to notify.
March 2020

**Sunday, March 15**

*Third Sunday in Lent*
10:30 am – Worship in the Garden Sanctuary
11:45 am – Fellowship in the Gathering Space

**Tuesday, March 17**

8:15 am – Lectionary Bible Study
6 pm – Worship Team meeting
7 pm – FCC Board

**Wednesday, March 18**

*Noon – Lenten Service at Westminster Presbyterian*
2 pm – Mission & Outreach Meeting
*6 pm – Taize service at Westminster Presbyterian*
6:30 pm - Bells
7:45 pm – Choir in Garden Sanctuary

**Friday, March 20**

6 pm – 6 am: Youth Lock-In & -Out

**Saturday, March 21**

*(lunch prep for Paraguay Servant trip fundraiser)*
9:30 am – Grief Support Group in Garden Level

**Sunday, March 22**

*Fourth Sunday in Lent*
9:15 am – Children’s Sunday School
9:30 pm – Adult Ed in the Gathering Space
   Youth Group meet in Micah
10:30 am – Worship in the Garden Sanctuary
11:45 am – Fellowship in the Gathering Space: Baked Potato Bar fundraising lunch

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.

Note: The full calendar for FCC and SpringHouse is available online at https://calendar.churchart.com/calendar/73956030
To make a room reservation, please send an email to shcoordinator@fccmpls.org.