

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
even if it is on livestream and zoom...*

Sunday, January 10, 2021
"God Is Holding Your Life"



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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!

Child Ministries: a link to the Sunday School video is available on the home page of our website (fccmpls.org). “**Children’s Table**”: coloring pages and other activities for kids to have during worship are also available on the home page of our website.

Communion: As members of The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) we practice weekly open communion. All believers are invited to partake. Use what you have available to join us during communion.

Offering can be mailed to the church office (address below) or you can use the Givelify app to make your gift to First Christian, or use the “Give” button on the FCC website or go to givelify.com.

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? Live stream YouTube channel https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPVq-Q57szyEh8JCtF_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! We can also add you to the eblast list.

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: next issue of *The Courier* newsletter is today, January 10, 2021. Send to Martha Harris. bulletin announcements - **Tuesdays** by 3 pm. Send to Deb Murphy.

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WE GATHER

Gathering Music

Welcome, Announcements & Greeting Each Other (online)

Prelude

Love's in Need of Love Today

Mike Vasich

Elaine Tucker

Stevie Wonder

Threshold Moment

Song

God Holds Your Life (v. 1)

Music Insert

Lift Up our eyes, behold the hills. From where will help and rescue come?

We call the One who made the earth, who bless'd the stars, the moon and sun.

Refrain: God is holding your life, God is holding your life

God is holding your life, we believe. (Repeat)

Prayer

Elaine Tucker

One: Holy and Awesome God, You who created everything in a spectacular show of light and matter. Open us this day to the wonder of your power so that we might know the everlasting strength of your reign on earth as it is in heaven.

Many: We praise you for your mighty works, holding our lives in the fabric of the cosmos. Amen.

Hymn of Praise *When, In Awe of God's Creation (vs. 1-3)* Chalice Hymnal #688

When, in awe of God's creation, we view earth from outer space,
This mysterious, floating marble, strewn with clouds and bathed in grace,
How can we not pause in wonder, seeing earth as one and whole?
As we heal our proud divisions, may earth's healing be our goal.

Blue and tan, with lace clouds swirling, flung in space and circling there,
Habitat for myriad creatures meant for land and sea and air!
Must we draw our lines of hatred marking nation, class, and race?
God, forgive us, we entreat you, for all pride of self and place.

Living now, this is the picture we no longer can deny,
For we see no angry boundaries when our view is from the sky:
Rivers, deserts, forests, snowfields, oceans, lakes, and mountains too,
But no fences built for barring you from me or me from you.

WE PROCLAIM

Joys, Concerns, and Prayers

Dan Adolphson

Community Joys & Concerns

Response

Come and Find the Quiet Center (v. 1)

CH #575

Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead,
Find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed:
Clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes, that we can see
All the things that really matter, be at peace, and simply be.

Prayers of the People

One: Let us pray for the leaders of this world and this church community...

Many: God of Justice, hear our prayer.

One: Let us pray for those who live in conflict around the world...

Many: Prince of Peace, hear our prayer.

One: Let us pray for all who are experiencing loss of any kind in this pandemic...

Many: Comforting Healer, hear our prayer.

One: Let us pray for those who are homeless, hungry and alone...

Many: Emmanuel, God-With-Us, hear our prayer.

One: Let us pray for those who live in comfort, for Christ-like hospitality and generosity...

Many: Transforming Spirit, hear our prayer.

On: Holy and Living One, for those we have named and the ones whose names we do not know,

Many: Hear our prayer.

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.

Response Reprise- *Come and Find the Quiet Center* (v. 1 last half) CH #575

Clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes, that we can see
All the things that really matter, be at peace, and simply be.

Children's Moment

Song *Sing and Rejoice* CH #42

Sing and rejoice, sing and rejoice, let all things living now sing and rejoice.

Alleluia, alleluia, peace and goodwill to all, peace and goodwill!

Children's Moment Deb Murphy

Anthem *There Is a Time* Douglas Wagner

SELAH Moment

Scripture Reading: Psalm 29 (Lukas Psalter Translation) Elaine Tucker

Give glory to ADONAI, you heavenly court, give ADONAI glory and strength!
Give forth the glory that God's Name deserves, and worship ADONAI in the
splendor of holiness! The voice of ADONAI resounds over the waters; the God
of glory thunders over the raging seas. God's voice is powerful, God's voice is
full of majesty. The voice of ADONAI snaps the cedars, shatters the cedars of

Lebanon. It makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox. The voice of ADONAI strikes with bolts of lightning; the voice of YHWH shakes the wilderness, the wilderness of Kadesh. The voice of God twists the oaks, and strips the forests bare; and in God's Temple all cry, "Glory!" ADONAI sits in judgment over the flood; ADONAI is its Ruler forever. Give strength to your people, ADONAI! Bless your people with peace!

Sermon

"Awe and Wonder"

Laurie Feille

Visio Divina

WE RESPOND

+Hymn

Creating God (vs. 1-3)

CH #335

Creating God, your fingers trace the bold designs of farthest space;
Let sun and moon and stars and light and what lies hidden praise your might.

Sustaining God, your hands uphold earth mysteries known or yet untold;
Let water's fragile blend with air, enabling life, proclaim your care.

Redeeming God, your arms embrace all now despised for creed or race;
Let peace, descending like a dove, make known on earth your healing love.

Celebration of Gifts of Self, Tithes, and Offerings

Arlene Hillestad

Offering Invitation

Offering: *Electronic giving is available through the Givelify app or the GIVE button on our website. You may also mail your tithes and offerings to the church office.*

Special Music:

Tanner Vanderkrabben, baritone

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.

Offertory Prayer

The Lord's Supper

Jay Hillestad

Invitation to Communion

Sharing the Peace of Christ: "The peace of Christ be with you." Response:
"And also with you."

When invited to do so, please safely share Christ's peace with those with you. You can also share Christ's Peace with others watching worship by using the chat feature on our livestream, texting, or putting it on Face Book...

Thank you!

Our on-going gratitude to audio/visual wizards Mike Cackoski and Melinda Nickerson, and to our oh-so-talented music department: Music Director Mike Vasich; Caroline Povolny, alto; Deanna Davis, soprano; Jack Russell, tenor; Tanner Vanderkrabben, baritone and bell choir director.

Thanks also to today's Worship Leader Elaine Tucker and Song Leader Tanner VanderKrabben.

Announcements & Other Things of Interest

Children: coloring pages and other activities for kids to have during worship are available on the home page of our website: fccmpls.org. **Sunday School** has started again Sundays at 9:30 am! The Zoom call opens at 9:20 am. The Zoom link is sent out via email. If you are not on our Sunday School email list and would like the link, please let Deb know: deb.murphy@fccmpls.org

Coffee with the Pastors: Join Pastor Laurie & Pastor Dan and several members and friends from near and far for a Zoom gathering at 9 am Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday of this coming week. **Zoom Happy Hour:** We will gather on Tuesday and Thursday for a Zoom Happy Hour at 5 pm. The Zoom links for these gatherings will be sent out in an eblast later today and mid-week. They are also available on our Facebook page and website.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study: There is a SpringHouse Bible study each Tuesday, from 8:15 to 9:30 am. If you'd like to get an email with a Zoom meeting invitation for the next weekly Bible study, send a request to Michael Vanderford at michaelj-vanderford@gmail.com.

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Sunday, January 10

9:30 am - Children's Sunday School (via Zoom)
10:30 am -Worship (livestream)
"Children's Table" activities and today's bulletin can be found on the home page of our website: www.fccmpls.org
2 pm - SHMC Board Zoom meeting
6 pm - Youth Group via Zoom

Monday, January 11

9 am - Coffee with the Pastors via Zoom

Tuesday, January 12

8:15 am - Lectionary Bible Study via Zoom (Contact Michael Vanderford if you are interested: 612-296-9647 or michaeljvanderford@gmail.com)
5 pm - "Happy Hour" with the Pastors via Zoom

Wednesday, January 13

9 am - Coffee with the Pastors via Zoom
6:30 pm - FCC Finance

Thursday, January 14

5 pm - "Happy Hour" with the Pastors via Zoom
6:30 pm – Pastor Laurie's PRC

Friday, January 15

9 am - Coffee with the Pastors via Zoom

Saturday, January 16

9 am - Coffee with the Pastors via Zoom

Sunday, January 17

9:30 am - Children's Zoom Sunday School
10:30 am -Worship (livestream)
"Children's Table" activities and today's bulletin can be found on the home page of our website: www.fccmpls.org
6 pm - Youth Group via Zoom
7 pm - Disciples UMW Zoom discussion: Black Lives Matter

Note: If you are planning a Zoom meeting, please send an email to Deb at shcoordinator@fccmpls.org with the date, time, group and Zoom address so that it can be put into the calendar. The full calendar for FCC and SpringHouse is available on our website or online at <https://calendar.churchart.com/calendar/>