

SEEKING THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Welcome Rev. J. Chris Michael

Bringing of the Light

Bell of Mindfulness
(Please use this time for quiet reflection.)

Prelude Beverly Chelgren, piano
"Jesus Loves Me"
by William Bradbury, arr. Teresa Wilhelmi

*Call to Worship Pam Woodward
One: We long for a living faith,
All: and so we come to worship.
One: We pray that our time together, our time with God,
will help to unclench our fists and soften our hearts;
All: will quiet our voices and open our ears.
One: Revive our faith, O God,
All: that we might serve you with glad and joyful hearts.
AMEN.

*Hymn #53 BUNESSAN
"Morning Has Broken"

*Invocation and Lord's Prayer Pam Woodward
(using "debts" and "debtors")

First Scripture Reading Isaiah 35:1-8 Pam Woodward
One: The Word of God for the people of God
All: Thanks be to God.

Children's Blessing Rev. Michael
*Children ages 3 through 2nd grade are invited forward for a blessing,
then will be escorted to Worship and Wonder
(located at the end of the first floor education wing)*

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Michael

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Message in Music Kirby Chelgren
"Deep River"
Spiritual, arr. by Harry T. Burleigh

Second Scripture James 2:1-10; 14-17 Rev. Michael

Response
One: The Word of God for the people of God
All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Second Thoughts" Rev. Michael

Invitation to Discipleship

*Hymn #586 OPEN MY EYES
"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

Preparation for the Offering Rev. Michael
*Doxology and Presentation of Gifts (Page 46)
*Dedication Prayer

RENEWING THE COVENANT IN THE LORD'S SUPPER

*We are one in Christ, let everyone share in this communion
without regard for denominational affiliation.
You are invited to take the cup and bread after your prayers.*

Invitation to Communion Pam Woodward
Words of Institution
Prayer of Thanksgiving
Communion Music Beverly Chelgren, piano
"Largo" from *Symphony No. 9 in E Minor*
by Antonín Dvořák

GOING IN PEACE TO LOVE AND TO SERVE

*Benediction Rev. Michael
One: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.

*Please stand if you are able.

*Flowers have been placed in the chancel by Ken & Sue Lawson to the
glory of God and in loving memory of their parents.*

Scripture Readings

First Reading- Isaiah 35:1-10

1 The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus 2 it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. 3 Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. 4 Say to those who are of a fearful heart, Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.' 5 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; 6 then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; 7 the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. 8 A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray.

Second Reading- James 2:1-10; 14-17

1 My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? 2 For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, 3 and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, 'Have a seat here, please', while to the one who is poor you say, 'Stand there', or, 'Sit at my feet', 4 have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? 5 Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? 6 But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? 7 Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? 8 You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' 9 But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. 10 For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

14 What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? 15 If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, 16 and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill', and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? 17 So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Serving Schedule

Liturgist and Elder at the Table: Pam Woodward
Elders for the Hospital: Wayne and Gloria Goodaker

Welcome, Visitors! If you are visiting today, we are so pleased that you chose to worship with us. If we can do anything to make you more comfortable during your visit, please feel free to reach out to an usher or our Pastor. Here at First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) we take Communion each Sunday. Anyone who is a follower of Christ is invited to partake. If you are interested in membership or learning more about our church, please speak with Rev. Michael following the service.

Children in Worship

Children are always welcome to participate in Worship. We do offer childcare for infants to 3 year olds while parents attend Worship and Sunday School. As an alternative to Sanctuary Worship, we offer *Worship and Wonder*, an experience designed to give children the opportunity to hear Bible stories and learn the Gospel at their own level. Children ages 3 through 2nd grade are welcome to join us following the "Children's Blessing".



Please scan this QR code using your smart phone to let us know you were here. Using that link, you can mark your attendance, share prayer requests, and link to our website. If you prefer to speak to someone in person, feel free to speak to Rev. Michael following the service.

If you haven't checked out our website and social media pages, we'd love to connect with you in that way.

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Staff

Sr. Minister.....Rev. J. Chris Michael
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This week at First Christian

CR- Conference Room; F-Fellowship Hall; FHL-Fa-Ho-Lo Room; S-Sanctuary

Sunday, September 5

9:00 a.m. Worship Service (S)
 10:10 a.m. Sunday School

Monday, September 6

Labor Day
 Church Office Closed

Tuesday, September 7

1:00 p.m. DWM Day Group (Janet Tichenor's House)

Wednesday, September 8

6:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship (Panera)

Thursday, September 9

Friday, September 10

Church Office Closed

Announcements

Choir Rehearsals- Postponed

Due to the continuing threat of infection and the hesitancy of our singers, we are postponing the start of choir rehearsals until our county is no longer "in the red" and the outlook appears better. We will announce our new start date when possible.

DWM- Disciples Women's Ministries

Each month the DWM sponsors a service project, and this month we are supporting the Heifer Project, which provides beehives and other resources to communities in need. DWM's goal is to sponsor 10 beehives @ \$30.00 per hive (\$300.00). Beehives promote agricultural growth, and the honey etc.. can provide nutrition and a source of income for families in need. Please consider helping us reach our goal. If you would like to help you can make your check payable to DWM and write Heifer Project on the memo line. Want to get involved? Join the Day Group on Tuesday, Sept. 7, at 1:00 at Janet Tichenor's home.

For more info, contact Kaye Farmer: jdkfarmer@gmail.com



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