

First Christian Church



Disciples
of
Christ

462-5615
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9:30 a.m.

6/14/09

GATHERING MUSIC *The River Is Here* and *Father, I Adore You*

GREETINGS & CONCERNS

Kathy Light

PRELUDE

You Are Crowned with Many Crowns

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (*please stand if you are able)

Leader: Please stand if you are able and turn to our call to worship....
Brothers and sisters, let us come together for the worship of God.

Congregation: Lord, we gather to give thanks and to praise the works of your hands. May we become reflections of Your Creative Being by bringing You glory.

Leader: Help us remember that worship is all about You, O God. Help us set aside our burdens and take time to rejoice in Your presence.

Congregation: You assure us of hope and love, light and life. You call us to Yourself. Open our hearts that we may draw close to Your Kingdom.

Leader: O God, Your greatness and love are beyond our comprehension. We come to bow in gratitude. Amen.Now please turn to our opening hymn, number 611, "Rise Up, O Saints of God!"

***HYMN OF PRAISE** (*please stand if you are able)

611

Rise Up, O Saints of God!

***PASTORAL PRAYER**

***UNISON PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give

us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen!

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Rick Appel

(CHILDREN'S WORSHIP)

Children up to and including those in 6th grade are now invited to Fellowship Hall for a devotion and age-appropriate activities.

SERMON TEXT

Joanne & Doug Ross

Mark 4:26-34 Jesus said, "This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come."

Again he said, "What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest seed you plant in the ground. Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds of the air can perch in its shade."

With many similar parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as much as they could understand. He did not say anything to them without using a parable. But when he was alone with his own disciples, he explained everything.

SERMON

Dave Kovalow-St. John

Here's the Thing About God's Kingdom

OFFERING/COMMUNION HYMN

Seek Ye First

354 (We'll sing it twice, the second time adding the descant)

OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY** (*please stand if you are able)

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PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

(loaf) Sue Harmon
(cup) Brian Harmon

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Rev. Victoria Ubben

COMMUNION

All who confess Christ as Lord and Savior are invited to partake of the bread and cup as they are passed.

***HYMN OF INVITATION (*please stand if you are able) 632**

Lead On, O King Eternal

If you wish to formally join First Christian's corner of God's kingdom, — by first-time confession and baptism; or by membership transfer (and baptism if you were not baptized in a previous congregation) — come forward at the start of this hymn and an elder will assist you.

***PASTORAL BENEDICTION**

CLOSING SONG *A Woman and a Coin, 74

Dear God, you sought us when the world was lost,
You gave your only Son at what a cost;
Your Spirit welcomes home the tempest tossed;
Your Kingdom is all we were dreaming of.
We're safe, and you rejoice! What love! What love!



Blood Drive Wednesday

Wednesday, June 17, there will be another Sina Hickman Memorial Blood Drive at FCC from 2-7:00 PM.

VBS News

Vacation Bible School will be June 21-25 from 6-8:00 PM. There are sign-up sheets in the narthex to register children or to donate various items needed to make VBS work.

All-Church Picnic June 28!

The VBS All-Church Picnic will begin after the 9:30 a.m. service on Sunday, June 28. Bring a salad or a dessert to share and a lawn chair, if you wish. Hot dogs, hamburgers, and drinks will be provided. Come and enjoy fellowship with your church family.

4th of July Tailgate Party

Mark your calendar! The FCC's 4th of July Tailgate party begins at 5:30 on Saturday, July 4th!

WORSHIP LEADER.....Brian & Sue Harmon
 GREETERS..... Jennifer & Pat Bailey
 ACOLYTES Logan & Aleah Ferngren
 SCRIPTURE READERSJoanne & Doug Ross
 SOUND TECHNICIAN (9:30 a.m.) Andy Roberts
 NURSERY ATTENDANT Jennifer Lee
 CHILDREN'S SERMON.....Rick Appel
 CHILDREN'S WORSHIP Terry P., Sharon W. & Friends
 DEACON TEAM.....Team #2 - Jennifer Bailey, captain
 7:30 AM. SERVICE SET-UP.....Brian & Sue Harmon
 7:30 a.m. SERVICE SPEAKER Kathy Light
 PIANIST/ORGANIST Jerre Applegate
 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Mickey Koehler
 STAFF Dave Kovalow-St. John, Victoria Ubben,
 Kathy Light, Phil Hahn, Jim Mitchell, and Jim Norris

June 7, 2009

<u>Worship Attendance</u>	<u>Regular</u>	<u>Pentecost</u>	<u>Food P.</u>
50 (7:30 am); 121 (9:30 am); 31 (11 am)	\$6,744.50	\$93.00	\$100.00

Sack Lunch Ministry

The sack lunch ministry for children at Spring Valley Homeless Shelter has begun. If you would like to help, please join us in Fellowship Hall, **Wednesdays at 3:00**. Donations of food items are appreciated. We need bread, peanut butter, jelly, applesauce or fruit cups, cookies, napkins, sandwich bags, lunch sacks, plastic spoons and box drinks.

Congo Missionary Dinner

Rev. Ilumbe Ndjongo is Principal Supervising Pastor of the Community of Disciples of Christ in Congo's Mbandaka District. For over a year now, Hoosier Disciples have had a strong relationship with them to act out our call to mission, expand the ecumenical horizons of churches in both countries, and learn from each other's faith. Rev. Ilumbe and his wife, Rosette, will be visiting us on Tuesday, July 7th, and our Outreach Team plans to welcome them with an all-church carry-in dinner at 6:00 that evening. The team will provide meat, drink, and table service. You are asked to bring yourself and, if possible, a dish to share (desserts, salads, bread, etc.).

