

# First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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9:30 a.m.

6/21/09

## GATHERING SONGS

*The River Is Here  
Father, I Adore You*

## GREETINGS & CONCERNS

Kathy Light

## PRELUDE

*(The light of Christ is brought into the sanctuary.)*

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

(\*please stand if you are able)

Leader: Please stand if you are able and turn to our Call to Worship. Lord, we try hard to follow the ways of Christ...

**PEOPLE: but it is very difficult.**

Leader: We are often indifferent...

**PEOPLE: when we should show love.**

Leader: We become paralyzed by fear...

**PEOPLE: instead of dealing creatively with it.**

Leader: We sometimes turn away from concerns...

**PEOPLE: when instead an active role is needed.**

Leader: We speak harshly and hurt others...

**PEOPLE: when we should give love and understanding.**

Leader: We become engrossed with envy...

**PEOPLE: when we really need to rejoice with one another.**

Leader: We develop and sustain our prejudices...

**PEOPLE: though you command us to be accepting.**

Leader: We "talk" of peace...

**PEOPLE: when we should be making peace.**

Leader: We begrudgingly lack hope...

**PEOPLE: when we might rejoice in your unlimited love.**

Leader: Help us, dear God, to listen,...

**PEOPLE: to feel, to risk, and to love.**

Leader: Love us, Holy One, as we try to walk in another's shoes.

**PEOPLE: Amen.**

Leader: Please stand if you are able for our opening hymn, "This Is My Father's World," number 59 in our hymnal.

## \*HYMN

59

*This Is My Father's World*

### **\*PASTORAL PRAYER**

(Our elder will conclude by leading us all in the Lord's Prayer:)

### **\*THE LORD'S 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**

Terry Pickering

Following this, children — up to those in 6<sup>th</sup> grade — are invited to fellowship hall for age appropriate faith-building activities.

### **SCRIPTURE READING**

Diane & Dave Yeager

**Selections from 1 Samuel 1, 2, and 8** So Hannah nursed her son, until she weaned him. When she had weaned him, she brought Samuel to the house of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was young. And they brought the child to Eli, the priest. And she said, "Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the Lord. For this child I prayed; and the Lord has granted me the petition that I made to him. Therefore I have lent this child to the Lord; as long as he lives, he is given to the Lord." Then Hannah went home, while Samuel remained to minister to the Lord, in the presence of the priest Eli.

Now the sons of Eli were scoundrels; they had no regard for the Lord or for the duties of the priests to the people. When anyone offered sacrifice, the priest's servant would come, while the meat was boiling, with a three-pronged fork in his hand, and he would thrust it into the pan, or kettle, or caldron, or pot; all that the fork brought up the priest would take for himself. This is what they did at Shiloh to all the Israelites who came there. Moreover, before the fat was burned, the priest's servant would come and say to the one who was sacrificing, "Give meat for the priest to roast; for he will not accept boiled meat from you, but only raw." And if the man said to him, "Let them burn the fat first, and then take whatever you wish," he would say, "No, you must give it now; if not, I will take it by force." Thus the sin of the Eli's sons was very great in the sight of the Lord; for they treated the offerings of the Lord with contempt.

When Samuel became old, he made his sons judges over Israel. The name of his firstborn son was Joel, and the name of his second, Abijah; they were judges in Beer-sheba. Yet his sons did not follow in his ways, but turned aside after gain; they took bribes and perverted justice. Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, and said to him, "You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations." But this displeased Samuel when the elders said, "Give us a king to govern us." Samuel prayed to the Lord, and the Lord said to Samuel, "Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they

have rejected me from being king over them. Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. Now then, listen to their voice; only—you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them.”

## **PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**SERMON** Rev. Victoria S. Ubben  
*Bad Boys of the Bible*

**OFFERING/COMMUNION HYMN** **75**  
*I Was There to Hear Your Bournig Cry*

## **OFFERING**

**\*DOXOLOGY** **46**

**PRAYERS** (loaf) John Springsteen  
(cup) Lonnie Steele

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION** Rev. Dave Kovalow-St. John

## **COMMUNION**

*All are invited to partake of the bread and cup as they are passed.*

**\*HYMN OF INVITATION** **500**  
*God Made from One Blood* (verses 1, 2 & 5)

If you wish to join our congregational family, please come forward at the start of this hymn and sit in front where an elder will assist you. Membership is based on one question: *Do you believe Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God; and do you accept him as Lord and Savior of your life?*

## **\*PASTORAL BENEDICTION**

**\*CLOSING SONG** **433**  
*Blest be the Ties That Binds*

*(Follow the light of Christ out into the world.)*

## **POSTLUDE**

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## **VBS Begins Tonight: 6 - 8 p.m.!**

If you have not registered, you can sign-up on the clipboard in the narthex. See Leslie Maxwell or Kim Batthauer for more info.

WORSHIP LEADER.....Lonnie Steele  
 GREETERS.....Mary Lou & Kathleen Young  
 ACOLYTES ..... Isaiah Smith & Caleb Dillingham  
 SCRIPTURE READERS ..... Dave & Diane Yeager  
 SOUND TECHNICIAN ..... Chrissy Clark  
 NURSERY ATTENDANT ..... Jennifer Lee  
 CHILDREN'S SERMON.....Terry Pickering  
 CHILDREN'S WORSHIP ..... Terry P. & Sharon W. & Friends  
 DEACON TEAM.....Team #2 - Jennifer Bailey, captain  
 EARLY SERVICE SET-UP ..... Lonnie Steele & John Springsteen  
 EARLY SERVICE SPEAKER ..... Tina St. Aubin  
 PIANIST/ORGANIST ..... Laurel Hahn  
 COUNCIL PRESIDENT ..... Mickey Koehler  
 STAFF ..... Dave Kovalow-St. John, Victoria Ubben,  
 Kathy Light, Phil Hahn, Jim Mitchell, and Jim Norris

**June 14, 2009**

<u>Worship Attendance</u>	<u>Regular</u>	<u>FRB</u>	<u>Food P.</u>
61 (7:30 am); 95 (9:30 am); 22 (11 am)	\$3,909.00	\$28.00	\$35.00

**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.).

