

# FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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10:00 a.m.

7/25/10

## **GATHERING SONGS**

*My Life Is In You, Lord  
We Bow Down*

## **GREETINGS & CONCERNS**

Rev. Victoria Ubben

## **PRELUDE**

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

**\*HYMN**

*Let All Things Now Living*

**\*SILENT PRAYER**

**\*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

Leslie Maxwell

Following this, our children are invited to fellowship hall for age appropriate faith-building activities.

## SERMON TEXT

Dave Batthauer, Kim Batthauer

**Luke 11:5-13** Jesus said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and he goes to him at midnight and says, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, because a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have nothing to set before him.'

"Then the one inside answers, 'Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children are with me in bed. I can't get up and give you anything.' I tell you, though he will not get up and give him the bread because he is his friend, yet because of the man's boldness he will get up and give him as much as he needs. So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.

"Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

## SERMON

Rev. Dave Kovalow-St. John

*A Work in Progress*

## OFFERING/COMMUNION HYMN

310

*The Lord's Prayer*

## OFFERING

Rev. Victoria Ubben

## \*DOXOLOGY

46

## OFFERING DEDICATION

## COMMUNION PRAYERS

(loaf) Cheryl Girman

(cup) Doug Ross

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION



## COMMUNION

*"As part of the one body of Christ, we welcome all to the Lord's table as God has welcomed us."*

Statement of Identity of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

## MEDITATION

(for quiet contemplation if you wish)

### Colossians 1:11-12

We pray that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light.

## \*HYMN OF INVITATION

632

*Lead On, O King Eternal*

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 baptism and 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

*Go, My Children, With My Blessing*

Go, my children, sins forgiven: my grace is sure.  
Grow in love, resist temptation, keep yourself pure.  
Here you heard my Son's dear story,  
Here you touched him, saw his glory.  
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.

## POSTLUDE

*(The light of Christ is carried out into the world!)*



## INDIVIDUAL PRAYER TIME

An elder would love to join you for prayer. Simply come to the communion table as others leave.



## The Bathroom Renovation is Complete

After several weeks of remodeling, the bathrooms in the education narthex are done and ready for use. Mary Frances and the property team, along with help from Anne Egolf and Barb Wheele, selected some beautiful tile and accessories. They are now up to date and look beautiful!

# Have a Dirty Car?



The youth can fix that! On Saturday, August 7, they will be washing cars, trucks, etc. here at the church. Bring your vehicle by between 10:30 AM and 2:30 PM, and it will be washed clean and vacuumed for a donation, which will go to Valpo's Spring Valley Shelter.

## Two Outreach Projects!

**First, Alice's House**, a halfway house for women recovering from alcohol and drug addiction, is in need of laundry hampers. Anyone who can donate a hamper can bring it to the church, and the outreach team will get them to this worthy organization.

**Secondly, the Caring Place**, a shelter for abused women, is in need of laundry soap, bleach, liquid hand soap, shaving cream, pillows & cases, toilet paper, and paper towels. Again, these items can be brought to the church and left in the box provided in the narthex.

Your generosity for either or both of these organizations will be greatly appreciated!

## Build Handicap Ramps & Enhance Retreat Center

Ready to get your hands dirty for Christ? Youth and adult participants in this year's FCC Work Trip will meet at 10:00 at the church on Wed., **August 11** and car-pool to Pilgrim's Rest Spiritual Retreat Center. A few may have to leave, but most will sleep there overnight on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. During the day, we will demolish a dilapidated shed, finish building a picnic shelter, and otherwise enhance the center. Meals will be provided (though we could use someone to cook them). At night we'll have time to play, worship, and eat. Bring sleeping bags (or request one of the six beds), toiletries, gloves, work clothes, games (board or card games, volleyball, corn hole, etc.), and **CLOSED TOE SHOES!** On Saturday, we will join the Youth Encounter churches to build several handicap accessibility ramps (and store others) in-and-around Valparaiso. We'll finish that day with a brief closing worship around 4:00. Sign-up in the narthex if you are interested.

