

Christian Service of Worship

Mother's Day / Season of Eastertide Sunday, May 10, 2015 at 10:30 a.m.

**indicates for those who are able to stand*

We Gather Together

Welcome and Mission Announcements Rev. Dr. James L. Brewer-Calvert

One: Christ is risen!

Many: He is risen indeed!

*Passing of the Peace of Christ

(As the risen Christ greeted his beloved disciples, let us now turn and greet one another in mutual love, saying, "Christ is risen!" and responding, "He is risen indeed!")

Prelude *Cantabile* J. Clokey

*Processional Hymn *Womb of Life, and Source of Being* 14

*Call to Worship Lillie Sapp

One: O Holy and Gracious God, your knowledge of each of us is infinite, and your love for each of us is boundless.

Many: You place us within human families, and incorporate us into the beloved household of faith.

One: We yield ourselves to your providence and grace.

Many: We rejoice that you have called us from our varying human backgrounds to be brothers and sisters together in faith and devotion.

One: We renew our commitments to each other, to mothers and fathers, to sisters and brothers, to neighbors and acquaintances.

Many: We gather to worship God through Jesus Christ, our Savior, elder brother, companion, healer. Amen!

*Unison Prayer of Invocation Lillie Sapp

Holy God, we come before you like children demanding attention from their parents. We desire your devotion and steadfast love as we ask for you to enter into our worship today. Make our worship a time of inspiration and joy; transform our hearts as we grow in a spirit of love and grace. Amen.

*Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

We Receive and Respond to the Word

Lessons from the Holy Scriptures Hank Ferry

John 15: 9-17 *(Pew Bible NT Page 109)*

Colossians 3: 12-17 *(Pew Bible NT Page 201)*

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Children's Focus on Faith Pastor

Children welcome, in the name of Jesus. Children welcome, in the name of love.

All are welcome, in the name of Jesus. All are welcome, in the name of love.

Joys and Concerns for Church and Community

Rev. Dr. Barbara Sims-King

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Barbara Sims-King

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.

Choral Anthem

Down to the River to Pray

Sheldon Curry

Soloist: Joonna Trapp

Children's Church with Rev. Betty Brewer-Calvert in Godly Play Space

Sermon

"Family Values Practices"

Pastor

Invitation to Discipleship

Pastor

(You may join First Christian Church by transfer of membership, confession of faith, or by renewal of the vows of your baptism. Please come forward during the hymn.)

*Hymn of Invitation

I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry

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We Remember and Celebrate as the Body of Christ

Invitation to Faithful Stewardship

Tom Rosenberger

Offertory Music

I Need Thee Every Hour

Larson

*Doxology (Hymn of Praise) *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* 46

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts:

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Offertory Prayer

Tom Rosenberger

Communion Hymn

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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Invitation to the Lord's Table

Pastor

Prayers for the Bread and Cup

Lillie Sapp and Tom Rosenberger

Words of Institution

1 Corinthians 11: 23-26

One: For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when He was betrayed took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and said,

Many: "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

One: In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying,

Many: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

One: For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

(Christ invites you to partake of Holy Communion. As part of the one body of Christ, we welcome all to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us. You may partake of the Bread as it is passed and hold the Cup, or you may hold both elements so that we may partake of Holy Communion together.)

Prayer of Commission

God our help: We thank you for this supper, shared in the spirit with your son Jesus, who makes us new and strong, who brings us life eternal. We praise you for giving us all good gifts in Him and pledge ourselves to serve you, even as in Christ you have served us.

We Are Led Out By the Spirit

*Hymn of Going Forth	<i>Creating God, Your Fingers Trace</i>	335
*Benediction		Pastor
Postlude	<i>Toccata</i>	D. Hegarty

Welcome home! We are delighted that you are here today. Please fill out the Visitor/Member Card so we may have a record of your participation.

If you wish for a prayer joy or concern to be shared aloud during worship, please complete the back of the card now. Deacons collect prayer cards before our pastoral prayer. If your prayer request is confidential or you simply do not want it shared aloud, you may place your card in the offering plate alongside our collective tithes and offerings. On Monday morning our Prayer Ministry will lift up to God your prayer requests.

We kindly request that, unless you are on-call for professional reasons, all cell phones and electronic devices be turned off during worship. Thank you.

The Holy Scriptures for today may be found printed in the bulletin insert.

Ministers: All the People

Your Church Staff:

The Rev. Dr. James L. Brewer-Calvert,
Senior Pastor

William E. Garner, *Director of Music*

Rev. Barbara Sims-King,

Dir. of Christian Education

Kathy Westbrook, *Church Organist*

Sherry Davis, *Church Administrator*

Azeb Gidey, *Custodian*

Your Volunteer

Wedding Coordinator:

Diana Blake, *Wedding Coordinator*

Continental Breakfast

May 10:

May 17:

May 24:

May 31:

Mother's Day, 6th Sunday of Easter, May 10, 2015

Holy Scriptures: John 15: 9-17; Colossians 3: 12-17

Preaching: Rev. Dr. James Brewer-Calvert

Elders: Lillie Sapp and Tom Rosenberger

Deacons: Doug Schuette, Steve Oliver

Greeters: Danl Giles, Wiley Harris

Acolyte: Will Kidd

Seventh Sunday of Easter, May 17, 2015

Holy Scriptures: Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26; Psalm 1;

1 John 5: 9-13; John 17: 6-19

Preaching: Rev. Dr. Gilberto Collazo, President of Hope Partnership for Missional Transformation, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Liturgists/Elders: Julie Fleming, Ruth Lutz, and Sr. Pastor

James Brewer-Calvert

Deacons: Russell Broomfield, Susan Watts,

Tom Gard, Robbin Brown

Greeters: Russell Broomfield, Lee Stanley,

Acolyte: Tori Jackson

Sunday Morning Offerings

9 a.m. Continental Breakfast

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Sanctuary Service



Welcome Home!

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Resolve to Love, Agree to Differ, Unite to Serve, Break Bread Together