

Christian Service of Worship

Seventh Sunday in Easter

May 17, 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 *Prelude* J. Lemmens

*Processional Hymn *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun* **95**

*Call to Worship Ruth Lutz

One: We have come to honor the Risen Christ.

Many: We come because we know each of us is needed.

One: We have heard the call that we are to be a witness to this Savior Christ.

Many: We are here now; let it be each of us. Amen!

*Unison Prayer of Invocation Ruth Lutz

As followers of the Way, as Christians ready to share the Good News with the world, we know, O Lord, that we cannot do it alone. We know that our power lies within your Holy Spirit. Come and be with us as we learn and hear inspiring words of hope. Come and show us the way, so that we may lead the world to you. In your name we pray. 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 the Word

Lessons from the Holy Scriptures Ruth Lutz

Matthew 5: 14-16 (*Pew Bible NT Page 4*)

Acts 2: 1-4 (*Pew Bible NT Page 119*)

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.

Children's Church with Rev. Dr. Barbara Sims-King

Choral Anthem *Amazing Grace* C. Courtney

Sermon "Time to Let Your Light Shine" Rev. Dr. Gilberto Collazo
President of Hope Partnership
for Missional Transformation,
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

We Respond to the Word

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 *Spirit* **249**

Invitation to Faithful Stewardship Julie Fleming

Offertory Music *Jesus Shall Reign* R. J. Powell

*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 Julie Fleming

Communion Hymn *Spirit of the Living God* (Twice) **259**

Invitation to the Lord's Table Pastor

Prayers for the Bread and Cup Julie Fleming and Ruth Lutz

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 and the Lord's Prayer

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.

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.

We Are Led Out By the Spirit

*Hymn of Going Forth	<i>Alleluia! Hear God's Story</i>	330
*Benediction		Dr. Collazo
Postlude	<i>Fanfare</i>	J. Lemmens

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*

The Rev. Dr. 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 17: Yolanda Lewellyn

May 24: Susan Watts

May 31:

June 7:

Seventh Sunday of Easter, May 17, 2015

Holy Scriptures: Matthew 5: 14-16; Acts 2: 1-4

Preaching: Rev. Dr. Gilberto Collazo

President of Hope Partnership

for Missional Transformation,

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Liturgists/Elders: James Brewer-Calvert, Julie Fleming
and Ruth Lutz

Deacons: Russell Broomfield, Susan Watts,
Tom Gard, Robbin Brown

Greeters: Russell Broomfield, Lee Stanley

Acolyte: Tori Jackson

Pentecost Sunday, May 24, 2015

Holy Scriptures: Acts 2:1-21

Preaching: Rev. Dr. James Brewer-Calvert

Elders: Becky Kidd and Rev. Wendy Wyche

Deacons: Larry Todd, William Garner, Pat Oliffe

Greeters: Laura Andrew

Acolyte: Jacob Tate

Sunday Morning Offerings

9 a.m. Continental Breakfast

9:15 a.m. Sunday School/Spiritual Formation

10:30 a.m. Sanctuary Service



Welcome Home!

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