

Christian Service of Worship

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 7, 2015 at 10:30 a.m.

**indicates for those who are able to stand*

We Gather Together

Welcome and Mission Announcements Rev. Dr. Barbara Sims-King

*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

*Entrance Hymn Lord, You Give the Great Commission 459

*Call to Worship Yolanda Lewellyn

One: As we prepare ourselves for the coming of the Spirit into our service, we quiet our fears and doubts, anxieties and concerns.

Many: We come seeking...to be more like Paul, thinking only of Christ, more than ourselves.

One: Come to a place that offers new freedom and relief, certainty and peace.

Many: Let us focus our spirit upon our Lord and God.

One: Come, worship and be covered by the grace of God.

Many: May our praise be for our Lord and our boasting be of his great deeds. Amen!

*Unison Prayer of Invocation Yolanda Lewellyn

Holy God, we come because we know that we need you. We come because we need your spirit to cleanse our soul and remind us of our relationship together. Come into this holy space and fill it with visions of your glory and grandeur...we await your coming. In Christ 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 and Respond to the Word

Lessons from the Holy Scriptures Yolanda Lewellyn

Mark 6: 1-13 *(Pew Bible NT Page 40)*

2 Corinthians 12: 2-10 *(Pew Bible NT Page 185)*

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Children's Focus on Faith Rev. Dr. Barbara Sims-King

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

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.

Hymn Sing

Sermon

"Leaders to the Front"

William Garner
Rev. Dr. Barbara Sims-King

Invitation to Discipleship

(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

We Meet You, O Christ

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We Remember and Celebrate as the Body of Christ

Invitation to Faithful Stewardship

Ruth Lutz

Offertory Music

*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

Ruth Lutz

Communion Hymn

Come, Share the Lord

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Invitation to the Lord's Table

Rev. Dr. Barbara Sims-King

Prayers for the Bread and Cup

Yolanda Lewellyn 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

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

Living for Jesus

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*Benediction

Rev. Dr. Barbara Sims-King

Postlude

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.

Please be aware that our Senior Pastor James Brewer-Calvert is on Sabbatical from July 1 through August 31, 2015. Rev. Dr. Barbara Sims-King is faithfully serving Christ's church as Acting Pastor throughout the summer. Her contact info is 317-487-9554.

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

July 5: Robbin Brown

July 12: Sylvia Gibbs

July 19: _____

July 26: _____

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost, July 5, 2015

Preaching: Rev. Dr. Barbara Sims-King

Holy Scriptures: Mark 6: 1-13 and 2 Corinthians 12: 2-10

Sermon Title: *"Leaders to the Front"*

Elders: Yolanda Lewellyn and Ruth Lutz

Deacons: Mark Ranney, Wiley Harris, Steve Oliver

Greeters: Minnie Haynes

Acolyte: Theo Jackson

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost, July 12, 2015

Preaching: Rev. Melissa Fain

Holy Scriptures: Daniel 6: 16-24

Sermon Title: *"Lions: God in Our Darkest Hour"*

Elders: Betty Brewer-Calvert and Becky Kidd

Deacons: Doug Schuette, Bridgette Boker,
Steve Oliver

Greeters: TBD

Acolyte: Will Kidd

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