

Christian Service of Worship

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 2, 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 Grave and Adagio - Sonata #2 F. Mendelssohn

*Entrance Hymn Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! 4

*Call to Worship Ruth Lutz

One: Welcome, all who want to lead a life worthy of Christ's call upon us.

Many: We gather in the spirit of humility, patience and gentleness.

One: Welcome apostles, prophets, teachers, and all the saints.

Many: We strive to build up the body of Christ.

One: Welcome, all who bear with one another in love.

Many: Let us worship the one God of all, who is above all and through all and in all. Amen!

*Unison Prayer of Invocation Ruth Lutz

God of all, you call us to be one body, the body of Christ. Out of gratitude we gather to worship you with prayer, praise, and proclamation. We pray that this time will bring you joy and delight. May we continue to be built up in love, and grant us what we need to be equipped for ministry in Christ's name. 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 Ruth Lutz

John 6: 25-28 *(Pew Bible NT Page 98)*

Ephesians 4: 1-7, 11-16 *(Pew Bible NT Page 193)*

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.

Children's Church with Yolanda Lewellyn

Soloist

Kayla Harriott

Sermon "Six Steps to Ultimate Spiritual Maturity" Rev. Dr. Barbara Sims-King

Invitation to Discipleship Rev. Dr. Barbara Sims-King

(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 Softly and Tenderly 340

We Remember and Celebrate as the Body of Christ

Invitation to Faithful Stewardship Tom Rosenberger

Offertory Music Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus C. Berry

*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 Let Us Break Bread Together 425

Invitation to the Lord's Table Rev. Dr. Barbara Sims-King

Prayers for the Bread and Cup Ruth Lutz 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>Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken</i>	709
*Benediction		Rev. Dr. Barbara Sims-King
Postlude	<i>Fugue - Sonata #6</i>	F. Mendelssohn

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.

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

Aug. 2: _____

Aug. 9: Robbin Brown

Aug. 16: Yolanda Lewellyn

Aug. 23: _____

Aug. 30: _____

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost, August 2, 2015

Preaching: Rev. Dr. Barbara Sims-King

Holy Scriptures: John 6: 25-28 and Ephesians 4: 1-7, 11-16

Sermon Title: *"Six Steps to Ultimate Spiritual Maturity"*

Elders: Ruth Lutz and Julie Fleming

Deacons: Mark Ranney, Wiley Harris, Steve Oliver

Greeters: Minnie Haynes

Acolyte: Theo Jackson

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost, August 9, 2015

Preaching: Rev. Paul Turner

Holy Scriptures: 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15,31-33; Psalm 130;

Ephesians 4:25-5:2; John 6:35, 41-51

Sermon Title: TBA

Elders: Becky Kidd and Rev. Lynn Trapp

Deacons: TBA

Greeters: TBA

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