

Christian Service of Worship

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 30, 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 with the greeting, "Peace be with you," let us now turn and greet one another in mutual love.)

Prelude *The King of Love* R. Milford

*Entrance Hymn *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* **2**

*Call to Worship Ruth Lutz

One: It is good to give thanks to the Lord,

Many: to sing praises to your name, O Most High;

One: to declare your steadfast love in the morning,

Many: and your faithfulness by night,

One: to the music of the lute and the harp,

Many: to the melody of the lyre.

One: For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

All: How great are your works, O Lord! your thoughts are very deep!

*Unison Prayer of Invocation Ruth Lutz

Eternal God, source of all beauty and harmony, we praise you for the gift of music; for the inspiration given to those who compose it, for the skill and devotion of those who perform it, for the faculties and powers that enable us to enjoy it; and we pray that as by this gift our lives are enriched and renewed, so we may glorify you in a fuller dedication of ourselves, giving thanks always for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. 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

Psalm 95: 1-6 *(Pew Bible OT Page 550)*

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

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Anthem *A Merry Heart* Handbell Ensemble

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.

Handbell Anthem *Come, Christians Join to Sing* Handbell Ensemble

Joys and Concerns for Church and Community

Rev. Dr. Barbara Sims-King

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Rev. Dr. 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.

Solo

Amazing Grace

Jillian Loux

Anthem

Soon and Very Soon

Chancel Choir

Anthem

Abide With Me

Chancel Choir

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

It is Well, With My Soul

Choir and Congregation

We Remember and Celebrate as the Body of Christ

Communion Solo

Ave Marie

Miles Selles

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

Prayers for the Bread and Cup

Ruth Lutz and Rev. Betty Brewer-Calvert

(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 communion by intinction. Please come forward, take a wafer and dip it into the chalice. Holy Communion will also be served by our Deacons to those in pews who choose to not come forward and wish to partake. Gluten free Communion Bread and water are available. Please place your tithes in the offering plates held by our Deacons. You are not expected nor required to give an offering in order to receive Holy Communion. The Lord's Table is free to one and all.)

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.

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

Anthem	<i>Every Time I Feel the Spirit</i>	Chancel Choir
	Soloist, Josh Alexander	
*Benediction		Rev. Dr. Barbara Sims-King
Postlude	<i>O God Our Help</i>	Fleisher

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*

Ron Smith, *Custodian*

Your Volunteer

Wedding Coordinator:

Diana Blake, *Wedding Coordinator*

Continental Breakfast

Aug. 30: _____

Sep. 6: _____

Sep. 13: _____

Sep. 20: _____

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Chancel Choir leads Worship

Holy Scriptures: Psalm 95: 1-6; Colossians 3: 12-17

Elders: Ruth Lutz and Rev. Betty Brewer-Calvert

Deacons: Larry Todd, William Garner, Pat Oliffe

Greeters: Russell Broomfield and Lee Stanley

Acolyte: Jacob Tate

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost, September 6, 2015

Preaching: Rev. Dr. James Brewer-Calvert

Holy Scriptures: Proverbs 22: 1-2, 8-9, 22-23; Psalm 125;

James 2: 1-10, (11-13), 14-17, Mark 7: 24-37

Elders: Julie Fleming and TBA

Deacons: Mark Ranney, Wiley Harris, Jasmine

Heath, Steve Oliver

Greeters: TBA

Acolyte: Theo Jackson



Welcome Home!

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