

First Christian Church  
(Disciples of Christ)

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024

**The Community Gathers Before God**

Prelude *Prelude* Susan Doherty  
by Louis Clerambault

Lighting of the Candles

Welcome Jack Lingbloom

\*Call to Worship Jack Lingbloom

Come, come to the water. Come, you who are thirsty. Come to the water.

**For the mighty acts of God are known to us through water.**

Water, that primordial pool of creation over which the Spirit hovered.

**Water, that cleansed the whole earth for new beginnings, new growth.**

Water, that divided so slaves could walk to freedom on dry ground.

**Water, our bath, our tomb, and our womb.**

Water, by which we are adopted as daughters and sons of the Most High.

**Come to the water and give thanks to God whose mighty acts are known to us through water.**

\*Opening Hymn *I Come to Be Baptized Today* #368

\*Prayer of Invocation Jack Lingbloom

Announcements, Joys and Concerns Rev. Monica Banks

\*Passing of the Peace  
*Through the Act of passing the peace of Christ, we offer our sincere desire to love our neighbor.*

**Service of Baptism**

Gospel Scripture Reading John 13:34 Nancy May

Baptism of Ellie May Coleman and Derek Evan Katzenmeyer

Children's Moment/Noisy Offering Week of Compassion Don Metz

Anthem *Grace* Chancel Choir  
Arr. by Mark Hayes Nancy Lingbloom, Director

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Monica Banks

**The Community Shares in Christ's Life**

Communion Hymn *We Call Ourselves Disciples* #357

Invitation to Communion Rev. Monica Banks

Words of Institution

Elder Prayer of Thanksgiving Cathy Liss

Communion Music *Sonatina from "God's Time Is Best"* Susan Doherty  
by J. S. Bach

Partaking of the Bread and Cup

*The table of the Lord is open to any and all who would come. The Lord is host; he invites and welcomes everyone to share in his supper. Please partake of the bread and cup as you receive it.*

Invitation to Offering

Offertory Music

*Dona Nobis Pacem*

by Francois Couperin

Jack Lingbloom

Susan Doherty

\*Doxology #47

\*Prayer of Dedication and Lord's Prayer

Jack Lingbloom

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 debts,  
as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever. Amen

**The Community Departs for Ministry**

Invitation to Discipleship

\*Welcome After Baptism

*Ellie and Derek* have risen from the waters of baptism to newness of life.

*Minister:* She has become one with the witnesses of God  
from all times and places.

Through baptism, God promises her the gift of the Holy Spirit  
to nurture her all the days of their lives.

Let us add our blessing and pledge our love  
as we welcome her into this living community of faith.

*People:* **We rejoice in God's empowering love,  
freely given to each of us.**

**We welcome you, newly baptized,  
into the circle of love in Christ's church**

**We praise God for the gifts for ministry  
that you bring to this community.**

**We promise to pray for you,  
to seek the depths of faith with you,  
to support you, and to love you**

**We covenant with you to love God  
with all our hearts, minds, souls and strength,  
and our neighbors as ourselves.**

\*Closing Hymn

*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

#433

\*Carrying the Light to the World

\*Benediction

Rev. Monica Banks

Postlude

*St. Anne*  
by Healey Willan

Susan Doherty

\*Those who are able, please stand.

### Life of Our Church

- TODAY – Baptism of Ellie Coleman
- May 6 – widowSpeak, 10am
- May 7 – Elder Meeting, 5pm
- May 9 – FCC 146<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
  - Chancel Choir rehearsal, 6:30pm
  - Sketch Club, 4-8pm
- **May 12 – Installation Sunday for Pastor Monica. Dale Matherly, CRMR Regional Interim Minister visiting. Rev. Teri Nilson Baird, guest officiant.**
  - **Brunch-themed Potluck after worship service in fellowship hall.**
- May 26 – Graduation Sunday. After worship service, FCC will host a “Dessert” Potluck meal to celebrate Kaylee & Clair’s accomplishments.
- May 27 –
  - Church offices closed in observance of Memorial Day
  - Ministry Board Meeting, 6pm
- June 4 – Betty Baker memorial service
- June 8-9 – Pride Fest and Parade

- ❖ Our **Nursery** is open for children through the age of 4.
- ❖ **Children’s Sunday School** is open from age 5 through grade 3.

\* **Conversations That Matter** – on hold until after Pastor Monica gets settled in.

**Welcome to the Ellie Coleman Family!!**

Thank you to all who came and volunteered at our first FCC Work Day on Saturday 4/27. It was a great success and we got more accomplished than was expected. (We will share information about our next FCC Work day soon.)



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**Rev. Monica Banks, pastor  
Susan Doherty, organist**