

First Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)

Sixth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 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

Children's Moment and 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

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

Jack Lingbloom

The Community Departs for Ministry

Invitation to Discipleship

*Welcome After Baptism

Ellie has 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* Susan Doherty
by Healey Willan

*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 146th 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 – Pride Fest

- ❖ 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.)



May 5, 2024
Baptism Sunday

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Rev. Monica Banks, pastor
Susan Doherty, organist

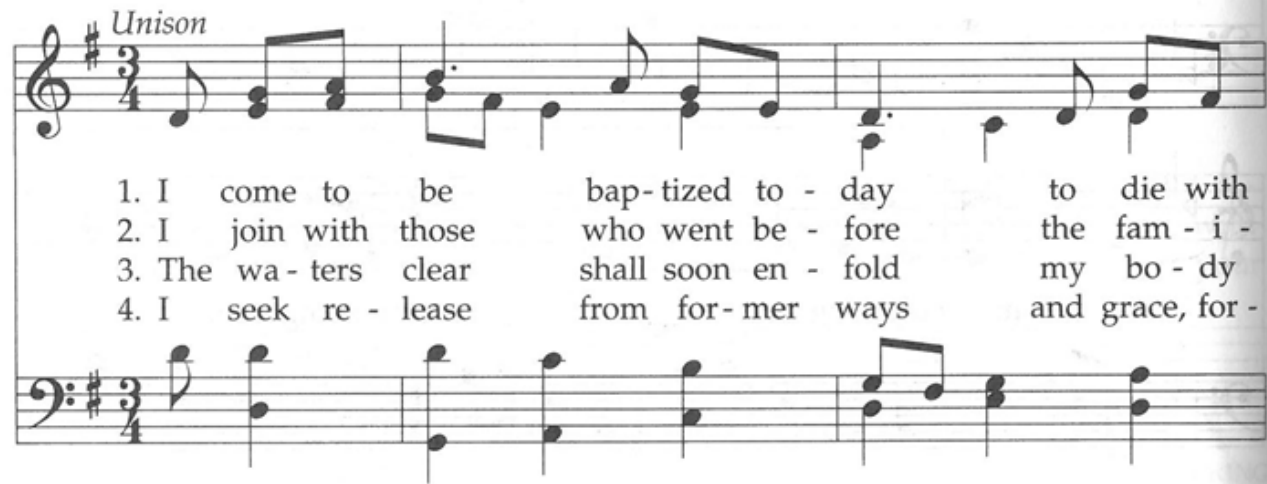


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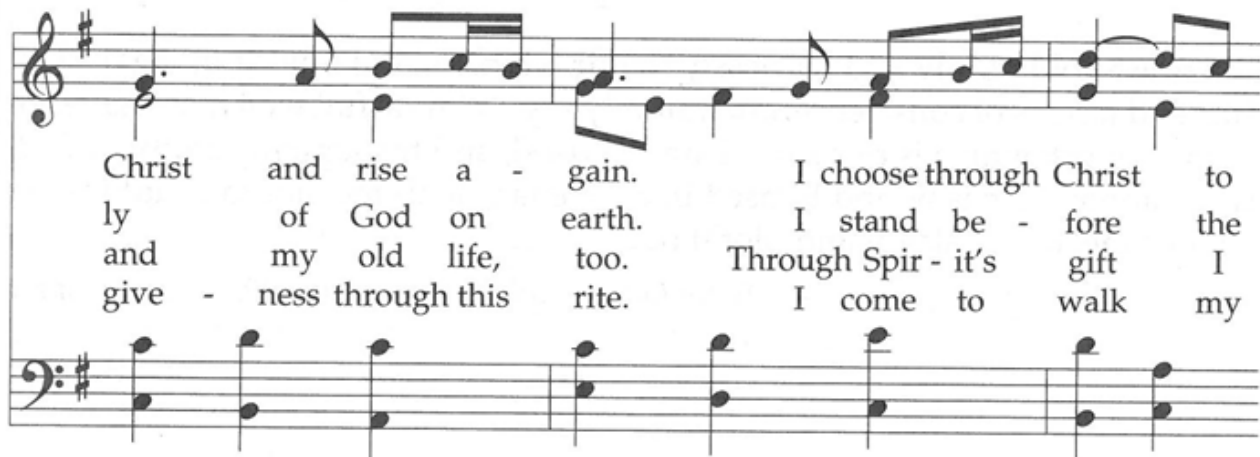
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I Come to Be Baptized Today

Unison



1. I come to be bap-tized to-day to die with
 2. I join with those who went be-fore the fam-i-
 3. The wa-ters clear shall soon en-fold my bo-dy
 4. I seek re-lease from for-mer ways and grace, for-



Christ and rise a-gain. I choose through Christ to
 ly of God on earth. I stand be-fore the
 and my old life, too. Through Spir-it's gift I
 give-ness through this rite. I come to walk my

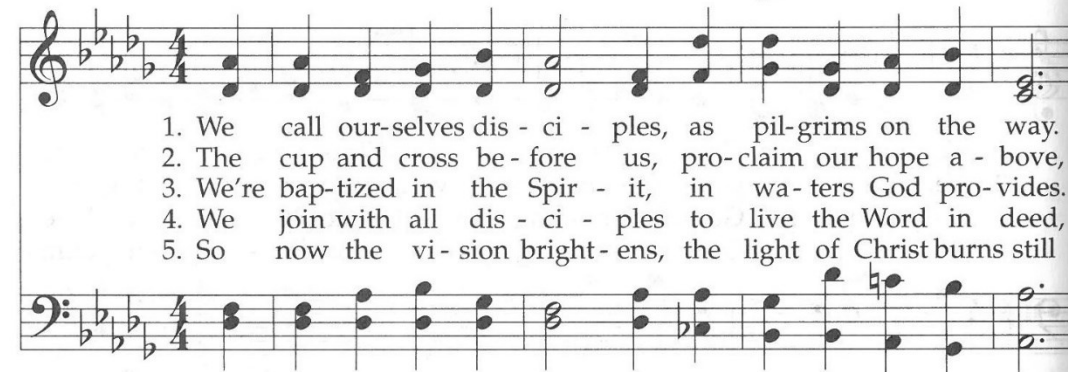


walk God's way and seek a new life with-out end.
 o-pen door. Re-ceive me, God, and give new birth.
 will be bold to start to live my life a-new.
 fu-ture days with Christ a-long the path of light.

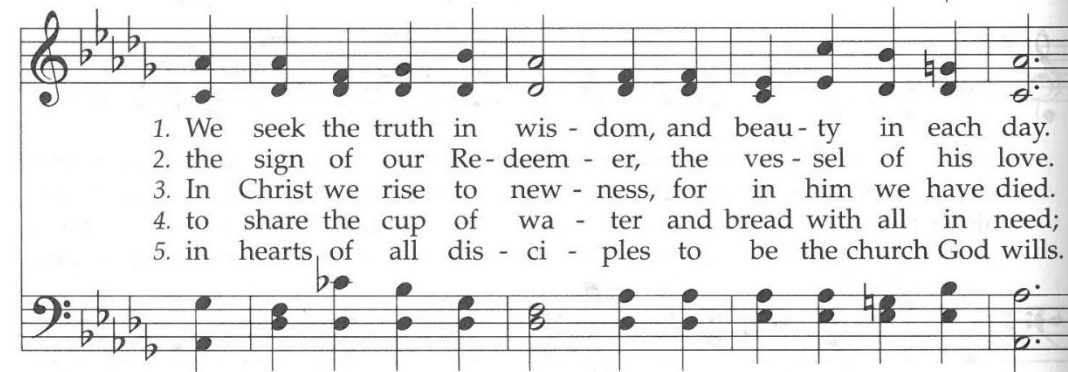
THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

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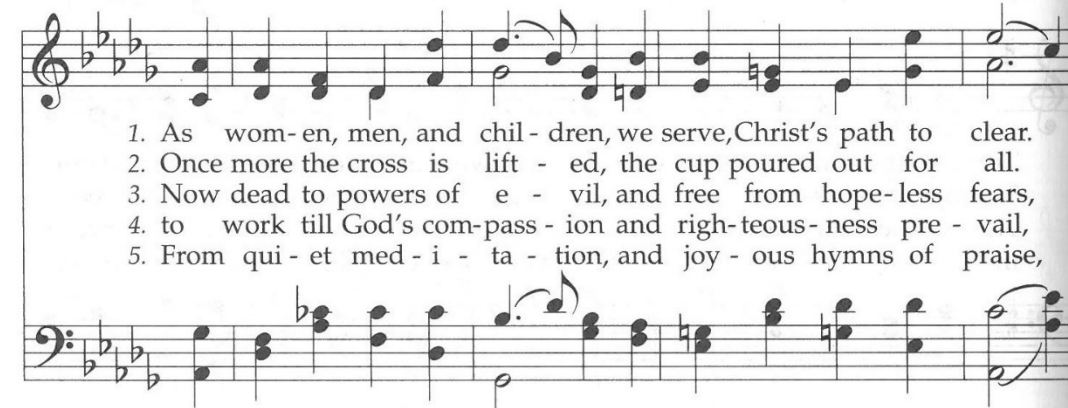
We Call Ourselves Disciples



1. We call our-selves dis-ci-ples, as pil-grims on the way.
 2. The cup and cross be-fore us, pro-claim our hope a-bove,
 3. We're bap-tized in the Spir-it, in wa-ters God pro-vides.
 4. We join with all dis-ci-ples to live the Word in deed,
 5. So now the vi-sion bright-ens, the light of Christ burns still



1. We seek the truth in wis-dom, and beau-ty in each day.
 2. the sign of our Re-deem-er, the ves-sel of his love.
 3. In Christ we rise to new-ness, for in him we have died.
 4. to share the cup of wa-ter and bread with all in need;
 5. in hearts of all dis-ci-ples to be the church God wills.



1. As wom-en, men, and chil-dren, we serve, Christ's path to clear.
 2. Once more the cross is lift-ed, the cup poured out for all.
 3. Now dead to powers of e-vil, and free from hope-less fears,
 4. to work till God's com-pass-ion and righ-teous-ness pre-vail,
 5. From qui-et med-i-ta-tion, and joy-ous hymns of praise,



1. In joy-ful ex-pec-ta-tion we see God's reign draw near.
 2. When gath-ered at the ta-ble we hear our com-mon call.
 3. we live with faith and pur-pose, cre-a-tive through the years.
 4. till all this plan-et's peo-ple know jus-tice with-out fail.
 5. we go to do God's mis-sion! Christ, lead us all our days!

WORDS: Jim Miller, 1984
 MUSIC: Henry T. Smart, 1836

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47 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise

God, all crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye

heaven - ly hosts: Cre - a - tor, Christ, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

WORDS: Thomas Ken, 1674, alt.
MUSIC: Louis Bourgeois, 1551

OLD HUNDREDTH
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Alt. tune: OLD HUNDREDTH (altered rhythm)

433 Blest Be the Tie That Binds

1. Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christ - tian love:
2. When we are called to part, it gives us in - ward pain;

the fel - low - ship of kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.
but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet a - gain.

WORDS: John Fawcett, 1872
MUSIC: Johann G. Nägeli, 1828; arr. Lowell Mason, 1845

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