

First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

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Sunday April 23, 2017 10:30 a.m.



Chiming of the Hour

Welcome/Announcements/Fellowship

Rachel Nance Woehler

Prelude

Trumpets of Easter

Penny Schweitzer, Harp

Lighting of the Candles

***Call to Worship**

Barb Rosner

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: Creator of heaven and earth!

Leader: Praise be to Jesus Christ!

People: Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all Creation.

Leader: In Christ all things in heaven and on earth were created.

People: All things have been created through him and for him.

Leader: In Christ the fullness of God was pleased to dwell.

People: Through Christ God was pleased to reconcile all things, things on Earth and things in heaven, making peace through the blood of the cross. from Colossians 1:15-20

***Invocation**

Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. We pursue cheap energy at the cost of clean air and water. The fears and jealousies we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and we have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy on us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. Amen

Act of Christian Baptism

Joe Thomas
Tom McEnroe

Bill Thomas
Larry Smith

***Hymn No. 59**

This Is My Father's World

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Scripture Reading

Psalm 24:1-2

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Children's Moments

Margaret Brown

The Lord's Supper *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*
Response: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

***Benediction**

Larry Smith

Leader: People of God: the Creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God.

All: Such is the love God has given us, that we should be called children of God.

Leader: People of God: the day is coming when Creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

All: We are God's children now; what will be is yet to be revealed.

Leader: People of God: In Christ, God was reconciling the world, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.

All: We are ambassadors for Christ, with God making his appeal through us.

Leader: Go forth, therefore, as signs of the new Creation

All: We go in the Spirit of Christ, who calls us to bring justice to those who are poor; to make peace among the people; to tend and keep the gifts of creation. *from Romans 8, I John 3, II Corinthians 5*

Postlude

Rejoice the Lord is King

arr. Edward G. Mead