

**First Christian Church  
(Disciples of Christ)**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**May 7, 2023**

***The Community Gathers Before God***

Greeting & Announcements

Rev. Caryn Yoast

Prelude

*Prelude*  
by Louis Vierne

Dr. Zahari Metchkov

Lighting of the Candles

\*Call to Worship

Cathy Liss

Though the way seems long and the road rough

**WE WILL TRUST THE ONE WHO LEADS US.**

Though the direction is unknown and we don't know the outcome

**WE WILL PLACE OUR LIVES IN CHRIST'S LOVING CARE.**

Jesus the Good Shepherd calls our names to come and follow him.

**HIS VOICE, SPEAKING OUR NAMES, DRAWS US TO HIM.**

We follow without fear, for the shepherd cares for us.

**OUR HEARTS REJOICE AND WE PLACE OUR TRUST IN THE GOOD SHEPHERD.**

Come, let us enter the gate with thanksgiving!

**WE ARE NOT ALONE. THANKS BE TO GOD.**

\*Opening Hymn

*Great is Thy Faithfulness*

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\*Prayer of Invocation

Cathy Liss

\*Passing of the Peace

Baby Dedication

Sawyer Kay Watkins

Rev. Caryn Yoast

Prayers of the People

Rev. Caryn Yoast

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer (using "debts")

***The Community Hears and Proclaims God's Word***

Reading

Isaiah 40:1-11

Cathy Liss

Anthem

*Leaning On the Everlasting Arms*  
Arr. Mark Hayes

Chancel Choir  
Jolyne Antista

Gospel Lesson  
Sermon

John 10:1-10

p. 103 NT  
Rev. Caryn Yoast

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

Communion Hymn

*Let us Break Bread Together*

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Invitation to Communion

Rev. Caryn Yoast

Words of Institution

Elder Prayer of Thanksgiving

Steven Gray

Communion Music

*Domine Deus, Agnus Dei*  
by Francois Couperin

Dr. Zahari Metchkov

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

*When in the Hour of Need*  
by Johann Pachelbel

Cathy Liss  
Dr. Zahari Metchkov

\*Doxology

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\*Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Caryn Yoast

***The Community Departs for Ministry***

\*Silent Prayer for the World

\*Closing Hymn

*Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

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\*Carrying the Light to the World

\*Benediction

Rev. Caryn Yoast

Postlude

*Ruchenitza Dance*  
by Lubomir Pipkov

Dr. Zahari Metchkov

\*Those who are able, please stand.

## Life of Our Church

- TODAY – Sawyer’s baby dedication
- May 7 – Cinco de Mayo Church Potluck 11:30am (followed by second Town Hall)
- **May 8 – Ministry Board mtg, 6:00pm**
- May 9 - Anniversary of FCC COS! our church began on this day in 1878.
- May 14 – Noisy Offering Sunday, highlighting One Nation Walking
- May 14 – FCC Concert Series, 3:00pm - “Invitation to the Dance” presenting Dr. Michael Schneider and Dr. Zahari Metchkov in a duo, two-piano recital will be a festive offering of dances from various traditions just in time for Mother’s day.
- May 15 – Admin. Comm. mtg, 5:30pm
- **June 25 – Congregational Meeting**

Garden Club – 9am, Wednesdays. Our gatherings during spring is dependent on the weather. Please contact Carol Wilson for details.

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

**Before speaking to others ask these 3 questions:  
Is it kind? Is it true? Is it necessary?  
...to seek God always, in all ways.**

*Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you,  
O LORD, my rock and my redeemer. Psalm 19:14*

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Jolyne Antista, music director  
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