

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

**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**May 21, 2023**

***The Community Gathers Before God***

Greeting & Announcements

Rev. Caryn Yoast

Prelude

*Nocturne in E. minor*  
Cynthia Dobrinski

Handbell Choir  
Jolyne Antista

Lighting of the Candles

\*Call to Worship

Nancy May

God calls us out of our isolation to join hands

**AS SISTERS AND BROTHERS IN THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH.**

God call us out of our confusion to speak to us from the word

**AND TO INSPIRE US BY THE SPIRIT.**

God calls us out of our darkness to live each day in God's light

**AND TO FILL OUR LIVES WITH BEAUTY AND USEFULNESS.**

Let us give thanks to God.

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

\*Opening Hymn

*For the Beauty Of the Earth*

#56

\*Prayer of Invocation

Nancy May

\*Passing of the Peace

Children's Moment

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

Psalm 8

Nancy May

Anthem

*Train Up A Child*  
Pepper Choplin

Chancel Choir  
Jolyne Antista

Gospel Lesson  
Sermon

Matthew 28:16-20

p. 34 NT  
Rev. Caryn Yoast

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

Communion Hymn

*Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

#422

Invitation to Communion

Rev. Caryn Yoast

Words of Institution

Elder Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion Music

*Madrigal*  
by Louis Vierne

Jack Lingbloom  
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

*Sarabande*  
by Edvard Grieg

Nancy May  
Dr. Zahari Metchkov

\*Doxology

#47

\*Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Caryn Yoast

***The Community Departs for Ministry***

\*Silent Prayer for the World

\*Closing Hymn

*Go Tell It On the Mountain*

#167

\*Carrying the Light to the World

\*Benediction

Rev. Caryn Yoast

Postlude

*Postlude*  
by Louis Vierne

Dr. Zahari Metchkov

\*Those who are able, please stand.

## Life of Our Church

- May 15 – Elders mtg, 6:00pm
- May 22 – Ministry Board mtg 6:00pm
- **June 4 – ALL CHURCH Potluck & TOWN HALL MEETING**
- June 7 – Missions and Outreach Mtg, 5:00pm
- **June 25 – Congregational Meeting**
- Aug.13-26 - Family Promise, Hosting at Grace Episcopal, volunteers needed

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.

### Budget Report for May 2023

General Funds	May '23	2023 Year
Income	\$15,745.47	\$85,014.15
Expenses	<u>\$29,530.90</u>	<u>\$170,635.42</u>
Difference	<b>-\$13,785.43</b>	<b>-\$85,621.27</b>

**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  
Dr. Zahari Metchkov, organist**