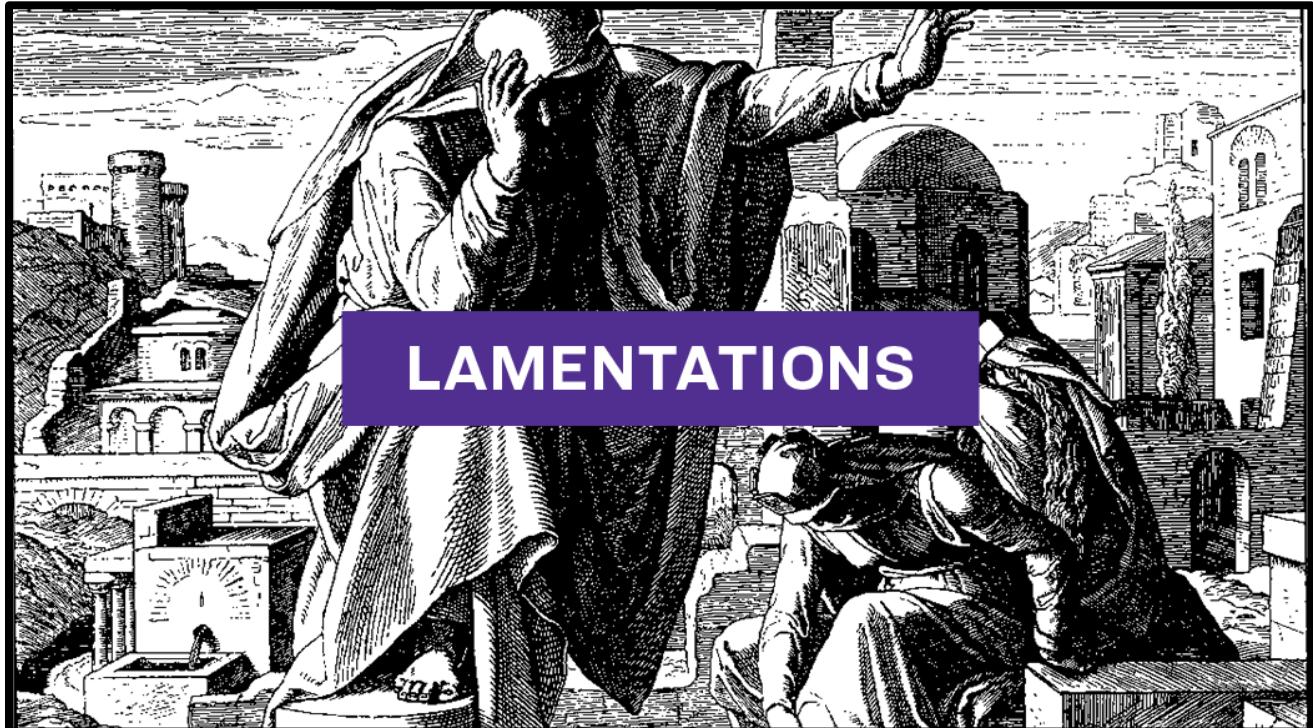


FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(Disciples of Christ)



June 26, 2022

*Christian Education at 9:00 a.m.
Worship Service at 10:15 a.m.*





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If you are participating in the sanctuary, please

- Pick up communion elements in the narthex
- Connect with us via the burgundy folders in each pew
- Be ready to share your prayer requests silently during the pastoral prayer
- Please wear a mask while singing

If you are participating in the rest of God's creation (Facebook, YouTube, teleconference), please

- Prepare communion elements
- Say "hello"
- Be ready to share your prayer requests during the silence of the pastoral prayer

PRELUDE

Intermezzo No. 1, Op. 117
Dr. Zahari Metchkov, piano

Johannes Brahms

WELCOME

Jonathan Hall

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God of the prophets, call to us today

MANY: Call us into Your ways of love, justice, and righteousness.

ONE: God of the poets, remind us again how much You love us

MANY: Sing to us Your ways of love, justice, and righteousness.

ONE: God of the disciples, teach us how to follow You

MANY: Teach us Your ways of love, justice, and righteousness.

ONE: God of all creation, help us to know Your ways

MANY: We gather to hear Your call, to sing Your praises, and to learn from each other!

*OPENING HYMN

O Worship the King

Chalice Hymnal No. 17
(vs. 1, 3)

O worship the King, all glorious above,
and gracefully sing God's wonderful love,
our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

The Earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, your power has founded of old,
Established it fast by a changeless decree,
And round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Nancy May

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Jonathan Hall

SCRIPTURE

(NARRATOR / DAUGHTER ZION TO THE NARRATOR / DAUGHTER ZION DIRECTLY TO GOD)

Don Metz

Lamentations 1:8-22 and 2:10-22

NRSV Updated Edition

Jerusalem has sinned greatly and so has become unclean.

All who honored her despise her, for they have all seen her naked;
she herself groans and turns away.

Her filthiness clung to her skirts; she did not consider her future.

Her fall was astounding: there was none to comfort her.

"Look, Lord, on my affliction, for the enemy has triumphed."

The enemy laid hands on all her treasures;

she saw pagan nations enter her sanctuary—

those you had forbidden to enter your assembly.

All her people groan as they search for bread;

they barter their treasures for food to keep themselves alive.

"Look, Lord, and consider, for I am despised."

"Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by? Look around and see.

Is any suffering like my suffering that was inflicted on me,

that the Lord brought on me in the day of his fierce anger?

“From on high he sent fire, sent it down into my bones.

He spread a net for my feet and turned me back.

He made me desolate, faint all the day long.

“My sins have been bound into a yoke; by his hands they were woven together.

They have been hung on my neck, and the Lord has sapped my strength.

He has given me into the hands of those I cannot withstand.

“The Lord has rejected all the warriors in my midst;

he has summoned an army against me to crush my young men.

In his winepress the Lord has trampled Virgin Daughter Judah.

“This is why I weep and my eyes overflow with tears.

No one is near to comfort me, no one to restore my spirit.

My children are destitute because the enemy has prevailed.”

Zion stretches out her hands, but there is no one to comfort her.

The Lord has decreed for Jacob that his neighbors become his foes;

Jerusalem has become an unclean thing among them.

“The Lord is righteous, yet I rebelled against his command.

Listen, all you peoples; look on my suffering.

My young men and young women have gone into exile.

“I called to my allies but they betrayed me.

My priests and my elders perished in the city

while they searched for food to keep themselves alive.

“See, Lord, how distressed I am! I am in torment within,

and in my heart I am disturbed, for I have been most rebellious.

Outside, the sword bereaves; inside, there is only death.

“People have heard my groaning, but there is no one to comfort me.

All my enemies have heard of my distress; they rejoice at what you have done.

May you bring the day you have announced so they may become like me.

“Let all their wickedness come before you; deal with them

as you have dealt with me because of all my sins.

My groans are many and my heart is faint.”

The elders of daughter Zion sit on the ground in silence;

they have thrown dust on their heads; they put on sackcloth;

the young women of Jerusalem have bowed their heads to the ground.

My eyes are spent with weeping; my stomach churns;

my bile is poured out on the ground because of the destruction of my people,

because infants and babes faint in the streets of the city.

They cry to their mothers, “Where is bread and wine?”

as they faint like the wounded in the streets of the city,

as their life is poured out on their mothers’ bosoms.

What can I say for you, to what compare you, O daughter Jerusalem?

To what can I liken you, that I may comfort you, O virgin daughter Zion?

For vast as the sea is your ruin; who can heal you?

Your prophets have seen for you false and deceptive visions;

they have not exposed your iniquity to restore your fortunes

but have seen oracles for you that are false and misleading.

All who pass along the way clap their hands at you;

they hiss and wag their heads at daughter Jerusalem:

“Is this the city that was called the perfection of beauty, the joy of all the earth?”

All your enemies open their mouths against you; they hiss,
they gnash their teeth, they cry: "We have devoured her!"
Ah, this is the day we longed for; at last we have seen it!"
The Lord has done what he purposed; he has carried out his threat;
as he ordained long ago, he has demolished without pity;
He has made the enemy rejoice over you and exalted the might of your foes.
Cry aloud to the Lord! O wall of daughter Zion!
Let tears stream down like a torrent day and night!
Give yourself no rest, your eyes no respite!
Arise, cry out in the night, at the beginning of the watches!
Pour out your heart like water before the presence of the Lord!
Lift your hands to him for the lives of your children,
who faint for hunger at the head of every street.
Look, O Lord, and consider! To whom have you done this?
Should women eat their offspring, the children they have borne?
Should priest and prophet be killed in the sanctuary of the Lord?
The young and the old are lying on the ground in the streets;
my young women and my young men have fallen by the sword;
in the day of your anger you have killed them, slaughtering without mercy.
You invited my enemies from all around as if for a day of festival;
and on the day of the anger of the Lord, no one escaped or survived;
those whom I bore and reared, my enemy has destroyed.

SPECIAL MUSIC	<i>How Beautiful are the Feet of Them that Preach the Gospel of Peace</i> Danielle Sena, soprano	G. F. Handel from Messiah
SERMON	<i>The Skipped Over Books of the Bible</i>	Jonathan Hall
PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER		Jonathan Hall
	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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.	

COMMUNION HYMN	<i>Blessed Assurance</i>	Chalice Hymnal No. 543
	Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.	
	Refrain: This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long; this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.	
	Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight; angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love.	

Refrain

Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

Refrain

SERVICE OF COMMUNION
Elder Prayers
Meditation Music

Song of Peace

Jonathan Hall
Debbie and Don Metz, Elders
Jean Langlais

After the music has begun, please partake of communion at your leisure.

CALL TO OFFERING

If you are with us in-person, please place offerings in the box at the back of the sanctuary
at the end of the service.

OUR LIFE TOGETHER, INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND OFFERING,
and PASSING OF THE PEACE

Jonathan Hall

The Invitation is an opportunity that is given each Sunday for individuals and families to take the next step in their journey of faith. This is an important tradition in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) family. We welcome you to come forward during the closing hymn to let us know of your desire to become part of our church family. You may also share your desire by messaging the church on Facebook or via the teleconference phone call, to which Pastor Jonathan will respond.

*CLOSING HYMN

To God Be the Glory

Chalice Hymnal No. 72

To God be the glory, great things he hath done! So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,
And give him the glory, great things he hath done!

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood, to every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes, that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Refrain

Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done, and great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son;
but purer, and higher, and greater will be our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

Refrain

BENEDICTION

Jonathan Hall

POSTLUDE

Variations on "Linde Groen"
Dr. Zahari Metchkov, organ

Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck

*Please stand if you are able.

Announcements

Each Sunday, we invite you to join in connecting with others in the Fellowship Hall for **Chat and Coffee** from **9:45-10:15 a.m.**



Garden Volunteers Needed: We need some energetic new volunteers to help us care for our large, beautiful gardens. No experience necessary. The crew works from 9:00-11:00 a.m. on Wednesday mornings, and would love to have you join us. Please contact Carol Wilson, gardener@firstchristiancos.org, or 719-633-8888.

Upcoming Events

Upcoming Concerts: Music on the Labyrinth

Outdoor summer programs, Saturday evenings at 6:30 p.m.

July 2 – Sarah Groh Jazz Quartet

July 16 – Trilix Jazz Trio

July 30 – Joe Johnson and Jacob Klock, guitar and fiddle

August 6 – Academy Jazz Ensemble



Each week, we're sharing our love through a card shower for those among us who could use some encouragement from their church family, or are celebrating a landmark in their lives. This week for the **Outreach of Love ministry** we are lifting up **Phillip Hayes**, who has contracted Covid-19; **Sharon Tausan**, who underwent knee replacement surgery; and **Jeff Bilyeu**, who had hernia surgery mid-week. Please contact the church office if you need their mailing addresses.

Children & Youth

Our nursery is open for children through age 5. Masks are suggested, but not required, and will be provided for the children if requested.

Children's Sunday school (K-5th grade) is held **during our worship service**. Kids will begin worship with their parents. After the Children's Moment, they will be invited to join our teachers **Evelyn and Bob Ford**, as we have begun our partnership with the **Thinkering Lab** to offer Christian formation for our children! This ministry is located on the second floor of our Christian Education wing in room 204.

Youth Sunday school (6-12th grade) meets on Sunday mornings at **9:00 a.m.** in the youth lounge. The Zoom link for youth who are unable to join in person is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86138335137>. The link may also be found in the weekly e-mail sent to families of children and youth.

Discipleship & Christian Formation

The **Chapel Class** offers two options: Sunday mornings in-person in the Chapel at 9:00 a.m., and the ongoing Zoom class on Sunday evenings with Don Sarton at 6:30 p.m. They are currently studying the Gospel of Luke. Contact Don Sarton, dsarton63@gmail.com or Cathy Liss, cathyliss1946@gmail.com with any questions.

The **Coffee & Conversation group**, led by Norman Heimer, meets on Sunday mornings in the Fellowship Hall from 9:00-9:45 a.m. They have a weekly topic based on events in the world.

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Pastoral & Music Staff

Jonathan Hall, Senior Pastor ~ seniorpastor@firstchristiancos.org

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A movement for wholeness in a fragmented world. As part of the one body of Christ, we welcome all to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us.

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FCC is Open & Affirming



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In a world that prefers black and white thinking and clear divisions, First Christian Church seeks to be a blessing to our community by empowering us all to find beauty, add color, and create connections. We invite all to experience the unfolding story of God's grace and love