



**Service of Worship
June 13, 2021**

**First Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
Wilson, NC**

First Christian Church at Worship

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Gathering Music Casey Childers, piano
Welcome and Announcements Rev. Gary Walling
Prelude Casey Childers, organ

Prelude on "St. Anne" arr. Healey Willan

Call to Worship: Mary Louise Gray

Leader: God, the Creator of Life, calls us out of our dark places and offers us the grace of new life.

People: When we see nothing but hopelessness, God surprises us with the breath of the Spirit.

Leader: God calls us out of our complacency and routines, setting free from our self-imposed bonds.

People: In this sacred hour, may we be open to God's Spirit which can fill us with life, compassion, and peace.

Opening Hymn of Praise CH #2 vs. 1, 2, 4

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Sesquicentennial Psalm: Day 36 Mary Louise Gray

Psalm 38

O Lord, do not rebuke me in your anger, or discipline me in your wrath. For your arrows have sunk into me, and your hand has come down on me.

There is no soundness in my flesh because of your indignation; there is no health in my bones because of my sin. For my iniquities have gone over my head; they weigh like a burden too heavy for me.

My wounds grow foul and fester because of my foolishness; I am utterly bowed down and prostrate; all day long I go around mourning. For my loins are filled with burning, and there is no soundness in my flesh. I am utterly spent and crushed; I groan because of the tumult of my heart.

O Lord, all my longing is known to you; my sighing is not hidden from you. My heart throbs, my strength fails me; as for the light of my eyes—it also has gone from me. My friends and companions stand aloof from my affliction,

and my neighbors stand far off.

Those who seek my life lay their snares; those who seek to hurt me speak of ruin, and meditate treachery all day long.

But I am like the deaf, I do not hear; like the mute, who cannot speak. Truly, I am like one who does not hear, and in whose mouth is no retort.

But it is for you, O Lord, that I wait; it is you, O Lord my God, who will answer. For I pray, 'Only do not let them rejoice over me, those who boast against me when my foot slips.'

For I am ready to fall, and my pain is ever with me. I confess my iniquity; I am sorry for my sin. Those who are my foes without cause* are mighty, and many are those who hate me wrongfully. Those who render me evil for good are my adversaries because I follow after good.

Do not forsake me, O Lord; O my God, do not be far from me; make haste to help me, O Lord, my salvation.

Common Prayer

Mary Louise Gray

O Holy One, we remember with gratitude those people who generously sowed the seeds of faith in our lives. Above all, we recognize how you have blessed our lives with the gift of the Holy Spirit so that our faith has miraculously and mysteriously grown.

Where we have failed to do the same, where we have failed to involve ourselves in planting any seeds of faith in the lives of others, where we have denied others the opportunity to expand their faith through our lack of interest or involvement, then we confess our preoccupation with self and ask for your forgiveness. And we further ask that you bless and renew our lives, keeping us connected to you at all times and in all places, and strengthening our faith as well as our resolve to be a blessing to others. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Children's Moment

Rev. Gary Walling

Pastoral Update

Pastoral Prayer

Solo

Gabby McHarg, soloist

Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing arr. Mark Hayes

Scripture

Mark 4:26-34

Mary Louise Gray

Sermon	Farming Explained	Rev. Gary Walling
Hymn of Response	<i>Seed, Scattered and Sown</i>	CH# 395
	Seed, scattered and sown, wheat, gathered and grown, Bread, broken and shared as one, the Living Bread of God. Vine, fruit of the land, wine, work of our hands, One cup that is shared by all; The Living Cup, the Living Bread of God.	
	Is not the bread we break a sharing in our Lord? Is not the cup we bless the blood of Christ out poured? (refrain)	
	The seed which falls on rock will wither and will die. The seed within good ground will flower and have life. (refrain)	
Invitation to Offer Our Gifts		Rev. Gary Walling
Offertory	<i>What God Ordains Is Always Good</i> arr. Dan Forrest	Casey Childers, piano
Blessing of the Gifts		Rev. Gary Walling
Invitation to Communion		
Prayer of the Elder		Pat Campbell
Words of Institution		Rev. Gary Walling
Music for Communion		Casey Childers, organ
The Lord's Prayer		Rev. Gary Walling
	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.	
Benediction		Rev. Gary Walling
Postlude	<i>Voluntary on "Hymn to Joy"</i> arr. Burkhardt	Casey Childers, organ

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Call To Worship and Common Prayer based on a prayer written by Moira Laidlaw, and posted on <http://www.liturgiesonline.com.au/>

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They may be left in the offering trays or may be sent to:
First Christian Church of Wilson, PO Box 2702, Wilson, NC 27894
Or to give online, go to:
www.fccwilson.org/giving-options
Text FCCWILSON to 73256

Welcome!

We are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us today in person or online and hope the worship we share will prepare you for the coming week! We would be grateful if you would take a moment to provide contact information and/or feedback by email at seniorminister@fccwilson.org or calling the church office at 252-237-4125.

Prayer Concerns

Peggy Almond, Jack Clifford, Neal Gibbs (Carol Steffa's son), Betty Jordan, Janet Robbins, Anna Jane Ruffin, JC Steelman (Theresa Mathis' father), Ron Taylor (former organist at FCC), Sim Wooten (William Wooten's brother)

Acknowledgment

Dear First Christian Church,

Your help in the time of our need was such a great comfort to us. Words can never express how much we appreciate the chicken, beans, potato salad, rolls, deviled eggs and butter pecan cake. They were all so delicious and your kindness will long be remembered.

With love,
The Griffin Family

Sympathy

It is with great sadness that we tell you of the passing of Catherine Cubberley on Saturday, June 5th. At 102, she was the oldest member of First Christian Church. She is survived by her daughter, Judy LeGrand. Our hearts go out to Judy and her family in this time of sorrow.

Church Calendar

Today, June 13

- 10am Worship: Live & Livestream (also Recorded for Later Viewing)
11am Disciples Class (in the Parlor)
11am Small Group Book Study (In Fellowship Hall) (to review Session 5-David)

Thursday, June 17

- 5:45pm 150th Anniversary Task Force

Sunday, June 20

- 10am Worship: Live & Livestream (also Recorded for Later Viewing)
11am Disciples Class (in the Parlor)

Elder on Call for June is Kathy Sandifer

If you are not on the church email list but would like to be, let us know by emailing us at officestaff2@fccwilson.org

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