



**Service of Worship
June 20, 2021
Father's Day**

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

First Christian Church at Worship

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Gathering Music

Casey Childers, piano

This Is My Father's World arr. Marilyn Ham

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Gary Walling

Choral Centering

Emma Beneck, soloist

I Dream of a Church by Mark Miller

I dream of a church where everyone is welcome,
I dream of a place we all can call home.

I dream of a world where justice is flowing with hope and peace growing,
Where God's will is done. Make it so, make it so!

We pray for that day, make it so.

We dream of a world where Love reigns among us
and your will is done, O God, make it so!

O God, fill our hearts to reach out in welcome,
make us to see your vision once more.

Let's dream of a world where our hands are your hands,
we offer ourselves, O God make it so!

Call to Worship: Sesquicentennial Psalm 46

Allan Daniell

Leader: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

**People: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;**

Leader: Though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble
with its tumult. . . .

**People: The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; he utters his
voice, the earth melts.**

Leader: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. . . .

**People: Come, behold the works of the Lord; see what desolations he
has brought on the earth.**

Leader: He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the
bow, and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

People: Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the

**nations, I am exalted in the earth. The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

Common Prayer

Allan Daniell

The challenges of our lives seem enormous – even insurmountable. And when we consider what we might do, we seem small – even inconsequential. So this morning we come to you asking for inspiration and courage and faith. Inspire us to commit to and act on the small difference we can make:

May we bring peace through small acts of gentleness and reconciliation;

May we bring wealth through small contributions and collaborations;

May we bring safety through small acts of consideration and acceptance;

May we bring wholeness through small acts of care and service.

And in the small ways, O God, may our small difference make a big contribution to your saving work in our world. Amen.

Opening Hymn of Praise

My Hope is Built

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Children's Moment

Jeannette Ethridge

Pastoral Update

Rev. Gary Walling

Pastoral Prayer

Responding

Encounter

How Great Is Our God by Chris Tomlin

The splendor of a King, clothed in majesty,
let all the Earth rejoice. All the Earth rejoice.

He wraps himself in light and darkness tries to hide,
and trembles at His voice, trembles at His voice.

“How great is our God”, sing with me,
“How great is our God”, and all will see,
“How great, how great is our God!”

Age to age He stands and time is in His hands, Beginning and the end.
The Godhead Three in One, Father Spirit Son. The Lion and the Lamb.

Scripture 1 Samuel 17:4-11, 31-37, 41-49 Allan Daniell
Sermon **The Fight of Your Life** Rev. Gary Walling
Solo Emma Beneck, soloist

Be Not Afraid by Craig Courtney

Be not afraid for I have redeemed you; Be not afraid: I have called you by name.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;

When you pass through the floods, they will not sweep o'er you;

When you walk through the fire, you will not be consumed:

you are Mine, you are precious in My sight.

My love for you is everlasting, My love for you shall have no end.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;

When you pass through the floods, they will not sweep o'er you;

When you walk through the fire, you will not be consumed:

you are Mine, you are precious in My sight.

Invitation to Offer Our Gifts Rev. Gary Walling

Doxology Emma Beneck, soloist

Blessing of the Gifts Rev. Gary Walling

Invitation to Communion

Prayer of the Elder Bob Kendall

Words of Institution Rev. Gary Walling

Music for Communion ***Here Is Bread*** Encounter

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 Casey Childers, organ

Toccata Brevis by Daniel Gawthrop

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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, John Beland, Jack Clifford, Betty Jordan, Leslie Kendall, Sue Newcomb, Janet Robbins, Anna Jane Ruffin, JC Steelman (Theresa Mathis' father), Ron Taylor (former organist at FCC), Sim Wooten (William Wooten's brother)

Services in celebration of the life of Catherine Cubberley were held on Wednesday morning. We continue to hold her daughter Judy LeGrand and her grandsons, Gordon and Charles in our prayers.

FCC Hosts ARC Summer Program

We are glad to welcome the ARC Summer Program at First Christian Church again this year. They will be using the Fellowship Hall and some class rooms this summer. The Summer Program runs June 21-25, June 28-July 2, July 12-16, July 19-23 and July 26-30 from 9:00 to 2:00

Father's Day Flowers

The flowers for the service today are given to the glory of God and in remembrance of Ira P. Norfolk by his five children Ronnie, Jeannette, Lynne, Craig and Allen and in remembrance of L.G. Etheridge by Jeannette and Glenn Etheridge.

Church Calendar

Today, June 20

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

Wednesday, June 23

- 12:05pm Sounds of Summer Concert Series—Vonda Darr-harp
7:00pm Sesquicentennial Readers

Thursday, June 17

- 6:30pm Elder's Meeting

Sunday, June 27

- 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 6-Daniel)

We are delighted to welcome Rod Werline back to the pulpit next week. Dr. Werline is the Leman and Marie Barnhill Endowed Chair in Religious Studies Professor of Religion and Philosophy. He is a wonderful preacher, so join him next Sunday to hear words of inspiration and meaning.

Gary Walling will be out of the office this week, but is always available on his cell phone. Our 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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