



**Service of Worship  
July 4, 2021**

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

# First Christian Church at Worship

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Hymn Sing on the Lawn

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Gary Walling

Choral Centering

***This is My Song***

Matthew Joyner, soloist

This is my song, O God of all the nations,  
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.

This is my home, the country where my heart is;  
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;  
But other hearts in other lands are beating  
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,  
and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine;  
But other lands have sunlight too, and clover,  
and skies are everywhere as blue as mine.  
O hear my song, thou God of all the nations,  
a song of peace for their land and for mine.

Call to Worship:

Mary Louise Gray

Leader: God alone is our sovereign, the only one to whom we bow.

**People: We gather this morning appreciating our freedom to worship God.**

Leader: May God continue to bless the Christ's Church in this land .

**People: May God continue to bless our country and all the countries in the world.**

Leader: May God continue to establish peace on earth and help us understand that it begins in our hearts.

**People: Come, let us worship God!**

Opening Hymn of Praise ***God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand***

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God of the ages, whose almighty hand  
leads forth in beauty all the starry band  
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,

our grateful songs before thy throne arise.

Thy love divine hath led us in the past;  
in this free land with thee our lot is cast;  
Be thou our ruler, guardian, guide and stay,  
thy Word our law, thy paths our chosen way.

Refresh thy people on our toilsome way;  
lead us from night to never-ending day;  
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,  
and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.

Sesquicentennial Psalm: Day 57

Mary Louise Gray

**Psalm 61**

**1 Hear my cry, O God; listen to my prayer. 2 From the end of the earth I call to you, when my heart is faint. Lead me to the rock that is higher than I; 3 for you are my refuge, a strong tower against the enemy. 4 Let me abide in your tent forever, find refuge under the shelter of your wings. 5 For you, O God, have heard my vows; you have given me the heritage of those who fear your name. 6 Prolong the life of the king; may his years endure to all generations! 7 May he be enthroned forever before God; appoint steadfast love and faithfulness to watch over him! 8 So I will always sing praises to your name, as I pay my vows day after day.**

Common Prayer

Mary Louise Gray

**Lord God, we thank you for your mercy towards our nation throughout its long history; may that mercy continue in our day. Deliver us from the sins of affluence, from pride, from materialism, and from indifference to the needs of the rest of the world. Inspire your Church to be the nation's conscience. Give to our leaders soundness of judgement and courage of decision; and unite us all in a common zeal to honor you and serve others; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Children's Moment

Jeannette Ethridge

Pastoral Update

Rev. Gary Walling

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn of Prayer	<b><i>This is My Song</i></b>	Matthew Joyner, soloist
	This is my prayer, O Ruler of all nations: let thy reign come; on earth thy will be done. In peace may all earth's people draw together, and hearts united learn to live as one. O hear my prayer, thou God of all the nations; myself I give thee; let thy will be done.	
Scripture	Mark 6.1-13	Mary Louise Gray
Sermon	<b>No Deeds of Power</b>	Rev. Gary Walling
Solo		Matthew Joyner, soloist
	<b><i>Battle Hymn of the Republic</i></b> arr. Mark Hayes	
Invitation to Offer Our Gifts		Rev. Gary Walling
Offertory		Casey Childers, organ Matthew Joyner, piano
	<b><i>O Beautiful, for Spacious Skies</i></b> arr. Lani Smith	
Blessing of the Gifts		Rev. Gary Walling
Invitation to Communion		
Prayer of the Elder		Kathy Sandifer
Words of Institution		Rev. Gary Walling
Music for Communion		
The Lord's Prayer		Rev. Gary Walling
	<b>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.</b>	
Benediction		Rev. Gary Walling
Postlude		Casey Childers, organ
	<b><i>Prelude and fugue in G major</i></b> by Bach	

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First Christian Church of Wilson, PO Box 2702, Wilson, NC 27894  
Or to give online, go to:  
[www.fccwilson.org/giving-options](http://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](mailto:seniorminister@fccwilson.org) or calling the church office at 252-237-4125.

## **Prayer Concerns**

Peggy Almond, Sheldon Campbell, Jack Clifford, Betty Jordan, Leslie Kendall, Josh and Joanie Near, Sue Newcomb, Janet Robbins, Anna Jane Ruffin, JC Steelman (Theresa Mathis' father), Ron Taylor (former organist at FCC), A. J. Walston, Sim Wooten (William Wooten's brother)

## **Vacation Bible School Returns! August 5,6,7**

After missing a year of one of our favorite activities, Vacation Bible School returns! Mark your calendars for the evenings of August 5, 6 and midday, August 7. To help continue the care for our children who are unvaccinated, this year we will focus on only our First Christian children/families. Stay tuned to how you can be involved. More importantly, if you have little ones, be sure and mark your calendars and save these dates!

## **Sesquicentennial Walk around Lake Wilson—July 10 at 8:30AM**

Join us in the main parking lot (near the restrooms) at Lake Wilson before it gets to warm! We will begin with prayer then embark on the 2.23 mile loop. During our time of fellowship we will also better our bodies for Christ's work. Following, we will have refreshments and closing prayer. Let Casey know if you plan on joining!

# Church Calendar

## Today, July 4

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

## Monday, July 5

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

## Thursday, July 8

- 6:30pm    Elder's Meeting

## Saturday, July 10

- 8:30am    Sesquicentennial Walk – Lake Wilson

## Sunday, July 11

- 10am      Worship: Live & Livestream (also Recorded for Later Viewing)  
11am      Disciples Class (in the Parlor)  
4pm       Congregational Meeting with Consultant – Fellowship Hall and Zoom  
(Meeting ID: 839 2558 4112; Passcode: 484083)  
5:30pm    Consultation Committee Meeting

## Monday, July 12

- 7pm       Psalms and Psundaes Seminar with Rev Carla Aday – Fellowship Hall  
and Zoom (Meeting ID: 898 9150 2864; Passcode: 802255)

## Wednesday, July 14

- 12pm      Sounds of Summer Concert Series featuring Matthew Joyner, tenor  
and Dexter Ruffin, pianist  
2-6pm      Red Cross Blood Drive

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