

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE "Rejoice! Rise Up!" John Darwall / William H. Walter

LIGHTING OF THE MEMORIAL CANDLES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Mary Pat Spencer

SALUTE TO THE TROOPS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP "Christians, We Have Met to Worship"

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Rev. Mary Pat Spencer

Pastor: You have graced us with this hour of peace, O God.

People: We give You thanks and praise, and know that You are with us.

Pastor: You have graced us with this hour of peace, O God.

People: We reflect and confess, and know that You will pardon us.

Pastor: You have graced us with this hour of peace, O God.

People: We are challenged to strengthen this faith community, and we know that You will work with us.

Pastor: You have graced us with this hour of peace, O God.

People: We are people in an unjust and conflict-ridden world, and we know that You will enable us to bring change.

Pastor: You have graced us with this hour of peace, O God.

People: We have been touched by Jesus the peace-bringer, and we know that He will inspire us with His song of peace.

***HYMN OF PRAISE** "This Is My Song" Hymnal No. 722

***INVOCATION**

***THE LORD'S PRAYER (Trespas) and GLORIA PATRI** Hymnal No. 35

CHILDRENS MOMENT Rev. Mary Pat Spencer

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Call to Stewardship

Special Music Offering

Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Mary Pat Spencer

Nerak

Hymnal No. 46

Rev. Mary Pat Spencer

ANTHEM "All Because of Your Almighty Grace" Berry
David Brasher, Tenor / Gary Franklin, Bass

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Edd Spencer

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Communion Hymn

Invitation to Communion

Prayer of Communion

(This is the Lord's Table. All believers in Christ are invited. As the emblems are passed, partake of the bread and hold the cup, offering your own prayer/meditation until after the congregational response.)

"Amazing Grace!"

Hymnal No. 546

Clarissa Harms

Ross Lange

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

(Taken from the New Testament: First Corinthians 11:23-26)

ELDER: The Lord Jesus, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, broke it and said; "This is My Body which is given for you."

COMMUNION MUSIC "O Master, Let Me Walk with You" H. Percy Smith/Thallander

ELDER: In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying; "This cup is the new covenant of My Blood. Do this as often as you drink it in remembrance of Me."

CONGREGATION: As often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

SCRIPTURE John 14: 25-27 Rev. Edd Spencer

SERMON "My Peace I Give To You" Rev. Edd Spencer

*** HYMN OF INVITATION** "Let There Be Peace on Earth" Hymnal No. 677

*** BENEDICTION** Rev. Edd Spencer

CHORAL RESPONSE "God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand" Hymnal No. 725

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.

POSTLUDE "Victory in Jesus" Eugene M. Bartlett / Varner

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(Disciples of Christ)

Where the Grace of God Awaits You

LIFE IN OUR COMMUNITY THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, May 25

9:00 am
10:00 am

Sunday School
Memorial Candlelight Service

MONDAY, May 26

MEMORIAL DAY
Offices Closed

TUESDAY, May 27

6:30 pm
7:00 pm

Caring & Sharing at Bone Daddy's
Church Growth Calls

WEDNESDAY, May 28

12:00 pm
6:30 pm

Young at Heart Program and Luncheon
Choir Practice



May 25, 2008

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IN THE LIFE OF OUR CHURCH

- **SACRED HARP CONVENTION TO BE HELD HERE AT FCC** – Something wonderful, beautiful and exciting is scheduled at your church building on June 12th, 13th & 14th this year. SACRED HARP SINGING! It is acappella singing that has been enjoyed continuously for almost 200 years in this country. Some of the hymns, sung frequently, were written centuries ago. In 1980 a group of singers, in co-operation with the music department of Samford University, held the first NATIONAL SACRED HARP CONVENTION at Samford. It has been held in the Birmingham area annually since then. Singers come from many states in the United States, from England, Canada as well as other locations around the world to participate in this joyful musical event. They come at their own expense to join in singing from 9:30 am to about 2:30 pm – with breaks in the morning and afternoon. Of course time is taken out for a great lunch at noon. Different “leaders” follow one after the other directing songs of their choosing. About one hundred songs are sung each day. A smaller group will return on Thursday evening to sing some new compositions for a couple of hours. The visitors usually will attend area sings on Sunday the 15th to experience different groups of local activities. Sacred Harp singing has been a tradition in my family for generations, and I am thrilled that the most significant event of each year will be here at First Christian Church Birmingham. It is my hope that you will find an opportunity to spend some time with these visitors and make them feel welcomed while they are here. You are welcome to come and stay throughout the event or come and go as you wish. Our buildings will be used with great care and I am sure a significant donation will be provided for the use of our outstanding facilities. Please come and become acquainted with this musical tradition - you may actually enjoy it!

I hope you do enjoy it. *Hubert C. Nall*

- **HOST/HOSTESSES NEEDED** - For the Sacred Harp Singing Convention here on June 11, 12, & 13. If interested in being a friendly greeter representing our church on any or all the above dates from 9:30-noon or noon – 2:30 pm, please call Sandy Hamilton before June 4 at 981-2757. Thanks!
- **EVENING VESPERS** - The worship mission is having Evening Vespers at 7:00 pm in the Prayer Garden on the first Sundays of June, August, September, and October. These services will be creative worship focused around the theme of nature and the Spirit of God. The nursery will be open.

WORSHIP LEADERS: Rev. Edd Spencer & Rev. Mary Pat Spencer
MINISTER OF MUSIC: Rev. Jan Watts
ORGANIST/PIANIST: David Brasher
ELDERS ON CALL: Clarissa Harms, Ross Lange
SERVING DIACONATE: Pepper Edwards, Susan Hales, Clark Andrich, Brent Beatty, Jacob Beatty, Bobby Boyd, Luci Colee, Allison Mirabito, Shane West, Jenny West, Emma Harms, Stacy Cason, Sherri LaBeau

WORSHIP GREETERS: Clarissa Harms, Ruth Ann Steele
CHILDREN’S WORSHIP: Pat Deaton, Ann Langley
SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETER: Jim Thigpen

- **SUMMER PRAISE MUSIC** - The Worship Mission is excited about our summer worship services this year. Starting in June during our 10:00 am worship, we will be learning and singing praise music. We hope to start a praise band to enhance our praise hymn worship experiences. If you or anyone you know plays the guitar or drums, and would like to join us as we lift our voices in praise to God during these Sunday summer services, give Jan a call at the church office. We look forward to hearing your voices in church on June 1st! What an exciting time in the life of our church. *Jan Watts*
- **GOD BLESS THE USA** - The Chancel Choir is busy preparing for a special event taking place on Sunday evening, June 29th at 7pm. We are pleased to be able to present a patriotic Christian musical entitled “God Bless the USA”. We will celebrate the birth of our country and have a rousing good time doing it! You will love the music and the message, so mark your calendars now and come join your choir as they present this very special musical honoring your country’s birthday. *Jan Watts*



WORSHIP LEADERS