



# First Christian Church

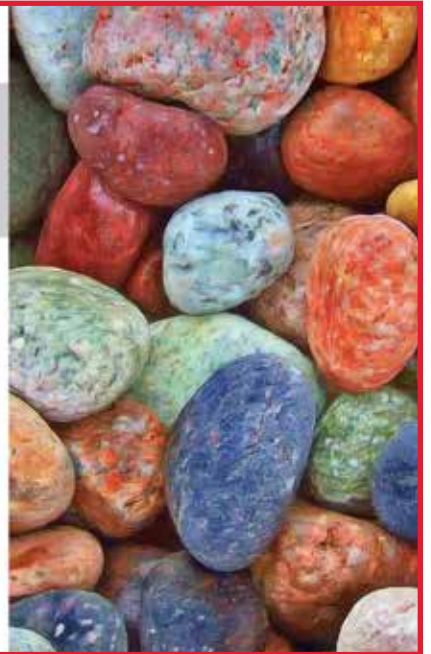
## Disciples of Christ

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Tell Your Disciples to  
**BE QUIET**

*Sunday, August 22, 2021*  
*The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost*



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# Welcome to this house of worship for all people!

Please check in at [fcbirla.org/sunday](https://fcbirla.org/sunday) or on our Facebook page, then silence your cell phone.

## WELCOMING GOD'S PRESENCE

Words of Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Dr. Michael Elmore

Prelude

Dr. João Casarotti

\* Call to Worship

Jerry Moses

*Leader:* Friends in Christ we are gathered here  
to give thanks for all we have received from God;

*People:* **to acknowledge and confess our sins;**

*Leader:* to hear God's word;

*People:* **and to ask those things needful for life.**

*Leader:* Let us draw near to God in all humility;

*People:* **and celebrate God's infinite goodness and mercy.**

\* Hymn of Praise

*This Is My Father's World*

Chalice Hymnal #59

## GOD SPEAKS TO US

\* Prayer of Illumination and Lord's Prayer

Jerry Moses

*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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.*

Scripture Reading

Psalm 34:15-22 (CEV)

Anderson Krupala

Children's Sermon

Chris Culp

## COMMISSIONING of PASTORAL

SEARCH COMMITTEE

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Rev. Dr. Michael Elmore

**COMMUNITY PRAYER AND GATHERING AT THE TABLE**

Prayer Hymn	<i>I Need Thee Every Hour</i>	Chalice Hymnal #578
Pastoral Prayers		Rev. Dr. Michael Elmore
Communion Hymn	<i>Here at Thy Table</i>	Chalice Hymnal #384
Invitation to the Table		Rev. Dr. Michael Elmore
Communion Prayer		Vicki Krupala
Words of Institution		Rev. Dr. Michael Elmore
Music & Meditation		

**HEARING GOD’S WORD**

Scripture Hymn	<i>Ancient Words</i>	lyrics on screens
Scripture Reading	Ephesians 6:10-20	Vicki Krupala
Scripture Reading	Luke 19:28-40	Rev. Dr. Michael Elmore
Sermon	<i>Tell Your Disciples to Be Quiet</i>	Rev. Dr. Michael Elmore

**COMMISSIONING TO GOD’S WORK**

*Hymn of Invitation	<i>My Jesus, I Love Thee</i>	Chalice Hymnal #349
* Benediction		Rev. Dr. Michael Elmore
* Hymn Refrain	<i>Peace Be Upon You</i>	Chalice Hymnal #441
Postlude		Dr. João Casarotti

*Please promptly exit to the foyer or courtyard if you are not staying  
for the adult class scheduled to begin immediately following this service.*

*\* Please stand, if able*

## The Latest at First Christian Church:

- The **Sunday Adult class** will **meet in the sanctuary** immediately after this service. If you do not attend, please promptly exit to the foyer or courtyard at the close of service, so they may begin in a timely manner.
  - Wednesday Bible study has been **temporarily suspended**, given mask/spacing requirements, but our study and discussion will, hopefully, return soon!
  - **Meal Ministry** - for FCC members who may need some temporary help with meal prep due to medical issues, etc., we're gathering names of volunteer cooks, delivery driver volunteers, as well as contributors of frozen meals to have on hand in the church kitchen for immediate needs. Call or email the [churchoffice@fccbirla.org](mailto:churchoffice@fccbirla.org).
  - The **FCC Disciples Women Fellowship** group is meeting this **Wednesday, August 25, at 9:30 a.m.** in the Youth building, testing out a move of their regular meeting to the *fourth* Wednesday of the month. All women of the church are invited to attend; bring a salad or appetizer to share!
  - The **FCC General Board** has approved the formation of the **Search Committee** as we begin the search for an Interim Pastor, and the self-evaluation process at the start of the permanent Senior Minister search. We will join together in a special time of commissioning and prayer upon Carol Madere (chair), Ed Atkins, Lucy Cody, Frank Dickinson, Carmen Jones, Vicki Krupala, Dak McInnis, and Mike Wilson.
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**To our Visitors — Welcome to First Christian Church.** To help your experience with us be as wonderful as possible, please allow us to share a few things with you.

**Communion** — The Disciples of Christ welcome all to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us. You do not need to be a member to receive communion. If you desire to take communion, ***please collect a pre-packaged communion kit from one of the entrance tables***, and hold it with you until we partake, together, during the service.

**Offerings** — Your offering for the mission and work of the church can be placed in one of the offering plates near each entrance to the building. To donate online, please visit our website at [fccbirla.org/giving](http://fccbirla.org/giving), or via PayPal at [paypal.me/fccbirla](https://paypal.me/fccbirla) or text **73256** (e.g. "fccbirla \$15").

**Joining the Church** — If you have not been baptized or made an adult profession of faith, please speak with the pastor. If you are already a baptized member of another church, please contact the church office about initiating a letter of transfer.

**Children** — We have children's books, coloring sheets tied to the theme of the day, crayons, and colored pencils in the bookshelf on the east side of the foyer. **Our nursery is CLOSED TODAY due to staffing issues.** If your youngster needs a few minutes to re-group, the library is open and the livestream is available on the monitor.

**Check-in** — Whether a first-time visitor, or returning member, please check in by aiming your smart phone at the QR code in the corner, below; or, on our Facebook page: [fccbirla](https://www.facebook.com/fccbirla).

**Restrooms** — The men's room is in the southwest corner of the sanctuary and the women's room is in the southeast corner.

We thank you for being here today, and are grateful for your presence.

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Church office hours: Monday-Thursday, 9 am until 3 pm

