

## Affirmation of Faith

We believe in a God who is everywhere and right here,  
Bigger than the sky and in the smallest details,  
All at once and in every moment.

We believe that God meets us where we are—  
In heartbreak and high hopes,  
Around crowded tables and in quiet homes,  
In joy and in suffering,  
In loneliness and in connection,  
In sanctuaries and in living rooms,  
In marches and in waiting rooms.

We believe that nothing we do or leave undone  
Can distance us from God's love.  
God is forever drawing us close and pulling us in.  
Again and again, God meets us where we are  
And invites us into wholeness.  
Thanks be to God for a love like that.



**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
Disciples of Christ

*Welcoming All. Encountering Christ. Celebrating Community.*



**Sunday, February 21, 2021**

**Prelude** *I Feel Good*

**Welcome** *Rev. Ben Hitzfeld*

**Call to Worship** *Lukus Ebert*

One: God meets us in the night—

**All: Before the sun rises, before the wound heals,  
before there are answers, before there is  
closure.**

One: God meets us in the light—

**All: Where joy is effervescent, where laughter is  
contagious, where flowers bloom from cracks  
in the sidewalk, and where people gather  
around the table.**

One: God meets us at the threshold—

**All: At the edge of the water, at the beginning of the  
wilderness, at the start of something new, on  
the edge of faith.**

One: And if God meets us in all those places, then  
surely God meets us in between—

**All: Staying with us through the wilderness.**

One: We are not alone. God is all around.

**All: Let us worship the God of the here and now.**

**Invocation**

**Opening Hymn:** *Revelation Song* (page 3)

**Children's Moment** *Ashley VanGilder*

**Welcome New Members** *Mark & Kathy Maxwell*

**Prayer Hymn:** *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*  
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**Morning Prayer & Lord's Prayer** *Lukus Ebert*

**Scripture Reading** *Joel 2:1-2; Isaiah 58:5-8* *JT VanGilder*

**Message** *Again and Again, God Meets Us* *Ben Hitzfeld*

**Invitation to the Table**

**Communion Hymn:** *How Great Thou Art* (page 5)

**Invitation to Giving & Discipleship**  
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donations today.* Contact [lukuse12@gmail.com](mailto:lukuse12@gmail.com)

**Dedication Hymn:** *In Christ Alone, The Solid Rock*  
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**Benediction** *Lukus Ebert*

**Postlude** *Fairest Lord Jesus*

## The Revelation Song

Worthy is the Lamb  
Who was slain  
Holly holy is He

Sing a new song  
To Him Who sits on  
Heaven's mercy seat

Holy Holy Holy  
Is the Lord God Almighty  
Who was and is  
And is to come

With all creation I sing  
Praise to the King of kings  
You are my ev'rything  
And I will adore You.

Clothed in rainbows  
Of living color  
Flashes of lightning  
Rolls of thunder

Blessing and honor  
Strength and glory  
And power be to You  
The only wise King

Holy holy holy  
Is the Lord God Almighty  
Who was and is  
And is to come

With all creation I sing  
Praise to the King of kings  
You are my ev'rything  
And I will adore you

Filled with wonder  
Awestruck wonder  
At the mention of Your name

Jesus Your name is power  
Breath and living water  
Such a marv'lous mystery

Holy holy holy  
Is the Lord God Almighty  
Who was and is  
And is to come

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## When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

When I survey the wondrous cross  
 On which the Prince of Glory died  
 My richest gain I count but loss  
 And pour contempt on all my pride

See from His head His hands His feet  
 Sorrow and love flow mingled down  
 Did e'er such love and sorrow meet  
 Or thorns compose so rich a crown

O the wonderful cross  
 O the wonderful cross  
 Bids me come and die and find  
 That I may truly live

O the wonderful cross  
 O the wonderful cross  
 All who gather here by grace  
 Draw near and bless Your name

Were the whole realm of nature mine  
 That were an offering far too small  
 Love so amazing so divine  
 Demands my soul my life my all

O the wonderful cross  
 O the wonderful cross  
 Bids me come and die and find  
 That I may truly live

O the wonderful cross  
 O the wonderful cross  
 All who gather here by grace  
 Draw near and bless Your name

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## How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God  
 When I in awesome wonder  
 Consider all  
 The worlds Thy hands have made

I see the stars  
 I hear the rolling thunder  
 The pow'r thro'out  
 The universe displayed

Then sings my soul  
 My Savior God to Thee  
 How great Thou art  
 How great Thou art

Then sings my soul  
 My Savior God to Thee  
 How great Thou art  
 How great Thou art

And when I think that God His Son not sparing  
 Sent Him to die I scarce can take it in  
 That on the cross my burden gladly bearing  
 He bled and died to take away my sin

Then sings my soul  
 My Savior God to Thee  
 How great Thou art  
 How great Thou art

Then sings my soul  
 My Savior God to Thee  
 How great Thou art  
 How great Thou art

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
 And take me home what joy shall fill my heart  
 Than I shall bow in humble adoration  
 And there proclaim my God how great Thou art

Then sings my soul  
 My Savior God to Thee  
 How great Thou art  
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## In Christ Alone – The Solid Rock

(Verse 1)

In Christ alone my hope is found  
 He is my light my strength my song  
 This cornerstone this solid ground  
 Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
 What heights of love what depths of peace  
 When fears are stilled when strivings cease  
 My comforter my all in all  
 Here in the love of Christ I stand

(Verse 2)

In Christ alone Who took on flesh  
 Fullness of God in helpless babe  
 This gift of love and righteousness  
 Scorned by the ones He came to save  
 'Til on that cross as Jesus died  
 The wrath of God was satisfied  
 For ev'ry sin on Him was laid  
 Here in the death of Christ I live

(Verse 3)

There in the ground His body lay  
 Light of the world by darkness slain  
 Then bursting forth in glorious day  
 Up from the grave He rose again  
 And as He stands in victory  
 Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
 For I am His and He is mine  
 Bought with the precious blood of Christ

"The Solid Rock"

On Christ, the Solid Rock, I stand  
 All other ground is sinking sand  
 All other ground is sinking sand  
 On Christ, the Solid Rock, I stand  
 All other ground is sinking sand  
 All other ground is sinking sand

(Verse 4)

No guilt in life no fear in death  
 This is the pow'r of Christ in me  
 From life's first cry to final breath  
 Jesus commands my destiny  
 No pow'r of hell no scheme of man  
 Can ever pluck me from His hand  
 'Til He returns or calls me home  
 Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand

"In Christ Alone"

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"The Solid Rock"

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### Prayer of Confession

One: God who meets us where we are— there is nowhere we can go that you are not.

**All: You were with Jesus at his baptism. You were with him in the wilderness, and even in between, you were there, saying aloud, “This is my beloved.”**

One: We know that you are with us too— In the good, the bad, and everything in between— But so often we act like we are alone.

**All: Instead of coming to you with our hurt, we hold it in or cast it onto others. Instead of coming to you with our joy, we credit ourselves and offer you nothing.**

One: How can we long for a deeper relationship with you while living like you are nowhere to be found?

**All: Forgive our self-centered ways. Remind us that in every breath, in every step, you are there.**

One: You are the God who meets us where we are.

**All: Before and behind, above and below, within and around. Amen.**