

*This confession is the opening paragraph in the Preamble to the  
[Design of the Christian Church \(Disciples of Christ\)](#).*

*It is used by many Disciples congregations in worship as an affirmation of the faith of the church throughout the ages – not as a “test of fellowship,” but as a statement of faith that identifies the Disciples’ commitment to and place within the universal and ecumenical church.*

**As members of the Christian Church,**  
**We confess that Jesus is the Christ,**  
*the Son of the living God,*  
**AND PROCLAIM HIM LORD AND SAVIOR OF THE WORLD.**

In Christ’s name and by his grace  
we accept our mission of witness  
**AND SERVICE TO ALL PEOPLE.**

*We rejoice in God,*  
*maker of heaven and earth,*  
**AND IN GOD’S COVENANT OF LOVE**  
**which binds us to God and to one another.**

**Through baptism into Christ**  
**we enter into newness of life**  
**and are made one with the whole people of God.**

In the communion of the Holy Spirit  
we are joined together in discipleship  
and in obedience to Christ.

*At the Table of the Lord*  
**we celebrate with thanksgiving**  
**THE SAVING ACTS AND PRESENCE OF CHRIST.**

Within the universal church  
we receive the gift of ministry  
**AND THE LIGHT OF SCRIPTURE.**

**In the bonds of Christian faith**  
**we yield ourselves to God**  
**THAT WE MAY SERVE THE ONE**  
**whose kingdom has no end.**

*Blessing, glory, and honor*  
*be to God forever. Amen.*

Preamble to The Design • Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada





# KINDOM OF GOD WITHIN US AMONG US

## Sing the Faith

We celebrate who we are as disciples of Christ, and using scripture and song, explore our confession of faith as members of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

Words of Welcome

Lois Wimpey, Elder Co-Chair

## THE GATHERING – We Enter into God's Presence

Sharing Christ's Peace

Judy Nickum

Gathering in the Light

Prelude to Worship

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" arr. Randal Hartsell

Julie Dean, piano

\*Invitation to Worship

Roy Nickum

*one: Who are we?*

*all: We are Disciples of Christ.*

*one: What is our purpose?*

*all: We are a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world.*

*one: Who is welcome here?*

*all: As part of the one body of Christ, we welcome all to the Lord's Table...*

*one: Why do we do that?*

*all: God has welcomed us. Let us worship our welcoming God!*

\*Opening Hymn

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

Chalice Hymnal #100; vv 1 & 4

Invocation

Roy Nickum

Prayer Response

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Chalice Hymnal #585; v 1

## THE WORD – We Receive God's Word

Prayer of Illumination

"Be Still"

Mary Beth Boucher

Worship & Wonder Story "Images of God for Young Children" by Marie-Helene Delval  
*told in the Children Worship & Wonder space*

Judy Nickum

Introduction

Rev. Laura Ann Phillips, via video

Scripture

Philippians 2:8-11 (Common English Bible)

Emerson Hartzler

Disciples Affirmation Emerson Hartzler

*leader: Together, let us affirm our faith:*

*all:* **As members of the Christian Church,  
We confess that Jesus is the Christ,  
the Son of the living God,  
and proclaim him Lord and Savior of the world.**

Hymn "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" Chalice Hymnal #91; vv 1 & 4

Scripture Matthew 28:18-20 (Common English Bible) Emerson Hartzler

Disciples Affirmation Emerson Hartzler

*leader: Together, let us affirm our faith:*

*all:* **In Christ's name and by his grace  
we accept our mission of witness  
and service to all people.**

Hymn "Here I Am, Lord" Chalice Hymnal #452; vv 1 & 3

Scripture Psalm 100 (Common English Bible) Aaron Blackburn

Disciples Affirmation Aaron Blackburn

*leader: Together, let us affirm our faith:*

*all:* **We rejoice in God,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
and in God's covenant of love  
which binds us to God and to one another.**

Hymn "How Great Thou Art" Chalice Hymnal #33; v 1

Scripture Galatians 3:26-28 (Common English Bible) Aaron Blackburn

Disciples Affirmation Aaron Blackburn

*leader: Together, let us affirm our faith:*

*all:* **Through baptism into Christ  
we enter into newness of life  
and are made one with the whole people of God.**

Hymn "We Call Ourselves Disciples" Chalice Hymnal #357; v 3

Scripture John 13:34; 14:26 (Common English Bible) Sue Elliott

Disciples Affirmation Sue Elliott

*leader: Together, let us affirm our faith:*

*all:* **In the communion of the Holy Spirit  
we are joined together in discipleship  
and in obedience to Christ.**

Hymn "They'll Know We Are Christians" Chalice Hymnal #494; vv 1 & 3

### **THE RESPONSE – We Respond in Worship**

Prayers of the People Sue Elliott

Our Lord's Prayer

*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.*

Response in Song

"It Is Well with My Soul"

Chalice Hymnal #561; v 1

Invitation to Stewardship

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\*Doxology

"Now Thank We All Our God"

Chalice Hymnal #715; v 3

Prayer of Dedication

Invitation to Communion

Lois Wimpey, Elder Co-Chair

Disciples Affirmation

*leader: Together, let us affirm our faith:*

*all:* **At the Table of the Lord  
we celebrate with thanksgiving  
the saving acts and presence of Christ.**

Communion Prayer

Words of Institution

Jody Cash, Elder Co-Chair

Communion Response

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

Chalice Hymnal #425; vv 1 & 2

### **SENDING FORTH – We Go Out into the World**

Invitation to Discipleship

Disciples Affirmation

*leader: Together, let us affirm our faith:*

*all:* **Within the universal church  
we receive the gift of ministry  
and the light of scripture.  
In the bonds of Christian faith  
we yield ourselves to God  
that we may serve the One  
whose kingdom has no end.  
Blessing, glory, and honor  
be to God forever. Amen.**

\*Closing Hymn

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Chalice Hymnal #2; vv 1 & 4

\*Blessing and Benediction

Teresa Phillips

*one: Great is God's faithfulness to us!*

*all: Morning by morning new mercies we see.*

*one: All that we need is provided by God.*

*all: God gives us strength for today and hope for tomorrow.*

*one: We come to give God thanks for another day.*

*all: This is a day to live, to love, and to serve.*

*one: And we start this day as we should start every day.*

*all: We leave here to praise and worship God!*

\*Postlude

"O Worship the King" arr. Kenon Renfrow

Julie Dean, piano

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