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Investing in Spiritual Community

September 22, 2019

11:00 a.m.

Worship Service

First United Methodist Church

1928 Ross Avenue Dallas, Texas 75201

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Dr. Andrew C. Stoker, Senior Minister

Third Sunday in Kingdomtide

*Please stand as you are able.

Please silence all electronic devices.

Please ask an usher about using one of the receivers in our assisted hearing system.+

Prelude

Festive Trumpet Tune

David German

Invitation and Intention for Worship

Dr. Andy Stoker

*Processional Hymn No. 548 *In Christ There Is No East or West*
(verses 1, 2 and 3)

McKEE

*Call to Worship

Dana Effler

In Christ, the God of heaven has made a home on earth.

Christ dwells among us and is one with us.

Highest of all creation, he lives among the least.

He journeys with the rejected and welcomes the weary.

Come now, all who thirst,

And drink the water of life.

Come now, all who hunger,

And be filled with good things.

Come now, all who seek,

And be warmed by the fire of love.

*Sung Response

(Please join in singing.)

McKEE

**In Christ now meet both east and west,
in him meet south and north;
all Christly souls are one in him
throughout the whole wide earth.**

Children's Sermon

Leah, Weldon, Ellen & William Bailey

(Please sing as the children come forward.)

**Children of the heavenly Father safely in his bosom gather;
nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.**

**Though he giveth or he taketh, God his children ne'er forsaketh;
his the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy.**

Call to Prayer

O Love
Mitch Maxwell, cello
First Women's Chorus

Elaine Hagenberg

O Love, that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give thee back the life I owe, that in thy ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.

O Joy, that seeks me through the pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain that
morn shall tearless be.

O Love, that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give thee back the life I owe and in thy ocean depths its flow shall richer, fuller be.

Pastoral Prayer

The Reverend Ann Willet

The 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against
us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the
kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

Testimony of God's Blessings

Candace and John Tower

Scripture

Galatians 3:27-29

Dr. Stoker

*As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.
There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free,
there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.
And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring,
heirs according to the promise.*

The Word of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

True Diversity

Dr. Stoker

Offering of Our Tithes and Gifts

The Reverend Willet

Offertory

Psalm 8
Emmanuelle Boisvert, violin; Austin Allen, djembe
First Women's Chorus

Dan Forrest

*The Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts;
Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit! Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Dr. Stoker

*Hymn of Invitation No. 557

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

DENNIS

*Benediction

Dr. Stoker

Postlude

Menuet Gothique

Léon Boëllmann

Acolytes are Shelby Chretien and Ginger Wells.

The First Women's Chorus is the service choir, directed by Dana Effler. Tim Effler is the service organist.

+FirstChurch's assisted hearing system has fifteen receivers for use during worship in the sanctuary. These may be checked out from the Communications Department prior to each service. In addition, members and visitors are invited to bring their own portable FM radios with headphones and tune to 107.7 to hear the service.

The 11:00 a.m. service will be broadcast on live streaming video on our church website and re-broadcast at 5:30 a.m. next Sunday on WFAA-TV Channel 8.

Join us for worship next Sunday, September 29

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Dr. Andy Stoker's message:
The Ingredient

A Service of Compassion and Contemplation

8:20 a.m.

in the Dickerson Chapel every Sunday

At FirstChurch, our cultural, spiritual and theological alignments to Christ compel us to break down structures that perpetuate poverty and harbor hate in our world – and this starts within our walls. We strive to embody the Kin-dom of God in its true form – a just, loving community in which people are free to be themselves fully and without fear.

We cherish the diversity of humanity vowing to provide a place where no one is exiled, silenced or exploited because of their sex, age, race, class, ethnicity, national origin, range of abilities, sexual orientation, gender identity, financial means, education, and/or political perspective. We invite all to participate in the life of the church and our beloved community.