



THERE IS A TIME

FOR *everything,*

a season FOR



every activity

UNDER THE SUN.

- ecclesiastes 3:1



*First Christian Church, Falls Church
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)*

July 31, 2016

**Please stand as you are able.*

Prelude

Adagio

J.S. Bach

Judith Marcinko, guest organist

***Call to Worship**

2 Corinthians 5:17

Phil Gilliland

Leader: So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

People: **Everything old has passed away;
see, everything has become new!**

***Hymn of Praise**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

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***Opening Prayer and Words of Welcome**

Steve Findley

If you are visiting with us, please sign the red friendship pads that we may know you better.

Witness of Scripture

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Phil Gilliland

Children's Moment

Steve Findley

Carol Choir will not rehearse today.

Children are asked to remain in the sanctuary with their families.

A Time of Prayer

Joys and Concerns

Dick Brooks

Pastoral Prayer followed by The Lord's Prayer (*unison*)

Phil Gilliland

Our Father (Creator God), 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.

Anthem	<i>There's a Land that is Fairer than Day</i>	arr. Michael Cox
Witness of Scripture	<i>1 Thessalonians 5:1-5, 13b-23</i>	Steve Findley
Sermon	<i>Time to Choose</i>	Steve Findley
Hymn of Preparation	<i>O God, Unseen Yet Ever Near</i>	399

Celebrating around the Lord's Table

Invitation to Communion	Jim Almand, Elder
Prayer of Blessing for the Bread and Cup	Virginia Findley, Elder
Words of Institution	
Partaking of the Bread and Cup	

Welcome to this Table of Grace where the living Christ meets us in love. All are invited to share in this sacred meal. Please come forward, beginning from the front pews or as you feel called, to receive the bread and dip it in the cup. If you prefer to remain seated, a deacon will serve you. We use non-alcoholic, gluten-free, vegetarian elements.

Gathering of the Offering		Jim Almand
Offertory	<i>Prayer from Suite Gothique</i>	Boellmann

*** Doxology** **379**

*Accept, O God, the gifts we bring of spirit and of clay,
transform them into blessings on those we serve today.
Rekindle deep within us all a passion to fulfill
the ministry disciples have, empower'd to do your will.*

*** Prayer of Thanksgiving** Virginia Findley

Sharing in the Life of the Church	Joel Wurl, Moderator Elect
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*** Hymn of Discipleship** **Creator God, Creating Still** **62**

(Would you like to commit yourself to following in the path of Christ? Would you like to live that commitment here at First Christian Church? Persons desiring to make their confession of faith in Christ and be baptized into His body, or to transfer their membership to this congregation, or to renew their Christian commitment, may come forward as the congregation sings this hymn of discipleship.)

*** Benediction** Steve Findley

Postlude **Psalm XIX** Benedetto Marcello

Following worship, please join us in Fellowship Hall for Coffee & Conversation.

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