

Let's Worship God Together!

June 21, 2026

Prelude

Aly Soriano

Welcome

Rev. Elizabeth Hagan

(We are so glad that you've chosen to worship with us today. If you are a visitor, we'd love for you to share with us a visitor card as found in your pew and place it in the offering plate. We want you to know how happy we are that you are here! Nursery/ Sunday School is available downstairs for babies – 5th grade Our 2nd – 5th graders stay in service until after Children's message & then go to Sunday School.)

Vocal Call to Worship

"How Great Is Our God"

Samuel Son

*Call to Worship

Rick Leffel

One: Jesus said that whoever welcomes one of his followers, welcomes Jesus himself.

(Turn to the person beside you and say, "Welcome to our worship.")

One: Whoever welcomes Jesus, also welcomes God.

(Turn to someone else and welcome them)

One: Whoever offers even a cup of cold water to one of God's children will be blessed by God.

(Turn to someone else and say "welcome" too)

One: Where two or three are gathered, Jesus says, I am there among you!

All: So, this we know for sure: all are welcome here! Let us worship God.

*Hymn of Celebration

"Praise Him! Praise Him!"

No. 93 (v. 1,3)

Congregational Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Rev. Elizabeth Hagan

Loving God, we come before you with humble hearts, asking for your peace and guidance. In a time when division, conflict, and misunderstanding seem to separate people, we pray that you would unite us in love, compassion, and respect. End wars as only your message of perfect love can. Unify your children as only your perfect love can. Let us keep in thought Jesus' prayer for unity – in the Gospel of John – where he prayed: "That they may be one; as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be one in us."

Help us to see one another as your children, created in your image and worthy of dignity and kindness. Remove hatred from our hearts and replace that with understanding. Where there is anger, sow patience. Where there is fear, bring courage. Where there is division, create harmony. Where there is disease, bring healing.

Teach leaders of states, cities, regions and nations to seek wisdom, justice, and peace. Shrink egos. Strengthen communities to work together for the common good. Inspire each of us to be instruments of your love, showing grace to our neighbors and extending a hand to those in need.

We acknowledge that all wisdom, knowledge and creativity ultimately belong to you. You are the source of all truth and the giver of every good gift. As humanity develops new technologies, including artificial intelligence – let us not lose sight of you, Father, the supreme intelligence. May we use every gift, every discovery, and every innovation in ways that honor you and bless the world.

Teach us wisdom as we keep learning to pray from the prayer you taught your disciples to pray saying: ***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. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.***

Song of Response

"Spirit of the Living God"

No. 259

Children's Moment

Katie Jones

Singing the Psalm

Psalm 90

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Giving our Gifts

You can give online through fccathens.org or at the offering plates as it is passed. As always, we are thankful for your generous support of the mission of our church!

Offertory

Aly Soriano

*The Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creations here below. Praise God above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. AMEN

*Offertory Prayer

Rick Leffel

Blow the dust off our fears, Generous Spirit, so we might be more giving people not just now but throughout the week. Use our gifts we've given today to bring hope to those who need it the most through our community. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Choral Offering *"The Blessing"* Lucas Baughcum

Scripture Reading Matthew 10:24-39 NT, page 9

Sermon *"Brave Conversations: What Really Happens When We Follow Jesus?"*
Rev. Elizabeth Hagan

Music for Meditation *"This is Amazing Grace"* Lucas Baughcum

Gathering at the Communion Table

(We celebrate an open communion table and welcome all to participate, adults and children alike from all denominational backgrounds. If you sit in the balcony, elements are available at the back on the table. Gluten free communion is also available.)

Invitation to Communion Rev. Elizabeth Hagan

Song of Preparation *"Let us Break Bread Together"* No. 425
Prayer for Communion Susan Mull

Sharing Communion Together

(At this time, you may come forward if you are able to receive communion from the pastor, then go to your seat to eat/drink when given instructions. If you would like us to bring communion to you, raise your hand and an elder will come to you. When finished, place the empty cups in the pew holder in front of you.)

*Commitment Hymn *"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"* No. 344

Life of the Church and Benediction Rev. Elizabeth Hagan

Closing Song *"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"* Refrain
Sweet, Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly dove. Stay right here with us, filling us with your love;
and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise; without a doubt we'll know that we
have been revived when we shall leave this place.

Postlude Aly Soriano

Worship Servants Today:
Counters: Jeana Allgood and Gene Luciani
Offering: Jessica and Stephen Dockery
Musicians: Aly Soriano

June 21, 2026
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

BRAVE CONVERSATIONS



SUMMER 2026

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
268 West Dougherty Street
Athens, Georgia 3060
Rev. Elizabeth Hagan, Minister
www.fccathens.org

The Life of the Church

- Next Sunday is Brave Elder's Day. We are delighted to welcome all members of our elder board to have a special part in the service. Come out and support them with your presence!
- Pastor Elizabeth will be in Grand Rapids, MI this week attending a conference at the Calvin Worship Institute but will return next Sunday. If you need pastoral support while she's away, feel free to call the church office and Angie will direct your request to the right person.
- Can you support our summer mission project to benefit Athens Wellness Clinic? We are collecting items such as Advil, sunscreen, and hand sanitizer between now and July 19th!

Concerns of the Church

Church members at home:

Mary Beussee

Betty Simmons

Lavonda Cheek

Mike Copas

Gloria O'Riley

Pat Jameson

Ronnie Edgar

Stacy, Kyle & Benjamin Kimmel

Angela Antans

Ann Strawser

Friends of our congregation:

Ron Bates (Friend of Rick Leffel)

John Goldsack (Friend of the VanDycks)

Brooke Korum (friend of Kristin Pope)

Gloria Parker (Mallory Reiter's grandmother)

Emily Faith Sir Louis

Russell Sloan (Angie Townsend's son)

Rachel Hagan (Kevin Hagan's mother)

Lauren McClusky (Marguerite Burch's granddaughter)

Carol Lowe (Extended family member of Mike and Marilyn Hiott)

Karen Dolezol (friend of Angela Antans)

Joe Cobb Burch (nephew of Marguerite Burch)

Bill Jordan (son-in-law of Marguerite Burch)

Psalm 90

Ps. 46:1
Alan Luff

RESPONSE (*New Year & General*)

God, you are my ref - uge and my strength,
a pres - ent help in trou - ble.

Alternate response at Ps. 46, response 1.

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- 1 Lord, you have been our dwelling place
in all generations.
- 2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
- 3 You turn us back to the dust,
and say, "Turn back, O mortal ones!"
- 4 For a thousand years in your sight
are but as yesterday when it is past,
or as a watch in the night.
- 5 You sweep them away; they are like a dream,
like grass which is renewed in the morning:
- 6 in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;
in the evening it fades and withers. R
- 7 For we are consumed by your anger;
by your wrath we are overwhelmed.
- 8 You have set our iniquities before you,
our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
- 9 For all our days pass away under your wrath,
our years come to an end like a sigh.
- 10 The years of our life are threescore and ten,
or even by reason of strength fourscore;
yet their span is but toil and trouble;
they are soon gone, and we fly away.
- 11 Who considers the power of your anger,
the awesomeness of your wrath?
- 12 So teach us to number our days
that we may receive a heart of wisdom. R

