



First Christian Church

Disciples of Christ

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Weekly Worship

love all • live spiritually • rejoice in hope • show hospitality

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Call to Worship

Feel free to follow along with our Call to Worship from today's live-streamed worship service.

One: Lord, open our hearts this morning to hear your words of compassion.

Many: Lord, help us to truly listen to you.

One: Lord, open our spirits this morning to strengthen our faith.

Many: Lord, help us to work for you.

One: Lord, make us ready to serve.

Many: Lord, make us ready to witness to your healing love. AMEN.

Public Worship WILL be held at 10:30 am Sunday morning.

If you are not quite ready to join us for public worship, we invite you to follow along with this printed service.

Community Prayer

O God of our days and our nights, we come to you in prayer hoping for respite. With the world around us rushing by, we pray that you can calm our nerves and our hearts to live peaceably. Sometimes at night when we come to you in desperate prayer, our minds are on fire with the events of the day. It is hard to find quiet and hear your still, small voice. Other times when we pray in the day, we are so busy, headed off in one direction or another, that we aren't really slowing down to connect with you as we should. O Lord, with the help of your Holy Spirit, lead us back to the scriptures, back to worship, back to the precious times that we spend in your presence. We pray in the name of Jesus, that it may be so. Amen.

Check out our weekly video at www.fcclincoln.org, First Christian's Facebook page, or search for First Christian Church, Lincoln, Nebraska on YouTube.

www.fcclincoln.org/youtube

Even if you are worshipping from home, please continue your regular giving to the church in addition to your faith giving. The FCC office is accepting checks at 430 S. 16th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508. We can also mail you a debit authorization form to do automatic withdrawals. Finally, there is a "GIVE" button on the top right-hand side of the fcclincoln.org website to make an online donation via PayPal.

Scripture Reading

Psalm 148

¹ Praise the LORD!
Praise the LORD from the heavens;
praise him in the heights!
² Praise him, all his angels;
praise him, all his host!

³ Praise him, sun and moon;
praise him, all you shining stars!
⁴ Praise him, you highest heavens,
and you waters above the heavens!

⁵ Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for he commanded and they were created.
⁶ He established them for ever and ever;
he fixed their bounds, which cannot be
passed.

⁷ Praise the LORD from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps,
⁸ fire and hail, snow and frost,
stormy wind fulfilling his command!

⁹ Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars!
¹⁰ Wild animals and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds!

¹¹ Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the earth!
¹² Young men and women alike,
old and young together!

¹³ Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for his name alone is exalted;
his glory is above earth and heaven.
¹⁴ He has raised up a horn for his people,
praise for all his faithful,
for the people of Israel who are close to him.
Praise the LORD!

Luke 10:38-42

³⁸ Now as they went on
their way, he entered a cer-
tain village, where a woman
named Martha welcomed
him into her home. ³⁹ She
had a sister named Mary,
who sat at the Lord's feet
and listened to what he was
saying. ⁴⁰ But Martha was
distracted by her many
tasks; so she came to him
and asked, 'Lord, do you not
care that my sister has left
me to do all the work by my-
self? Tell her then to help
me.' ⁴¹ But the Lord an-
swered her, 'Martha, Mar-
tha, you are worried and dis-
tracted by many things;
⁴² there is need of only one
thing. Mary has chosen the
better part, which will not
be taken away from her.'

Reflection

Meditation for 15th Sunday after Pentecost

“The Need to Plop”

Written by Reverend Sue Babovec

My friend, evangelical theologian, Dr. Andrew Purves says “plop is a good theological word!” Reformer Martin Luther insisted that when one is sitting and listening - in church, in our devotions, and with other believers - is when one is closest to God and when one is learning. We need to plop and listen. Then we can go out and tell others about the love of God and about the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Mary had already learned that, Martha was taught it during Jesus' visit when Jesus told her that Mary knew what was important...to learn before we go out to others. Each of us has more to learn - no matter how old or how young we are. Each of us has much to give to

others, but we can't give until we've plopped. Plopped at Jesus' feet - literally through reading and studying scripture and figuratively in study with other believers - and listening. Then - and only then - we realize the essentialness of listening - and then doing. In that order!

We need to be Martha's - gracious hospitality and caring are important. But we must listen first - we need to be Mary's first. The doing happens after we've plopped.

AMEN

Prayers & Praises

September 5, 2021

In Our Church Family:

- Georgann Jordan
- Arlene Heimer
- Marvin Thurber
- William Deterding
- Jessica Vocasek
- Our sympathy to the family of Nancy Jelinek, upon her recent passing
- Vic Burgess
- Harold & Donna Baker
- Polly Putney
- Sally Mason, recovering after bicycle accident

Relatives:

- Friends and Family of Vic Burgess
- Greg Ogren, prayers for healing, still ill after surgery and treatment, son of LaVonne Ogren
- Mark Carpenter, with colon cancer, brother of Jill Carpenter and Dick & Roxie Pickel
- Roger Christianson, with stage 4 cancer, father of Brady Christianson
- Gene Gangwish, prayers for returning home and continued healing, father of Lindsay Swanson
- Brother and Grandfather of Tony Flack, prayers for healing from respiratory illness and cancer, from Tony Flack
- John and Joyce, for safety from wildfires, brother and sister-in-law of Jim Christ
- Lester, for safety from hurricanes, cousin of Jim Christ
- Diane, prayers for healing of a broken hip and leg after a fall, mother of Doug Effle

Friends:

- Tallu Schuyler Quinn, diagnosed with glioblastoma, prayers for healing, friend of Kaleo and D'Arcy Blosser
- Cedric Gibb, healing prayers, friend of Cec Burkhart
- Tomi, healing prayers for cancer diagnosis, friend of Sara Lugn
- Judy Nord, with bile duct cancer, friend of Dick & Roxie Pickel
- Jim Bottolfsen, for stage 3 lung cancer, friend of the Vocaseks
- Carson Mousel, 13-year-old grandson of Bob and Eileen Kunz, from Mildred Brockemeyer
- Jamin and Hailey, for the safe delivery of their baby girl, from Tony Flack
- Jeff & Kathy Bunn, for cancer diagnosis, from Vic Burgess

Our Timothy's:

- Bruce Frogge at Cypress Creek CC in Spring, TX
- Glenda Dietrich Moore, Creative Arts Ministry in Lincoln, NE

In the Nebraska Region:

- Shubert Christian Church

Our Global Ministries Missionaries:

- All those serving in Israel/Palestine

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Song of the Week

Be Thou My Vision

Text : Irish poem, trans. Mary E. Byrne 1905

Music: Irish ballad; harm. David Evans 1927

Be thou my vision,
O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me,
save that thou art;
thou my best thought,
by day or by night,
waking or sleeping,
thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom,
and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee
and thou with me, Lord;
thou my soul's shelter,
and thou my high tower;
raise thou me heavenward,
O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not,
nor vain, empty praise;
thou, my inheritance,
now and always;
thou and thou only,
first in my heart,
High King of Heaven,
my treasure thou art.

High King of Heaven,
my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys,
O bring heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart,
whatever befall,
still be my vision,
O Ruler of all.