



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: Today, the words of God come to us, in love,

Many: Inviting us to not be afraid, but to place our faith in God.

One: Today, the word of God comes to us, in faith,

Many: Inviting us to hope in the One who saves us.

One: Today, the Word of God comes to us, in hope,

Many: Inviting us to be gracious in our love and in our service to others.

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

God, we are overjoyed that your Word surrounds us everyday. Not only can we look to the Holy Scriptures for what you have said and done in the past, but if we pay attention, we can see evidence of your activity present in our world today. When we see loving service in our community, you are there. When we hear a voice speaking out against injustice in our city or country, you are there. We pray to you, Lord, to continue this legacy through us. Make us prophets! Encourage us to speak up, even when it's dangerous. Give us strength and perseverance to stand up for those who are overlooked and underserved in our midst. We pray with humble hearts, 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

Jeremiah 1:4-10

⁴ Now the word of the LORD came to me saying,

⁵ *‘Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.’*

⁶ Then I said, ‘Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.’

⁷ But the LORD said to me,

‘Do not say, “I am only a boy”; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. ⁸ Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD.’

⁹ Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me,

‘Now I have put my words in your mouth. ¹⁰ See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.’

Luke 4:21-30

²¹ Then he began to say to them, ‘Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.’ ²² All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, ‘Is not this Joseph’s son?’ ²³ He said to them, ‘Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, “Doctor, cure yourself!” And you will say, “Do here also in your home town the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.”’ ²⁴ And he said, ‘Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet’s home town. ²⁵ But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up for three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; ²⁶ yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. ²⁷ There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.’ ²⁸ When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. ²⁹ They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. ³⁰ But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

Reflection

Meditation for 4th Sunday After Epiphany

“The Unlikely Prophetic People”

By Pastor Leigh Lestina

As Christians, we are prophets of God. We speak truth to power, call out injustice, and walk with God humbly as they walk with us. But haven't you ever felt inadequate? Prophets are important people - but they are rarely listened to. In the Hebrew Bible, the New Testament, and today's world they are persecuted, ignored, or at worst, killed on a cross.

But our God walks with us, putting the words of hope into our mouths. In this way, we carry the love of God from our hearts to our hands and feet, bringing justice to a world weary with COVID-19, death after death of dearly loved ones, and constant arguing over the internet.

Both Jesus and Jeremiah, at times, felt like the most unlikely prophets. But we also are the most unlikely prophetic people. We are just regular Christians - what does God have to say through us? For the folks of Lincoln, Nebraska, what injustice do we need to call out? What hope do we need to bring to those suffering? With God on our side, we can walk through the crowds and away from the cliffs of despair, and preach the Good News to all who need to hear it, however that Good News may look to each person and our community of Lincoln.

AMEN

Reflection Hymn

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Words & Music by: Daniel L. Schutte, 1981

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts are satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

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I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

Prayers & Praises

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In Our Church Family:

- Arlene Heimer
- Marvin Thurber
- William Deterding
- Vic Burgess
- Kindra Foster
- Harold & Donna Baker
- Polly Putney
- Jessica Vocasek
- Lois Frogge

Relatives:

- Friends and Family of Vic Burgess
- Greg Ogren, *prayers for healing, still ill after surgeries and treatments, son of LaVonne Ogren*
- Mark Carpenter, *with colon cancer, brother of Jill Carpenter and Dick & Roxie Pickel*
- Lorie Chrastel, *Mark Carpenter's fiancée, prayers for recovery from a stroke*
- Roger Christianson, *with stage 4 cancer, father of Brady Christianson*
- Gerald Deterding, *prayers for healing from cancer and pneumonia, father of William Deterding*
- Diane Effle, *prayers for healing from heart issues and help recovering from her broken pelvis, mother of Doug Effle*

Friends:

- Tallu Schuyler Quinn, *prayers for diagnosis of glioblastoma, friend of Kaleo and D'Arcy Blosser*
- Cedric Gibb, *healing prayers, friend of Ccc Burkhart*
- 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*

Our Timothys:

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

In the Nebraska Region:

- Beatrice FCC and Rev. Mike Hanneman

Our Global Ministries Missionaries:

- Fritz Gerald Joseph serving in Morocco

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Song of the Week

How Firm a Foundation

Words: "K" in John Rippons's "A Selection of Hymns," 1787

Music: American folk melody

How firm a foundation,
ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in
God's excellent Word!
What more can be said
than to you God hath said,
to you who for refuge
to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with thee,
O be not dismayed,
for I am thy God,
and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee,
and cause thee to stand,
upheld by my righteous,
omnipotent hand.

"When through the deep waters
I call thee to go,
the rivers of sorrow
shall not overflow;
For I will be near thee,
thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee
thy deepest distress.

"When through fiery trials
thy pathways shall lie,
my grace, all sufficient,
shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee;
I only design
thy dross to consume,
and thy gold to refine.

"The soul that on Jesus
hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not
desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell
should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never,
no, never forsake."