



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: Let us praise the Lord who gives us counsel!

Many: Yes, we keep the Lord before us because He is at our right hand; He will not be moved.

One: Therefore, our hearts will be glad and our souls will rejoice; our bodies can rest secure.

Many: Show us the path of life, O God; in your presence there is joy.

One: Let us worship God.

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

Gracious God, when we are discouraged, when we feel overwhelmed, when we feel all hope is lost, gently fill us with your peace and comfort. Remind us once again that Jesus has won the victory over death for all of us who believe can claim as our own AND when we see a fork, may it remind us that no matter what is around us, the best is yet to come! In Jesus' name we pray.

AMEN

This week our guest preacher is Reverend Sue Babovec:

Rev. Sue Babovec is an ordained Presbyterian (PCUSA) pastor, retired and now living in Lincoln. A native of York, Sue is mom to two delightful daughters, a splendid son-in-law, and four gifted grandsons! Having preached several times before for Pastor Karen, Sue is looking forward to being with all of you again!

Scripture Reading

I Peter 1:3-9

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Reflection

“Keep your fork”

The 5th Sunday after Pentecost

Often times, we humans “hope” for things that may or may not happen – great stock market gains; lost dogs coming home; people being completely cured of serious disease. When those things don’t happen, we begin to wonder “where is God” OR “why is this happening to me?”

In Peter’s day, as well as 2022, we Christians were (are) in danger of giving up faith when faced with difficulties. There are three ways to respond to discouragement:

We can abandon all hope

We can pretend things aren’t that bad

We can believe that it’s all part of something bigger than life – that life here on earth isn’t the end!

Abandoning all hope leads to bitterness and total despair.

Pretending things aren’t that bad shows itself with naïve optimism or intentional blindness to other’s suffering for sure and something to our own.

Believing the present moment of despair is part of something more – no matter what happens in this life, Christ has won for believers an inheritance in heaven that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading.

Often times at the end of a meal, we are told to “Keep your fork” (K.Y.F.) – a wonderful reminder that something better is coming. This is true for us and our life as well – Christ has promised “the best is yet to come.” When you are discouraged and overwhelmed, find a fork and hold on tight – a subtle but powerful reminder that everlasting life, eternity means THE BEST IS YET TO COME!

Prayers & Praises

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In Our Church Family:

- Marvin Thurber
- William Deterding
- Vic Burgess
- Jessica Vocasek
- Harold & Donna Baker
- Polly Putney
- Lois Frogge
- Joan Dietrich

Relatives:

- Family and friends of Doug Wielage, Jessica Vocasek's uncle who passed away suddenly.
- Friends and Family of *Vic Burgess*
- Roger Christianson, with stage 4 cancer, father of Brady Christianson
- Annie DeLosSantos, with liver cancer diagnosis, sister of Vince Ortega

Friends:

- Cedric Gibb, healing prayers, friend of Cec Burkhart
- Carson Mousel, grandson of Bob and Eileen Kunz, from Mildred Brockemeyer

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:

- Nebraska City First Christian Church and Rev. Michael Schmidt

Our Global Ministries Missionaries:

- Miriam Chimhungwe serving in Botswana



Find more information and stories about our Global Ministry partners at www.globalministries.org

Song of the Week

In the Bulb There is a Flower

Text: Natalie Sleeth, 1986

In the bulb there is a flower;
in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise:
butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter
there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence,
seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness,
bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the
future;
what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning;
in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing;
in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection;
at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

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