



**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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**Week of April 16th, 2023**



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

## Community Prayer

Blessed are you,  
O God of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
in whom we receive the legacy of a living hope,  
born again not only from his death  
but also from his resurrection.  
May we who have received forgiveness of sins  
through the Holy Spirit live to set others free,  
until, at length, we enter the inheritance  
that is imperishable and unfading,  
where Christ lives and reigns with you and the same  
Spirit.  
**Amen.**

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## Call to Worship

Feel free to follow along with our Call  
to Worship from the live-streamed  
worship service on Sunday.

One: We have not seen the risen Christ,  
Many: but we see him in the lives of those  
transformed by grace.

One: We have not touched the wounds from  
the cross,  
Many: but we have been called to bring  
healing to the scarred of the world.

# Sermon

From The Rev. Ellie Thober  
“We’re Stuck!”

We Welcome The Reverend Ellie Thober to the pulpit this week

In the 1990’s she served as Christian Educator in three churches, one of which was First Christian Church. In 2004, she graduated from Virginia Theological Seminary (Episcopal) in Alexandria, VA. and was ordained an Episcopal priest in Omaha. For the next 1½ years she served as Assistant Priest at St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church in Omaha. Following this, she served two churches – The Episcopal Church of Our Saviour in North Platte, NE (five years) and Grace Episcopal Church in Columbus, NE (six years). She retired from active parish ministry in 2017. Since retirement she occasionally leads worship for various churches, but her primary focus is her three sons, their wives, and her grandchildren.



First Christian Church Pulpit Supply  
April - May, 2023

April 16	Ellie Thober
April 23	Ellie Thober
April 30	Kara Hillhouse
May 7	Kara Hillhouse
May 14	Rachel Johnson
May 21	Kara Hillhouse
May 28	Jane Holtzclaw

# Scripture Reading

## Acts 2:14a, 22-32

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: ‘Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

‘You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

“I saw the Lord always before me,  
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;  
therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;  
moreover, my flesh will live in hope.  
For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,  
or let your Holy One experience corruption.  
You have made known to me the ways of life;  
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.”

‘Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,  
“He was not abandoned to Hades,  
nor did his flesh experience corruption.”  
This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

## John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’ When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.’

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, ‘We have seen the Lord.’ But he said to them, ‘Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.’

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ Then he said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.’ Thomas answered him, ‘My Lord and my God!’ Jesus said to him, ‘Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.’

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

# Prayers & Praises

## April 16, 2023

### In Our Church Family:

- Marvin Thurber
- William Deterding
- Vic Burgess
- Jessica Vocasek
- Relda Lathrop
- Bobbi Carlin
- Rae-Hope Putney
- Donna Baker
- Polly Putney
- Lois Frogge
- Joan Dietrich
- Mildred Brockemeyer
- Karen Moritz

- Our Sympathy, is extended to the family of LaVonne Ogren. LaVonne passed away Easter morning. Services are pending at this time.
- Tito Vigan, Sarah Mason's husband, for healing from a spinal stroke.

### Relatives:

- Friends and Family of Vic Burgess

### Friends:

- Cedric Gibb, healing prayers, friend of Cec Burkhart
- Carson Mousel, grandson of 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:

- Falls City First Christian Church

### Our Global Ministries Missionaries:

- Reverend Juliana Temparaja serving in East Timor

Find more information and stories about our Global Ministry partners at [www.globalministries.org](http://www.globalministries.org)



# Song of the Week

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

Text: Brian Wren, 1984

Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna!  
Celebrate this day of days!  
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder:  
all creation is amazed.  
In the desert all-surrounding,  
see, a spreading tree has grown.  
Healing leaves of grace abounding  
bring a taste of love unknown.

Christ is risen! Raise your spirits  
from the caverns of despair.  
Walk with gladness in the morning.  
See what love can do and dare.  
Drink the wine of resurrection,  
not a servant, but a friend.  
Jesus is our strong companion.  
Joy and peace shall never end.

Christ is risen! Earth and heaven  
nevermore shall be the same.  
Break the bread of new creation  
where the world is still in pain.  
Tell its grim, demonic chorus:  
"Christ is risen! Get you gone!"  
God the First and Last is with us.  
Sing Hosanna everyone!!

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