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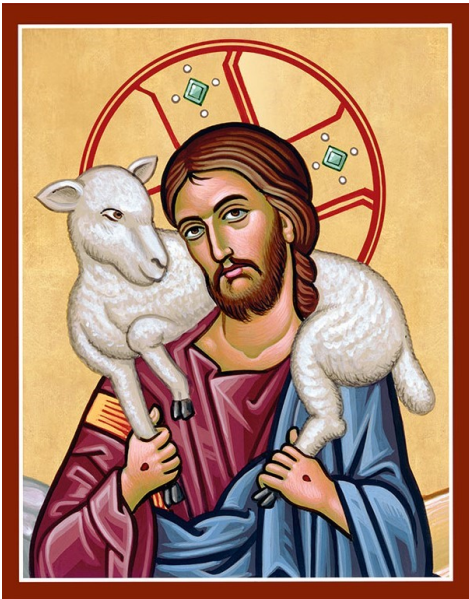
Weekly Worship

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

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Week of April 30th, 2023



Call to Worship

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

One: Day by day, God leads us:
Many: to the deep pools of peace, to the green lush lawns of grace.

One: Day by day, the Holy Spirit shows us:
Many: the community we could be, the family we are called to become.

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

Community Prayer

Holy Shepherd,
you know your sheep by name
and lead us to safety through the valleys of death.
Guide us by your voice,
that we may walk in certainty and security
to the joyous feast prepared in your house,
where we celebrate with you forever.

Amen.

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Sermon

From The Rev. Kara Hillhouse
“Baaa”

I haven't spent much time around sheep (although I did spend one particularly cold March night helping a woman milk 200 goats, which was interesting.). In the Bible, sheep are mentioned a lot. A lot. 577 times, if you count all the times sheep, rams and lambs are mentioned (in the New International Version of the Bible)-- more than any other animal. Sheep were indicators of wealth, objects to be sacrificed, and, in the New Testament, a metaphor for followers of Christ. Our text this weekend is on the sheep, sheepfold and shepherd, and the significance of following the Good Shepherd, not the thief that comes to steal. We hope you'll join us for worship, either online or in-person!



First Christian Church Pulpit Supply
April - May, 2023

April 30	Kara Hillhouse
May 7	Kara Hillhouse
May 14	Rachel Johnson
May 21	Kara Hillhouse
May 28	Jane Holtzclaw

Scripture Reading

Psalm 23

A Psalm of David.

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;

he leads me beside still waters;

he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths

for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,

I fear no evil;

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff—

they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord

my whole life long.

John 10:1-10

Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate.

Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

Prayers & Praises

April 30, 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 Elaine Lehl. Elaine passed away April 24th. A service will be held at FCC on Saturday, April 29th at 11:00 am
- **Our Sympathy**, is extended to the family of LaVonne Ogren. LaVonne passed away Easter morning. A private service will be held in Washington DC.
- Tito Vigan, Sarah Mason's husband, is slowly gaining movement after suffering from a spinal stroke.

Relatives:

- Friends and Family of Vic Burgess

Friends:

- Cedric Gibb, healing prayers, friend of Cec Burkhardt
- 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:

- Hastings First Christian Church and
Rev. Tamara Holtz

Our Global Ministries

Missionaries:

- Lydia Yang serving in Korea

Find more information and stories about our Global Ministry partners at

www.globalministries.org



Song of the Week

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Text: Isaac Watts, 1719

My shepherd will supply my need;
Jehovah is his name.
In pastures fresh he makes me feed,
beside the living stream.
He brings my wandering spirit back
when I forsake his ways,
and leads me, for his mercy's sake,
in paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death
your presence is my stay;
one word of your supporting breath
drives all my fears away.
Your hand, in sight of all my foes,
does still my table spread;
my cup with blessings overflows;
your oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God
attend me all my days;
O may your house be my abode,
and all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest,
while others go and come;
no more a stranger, or a guest,
but like a child at home..