



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

Community Prayer

Risen Christ,
you prepare a place for us,
in the home of the Mother and Father of us all.
Draw us more deeply into yourself,
through scripture read,
water splashed, bread broken, wine poured,
so that when our hearts are troubled,
we will know you more completely
as the way, the truth, and the life .

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: The One who shaped the universe,
crafts us into a community of faith:

Many: a people to shelter the homeless, a
family to feed the hungry.

One: The One who blesses us with flowers
and waterfalls, gifts us with the way, the
truth, the life:

Many: so we can go to tell the story, to
bring healing to a broken world.

Sermon

From The Rev. Kara Hillhouse
"Once"

The letter we know as 1 Peter was written "to the exiles of the dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, who have been chosen and destined by God the Father and sanctified by the Spirit to be obedient to Jesus Christ and to be sprinkled with his blood." This comes from the very first verse of the letter. Basically, 1 Peter was a letter to faithful and struggling early Christians who were living in Roman provinces in modern-day Turkey. It was a letter of encouragement because of the sufferings they were undergoing. They were disheartened, possibly persecuted people, but the author of 1 Peter (spoiler alert: it probably wasn't Peter) says, "but you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people." Once a people without hope, now these early Christians have been given a powerful identity. We continue to struggle today, with events around the world that cause us to lose hope. But these words of encouragement are for us as well as those early Christians. We hope you'll join us for worship this Sunday, and be fed by a time of Word, Music and Pastor Kara's sermon, "Once."

First Christian Church Pulpit Supply
April - May, 2023

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

Scripture Reading

1 Peter 2:2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

'See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.'

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

'The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner',

and

'A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.'

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

Once you were not a people,

but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

John 14:1-14

'Do not let your hearts be troubled.

Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

Prayers & Praises

May 7, 2023

Song of the Week

How Firm a Foundation

Text: "K" 1787

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 Burkhart
- Carson Mousel, grandson of Bob and Eileen Kunz, from Mildred Brockemeyer

Our Timothys:

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

In the Nebraska Region:

- Havelock Crimson Church and Rev. Rob Welch

Our Global Ministries Missionaries:

- Missionaries in Zambia

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www.globalministries.org



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 pathway 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."