



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

Living and gracious God,
through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ
you have brought us out to a spacious place
where we are called to live as those redeemed.

Empower us by your spirit to keep your
commandments,
that we may show forth your love
with gentle word and reverent deed
to all your people.

Amen.

Reprinted and Revised Common Lectionary Prayers,
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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: Here, in this place, we can speak of
what God has done:

Many: the One who is closer than our
imagination tells us.

One: Here, with these people, we will sing of
what God is doing:

Many: the One who lives in us, and calls us
the beloved of the Lord.

Sermon

From The Pastor Rachael Johnson “I Will Not Leave You as Orphaned”

Last week’s gospel reading began “Do not let your heart be troubled”. Jesus has just given his disciples bad news. They’re bewildered, directionless and grieving – stunned that their teacher and friend would leave them to carry on their mission alone. This week Jesus reveals this promise to send them Another Helper. “I will not leave you as orphans” is a continual promise that we are not abandoned. The Holy Spirit is an ever-present parent, comforting, guiding, and shielding our journey as we reveal God’s love to the world.



First Christian Church Pulpit Supply April - May, 2023

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

Scripture Reading

Acts 17:22-31

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, ‘Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, “To an unknown god.” What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For “In him we live and move and have our being”; as even some of your own poets have said,

“For we too are his offspring.”

Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.’

John 14:15-21

‘If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

‘I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.’

Prayers & Praises

May 14, 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 was held at FCC on Saturday, April 29th at 11:00 am*
- **Our Sympathy**, is extended to the family of Dave Schwaninger. *Dave's mother Lavina passed away May 4th*
- 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 Timothy's:

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

In the Nebraska Region:

- Humboldt Christian Church and Rev. Howard Blecha

Our Global Ministries Missionaries:

- Missionaries in Israel/Palestine

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



Song of the Week

All Creatures of Our God and King

Text: Francis of Assisi, 1225

All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O brother sun with golden beam,
O sister moon with silver gleam,
sing praises! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O brother wind with clouds and rain,
you nurture gifts of fruit and grain.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O sister water, flowing clear,
make music for your Lord to hear.
Sing praises! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O brother fire, so warm and bright,
chase off the shadows of the night.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Dear mother earth, who day by day
unfolds such blessings on our way,
sing praises! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

All who for love of God forgive,
all who in pain or sorrow grieve,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Christ bears your burdens and your fears;
so, even in the midst of tears,
sing praises! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

And you, most gentle sister death,
waiting to hush our final breath:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom,
fair is the night that leads us home.
Sing praises! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O sisters, brothers, take your part,
and worship God with humble heart.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

All creatures, bless the Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit, Three in One!
Sing praises! Alleluia!