



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

Precious love,
your ascended Son promised the gift of holy power.
Send your Spirit of revelation and wisdom,
that in the blessed freedom of hope,
we may witness to the grace of forgiveness
and sing songs of joy with the peoples of earth
to the One who makes us one body.

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: We gather in this place, some empty,
some filled, some whole, some broken:
**Many: yearning for the Holy Spirit to fill
us.**

One: We surround the Table of grace, so we
might be fed by the Bread of life:

**Many: that graced, we may serve others;
that healed, we may bring hope to the
world.**

Sermon

From The Rev. Kara Hillhouse
“Let’s Go!!”

Ascension Day, which this year is Thursday, May 18th, marks the end of the 40 days that Jesus spent after his resurrection on Easter working amongst his disciples and preparing them for his permanent departure--or, Ascension--into Heaven. In the gospel of Luke, one minute Jesus was talking with his disciples, telling them to stay in the city until God would give them "power from high" (see also The Holy Spirit), and then he was blessing them, and the next moment (while he was still speaking the words of his blessing) he was carried away up into the heavens. And just like that he was gone. But rather than grieve his departure, as they did when he was crucified, the disciples worshipped him. What happens next is really the most interesting part of the story: their reaction to Jesus' Ascension sets the stage for how you and I live our lives today. We hope you'll join us for worship on Sunday, for a time of Word, Song, Table and Fellowship. See you Sunday!

wishing
you 
ALL THE BEST

Pastor Karen Moritz will be part of the Worship Service on Sunday, May 28th. There will be a coffee fellowship reception following and a Love Gift will be given to her at that time. If you are interested in donating to the Love Gift mail a check to the church office with Love Gift on the memo line by Friday, May 26th.

First Christian Church Pulpit Supply
April - May, 2023

May 21 Kara Hillhouse
May 28 Jane Holtzclaw

Scripture Reading

Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. 'This', he said, 'is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.' So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

Luke 24:44-53

Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.'

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Psalms 47

To the leader. Of the Korahites. A Psalm.
Clap your hands, all you peoples;
shout to God with loud songs of joy.
For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome,
a great king over all the earth.
He subdued peoples under us,
and nations under our feet.
He chose our heritage for us,
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.
Selah
God has gone up with a shout,
the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.
Sing praises to God, sing praises;
sing praises to our King, sing praises.
For God is the king of all the earth;
sing praises with a psalm.
God is king over the nations;
God sits on his holy throne.
The princes of the peoples gather
as the people of the God of Abraham.
For the shields of the earth belong to God;
he is highly exalted.

Prayers & Praises

May 21, 2023

Song of the Week

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1851

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 April 29th at 11:00 am
- **Our Sympathy**, is extended to Dave Schwaninger and family. Dave's mother Lavina passed away May 4th Services were held on May 10th
- 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:

- Kamp Kaleo on the River, Staff, Campers, and Counselors

Our Global Ministries Missionaries:

- Missionaries in the Philippines

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Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified:
no angel in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye
at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a scepter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
absorbed in prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end;
and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years,
the potentate of time;
creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime.

All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.