



First Christian Church
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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

God of strength and courage,
in Jesus Christ you set us free from sin and death,
and call us to the risk of faith and service.

Give us grace to follow him
who gave himself for others,
that, by our service,
we may find the life he came to bring

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: There is no hope like you, O God!
Many: Hope for those who cry out from the
deserts of their lives.

One: There is no grace like you, O God!
Many: Grace for those rejected, ignored, and
cast aside by the world.

Sermon

From The Rev. Kara Hillhouse “What Troubles You”

In the story of Hagar and Ishmael we see the unexpected grace of God at work in what seems to be a cruel and troubling situation. Hagar is certain how her and her young son's future will unfold and yet God had goodness in store for her and her young boy Ishmael. God promises Hagar that he will bless Ishmael and that he will prosper. He asks her “what troubles you?” and the same question is asked of you and me today. What troubles us? Whatever it is, God has God's fingerprints all over it. God is working behind the scenes, and within plain sight, to bring about goodness and wholeness. We hope you'll join us for worship on Sunday, where we'll have a time of fellowship, music, and the Word. We'll see you there!



Scripture Reading

Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17

A Prayer of David.

Incline your ear, O Lord, and answer me,
for I am poor and needy.

Preserve my life, for I am devoted to you;
save your servant who trusts in you.

You are my God; be gracious to me,
O Lord,

for to you do I cry all day long.

Gladden the soul of your servant,

for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,
abounding in steadfast love to all who
call on you.

Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;

listen to my cry of supplication.

In the day of my trouble I call on you,
for you will answer me.

There is none like you among the gods,
O Lord,

nor are there any works like yours.

All the nations you have made shall come
and bow down before you, O Lord,
and shall glorify your name.

For you are great and do wondrous
things;

you alone are God.

Turn to me and be gracious to me;

give your strength to your servant;

save the child of your serving-maid.

Show me a sign of your favour,

so that those who hate me may see it
and be put to shame,

because you, Lord, have helped me and
comforted me.

Genesis 21:8-21

The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. So she said to Abraham, 'Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac.' The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. But God said to Abraham, 'Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named after you. As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring.' So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, 'Do not let me look on the death of the child.' And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, 'What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him.' Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink.

God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

Prayers & Praises

June 25, 2023

Song of the Week

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

Text: John Newton, 1772

In Our Church Family:

- Marvin Thurber
- William Deterding
- Vic Burgess
- Jessica Vocasek
- Relda Lathrop
- Bobbi Carlin
- Rae-Hope Putney
- Charlotte Diehm. *Charlotte passed away Friday, June 16th. A service celebrating Charlotte's life will be this Friday, June 23rd at 10:30 am at St. John's Catholic Church. Please keep Cec and her family in your prayers at this time of sorrow.*
- Donna Baker
- Polly Putney
- Lois Frogge
- Joan Dietrich
- Mildred Brockemeyer
- Karen Moritz
- 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:

- Minden First Christian Church
and Rev. Joe Tira

Our Global Ministries Missionaries:

- Rev. Bladimir Coro serving in Argentina

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Amazing Grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me! I once was
lost, but now am found Was blind, but
now I see.

'Twas Grace that taught my heart to
fear, And Grace my fears relieved. How
precious did that Grace appear The
hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils, and
snares I have already come. 'Tis Grace
hath brought me safe thus far And
Grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me. His
Word my hope secures. He will my
shield and portion be As long as life
endures.

When we've been there ten thousand
years Bright shining as the sun, We've
no less days to sing God's praise Than
when we'd first begun.

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