



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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Week of July 2nd, 2023



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

Community Prayer

Ruler of the universe,
you call us to radical loyalty
beyond all earthly claim.

Grant us strength to offer ourselves to you
as people who have been raised from death to life
through Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

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: With joy and celebration, God welcomes us
to this place.

Many: How good it is to gather in God's house!

One: With joy and celebration, we welcome one
another.

Many: Here, every single one of God's children
is welcome.

Sermon

From The Rev. Kara Hillhouse “Our Favorite Three-Letter Word”

I confess, I have a love-hate relationship with the Apostle Paul. There are so many parts of his letters that I find encouraging, sustaining, powerful. Then... there's all the other parts. This week, in our Romans 6:12-23 text, well...we get the other parts. This week, we get to talk about sin. S-I-N...our favorite three-letter word. No one wants to talk about sin. It's such a downer. Sin. Sin. Sin. But bear with me now for a moment. Paul writes, "sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace." That sounds hopeful! We will not be slaves to sin, as God has given us Grace. Does this mean we're without sin--perfect? By no means, as we all know if we're being honest with ourselves. Join Pastor Kara, who promises to not make the sermon too depressing, for worship this Sunday. Come and be rejuvenated, refueled, and readied for all that lays before us. We'll see you on Sunday!



Scripture Reading

Romans 6:12-23

Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Matthew 10:40-42

‘Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.’



FCC Social Media!



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Prayers & Praises

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Song of the Week

This Is My Song

Text: The Lorenz Corporation 1964

In Our Church Family:

- Donna Baker
- Marvin Thurber
- Polly Putney
- William Deterding
- Lois Frogge
- Vic Burgess
- Joan Dietrich
- Jessica Vocasek
- Mildred Brockemeyer
- Relda Lathrop
- Karen Moritz
- Bobbi Carlin
- Rae-Hope Putney
- Charlotte Diehm, *Cecilia Burkhart's mother passed away Friday, June 16th. Please keep Cec and her family in your prayers at this time of sorrow.*
- 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:

- Murray Christian Church and Rev Michael Njus

Our Global Ministries Missionaries:

- Mr. Sophannak Soun serving in Cambodia

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



This is my song,
O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for lands afar
and mine.

This is my home, the country where my heart is;

Here are my hopes, my dreams,
my holy shrine;
but other hearts in other lands
are beating
with hopes and dreams as true
and high as mine.

My country's skies are bluer
than the ocean,
and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine.
But other lands have sunlight too, and clover,

And skies are everywhere
as blue as mine.
So hear my song,
O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for their land
and for mine.

This is my prayer,
O Lord of all earth's kingdoms:
thy kingdom come;
on earth thy will be done.
Let Christ be lifted up
till all shall serve him,

And hearts united learn
to live as one.

So hear my prayer,
O God of all the nations:
myself I give thee;
let thy will be done.

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