



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 9th, 2023



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

Community Prayer

We give you thanks, O God of compassion,
for the salvation you have revealed to the little ones
through Christ Jesus, our wisdom and strength.

Teach us to take up his gentle yoke
and find rest from our burdens and cares.

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: We stand here today, in the presence of
the Holy:

Many: who will show us the way to hope
and grace.

One: We come today to the spring of hope:
Many: where Jesus will draw for us all the
living water we can drink.

Sermon

From The Rev. Kara Hillhouse
“A Weary World Rejoices”

One of my favorite Christmas hymns is “Oh Holy Night.” My favorite line in that song is “the thrill of hope, a weary world rejoices.” It speaks to me because I see weariness all around me, and, truthfully, I feel it within. It’s a tiredness that goes beyond physical but encompasses the emotional and spiritual as well. If this is you, then I have good news for you! Our scripture this weekend comes from Matthew’s gospel and it is the well-loved verse that begins with “come to me all you who are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest.” This promise spoken by Jesus assures us that weariness does not have the final word. That if we can come to God with all the burdens we bear God will give us rest. But it’s not the kind of rest you think of when you hear the word. It’s something else. Join Pastor Kara as we explore this verse together this weekend, join in fellowship, and be fed by the Word and music. We’ll see you Sunday!!



Scripture Reading

Romans 7:15-25a

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

So then, with my mind I am a slave to the law of God, but with my flesh I am a slave to the law of sin.

Matthew 11:28-30

‘Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.’



Prayers & Praises

July 2nd, 2023

Song of the Week

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Text: Robert Robinson, 1758

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
- 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:

- Nebraska City First Christian Church and Rev. Michael Schmidt

Our Global Ministries Missionaries:

- Missionaries in South Africa

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Come, thou Fount of every blessing;
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
mount of God's unchanging love!

Here I raise my Ebenezer;
hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart; O take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.