



First Christian Church
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Weekly Worship

love all • live spiritually • rejoice in hope • show hospitality

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Week of August 6th, 2023



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

Community Prayer

God beyond all seeing and knowing,
we meet you in the night of change and crisis,
and wrestle with you in the darkness of doubt.

Give us the will and spirit
to live faithfully and love as we are loved.

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: God is in our celebrations and joys, God is
in our darkest nights of loneliness.

Many: This Holy God – our God: blesses us
and calls us by name.

One: As the night fades before the coming
Light, we meet the One who saves us – even
from ourselves.

Many: This God – our Holy God: touches us
with the Spirit of hope.

Sermon

From The Rev. Kara Hillhouse
“Wrestling with God”

Jacob would not have received the "most likely to be a saint" award at school. He was not really a very nice man, in fact. He'd spent his life doing not very nice things, and he knew it. One day, as Jacob is moving his wives, children and household back to his homeland, he hears the news that his brother Esau is coming to meet him, and the last time they saw each other things didn't end well because Jacob had done things he shouldn't have. Jacob is naturally concerned. What happens next will require Jacob to be honest about who he is and what he's done, but it will also lead him into the life God wants him to live. Maybe that painful "revealing of self" so we can become what we need to be is something we can all relate to. Join us for worship this Sunday as we explore this text, and be renewed and rejuvenated by a time of fellowship, the Word and music. We'll see you in church!



Scripture Reading

Genesis 32:22-31

The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, 'Let me go, for the day is breaking.' But Jacob said, 'I will not let you go, unless you bless me.' So he said to him, 'What is your name?' And he said, 'Jacob.' Then the man said, 'You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed.' Then Jacob asked him, 'Please tell me your name.' But he said, 'Why is it that you ask my name?' And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, 'For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved.' The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

Matthew 14:13-21

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.



Prayers & Praises

August 6, 2023

Song of the Week

When Morning Gilds the Skies

Text: Edward Caswall, 1853

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

- Nicole Lee, *prayers for strength, Mother of Leigh Lestina*
- Tito Vigan, *continue to gain mobility and strength as he recovers from a spinal stroke. Sara Mason's husband*

Relatives:

- Friends and Family of Vic Burgess

Friends:

- Tammy Foral, *healing, patience and strength as facing many health issues. Co-worker of Sara Lugn*
- 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:

- Pawnee City First Christian Church and Rev. Diane Morgan

Our Global Ministries Missionaries:

- Juliate Key Malakar serving in Bangladesh

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When morning gilds the skies,
my heart awaking cries:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Alike at work and prayer
to Jesus I repair:
may Jesus Christ be praised!

Does sadness fill my mind?
A solace here I find:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Or fades my earthly bliss?
My comfort still is this:
may Jesus Christ be praised!

Let earth's wide circle round
in joyful notes resound:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Let air and sea and sky
from depth to height reply:
may Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this, while life is mine,
my canticle divine:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Be this the eternal song
through all the ages long:
may Jesus Christ be praised!

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An Adult Curriculum