



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 September 10th, 2023



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

Community Prayer

Holy God, you call us to righteousness and light. Teach us the undivided law of love, that we may love your children even as you do, love you with all our will and strength, and find our freedom in this blessed service, taught to us in word and deed by Jesus Christ our Lord. 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: When two or three gather, Christ lives in every moment.

Many: where two or three gather, Christ is present with them.

One: Where two or three gather to worship God,

Many: glad songs of praise are lifted, hearts are filled with hope.

Sermon

From The Rev. Kara Hillhouse
“Start Again”

Have you ever watched the movie *The Ten Commandments*, starring Charlton Heston and Yul Brynner? I remember watching it a handful of times as a kid, when it would play on television, which it seemed was a fairly regular occurrence. The scene where God's Angel of Death makes its silent way through the homes of the Israelites and Egyptians, killing the first-born male in each home not marked by blood, is terrifying to me. This was the movie's depiction of how God rescued the Israelites from Egyptian slavery, which is remembered every year during the Jewish holy days of Passover. God saved the Israelites from slavery by sending the ten plagues, the first nine of which didn't move Pharaoh's heart to release the Israelites, but the tenth one (killing the first-born males) which did. Fast forward between 1300-1600 years later (depending on your source) and Jesus of Nazareth was gathering with his friends in an upper room for a Jewish Passover meal. It was just another Passover meal, but this time something amazing happened, something that has changed our lives 2000 years later. Join us for worship this Sunday where we'll explore Exodus 12:1-14 and be rejuvenated by a time of music, fellowship and communion. We'll see you Sunday!

NEW FCC Office Hours
Monday-Thursday 9am to 2pm

Scripture Reading

Psalm 149

Praise the Lord!
Sing to the Lord a new song,
his praise in the assembly of the faithful.
Let Israel be glad in its Maker;
let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.
Let them praise his name with dancing,
making melody to him with tambourine and lyre.
For the Lord takes pleasure in his people;
he adorns the humble with victory.
Let the faithful exult in glory;
let them sing for joy on their couches.
Let the high praises of God be in their throats
and two-edged swords in their hands,
to execute vengeance on the nations
and punishment on the peoples,
to bind their kings with fetters
and their nobles with chains of iron,
to execute on them the judgement decreed.
This is glory for all his faithful ones.
Praise the Lord!

Exodus 12 :1-14

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgements: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Prayers & Praises

September 10th, 2023

Song of the Week

Your Only Son
Text: Twila Paris, 1985

In Our Church Family:

- Donna Baker
- Rhonda Ball
- Mildred Brockemeyer
- Vic Burgess
- Bobbi Carlin
- William Deterding
- Joan Dietrich
- Sharon Hile
- Polly Putney
- Rae-Hope Putney
- Marvin Thurber
- Jessica Vocasek
- Nicole Lee, *prayers for strength, Mother of Leigh Lestina*

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 Timothy's:

- Bruce Frogge *at Cypress Creek CC in Spring, TX*
- Glenda Dietrich Moore, *Creative Arts Ministry in Lincoln, NE*

In the Nebraska Region:

- Chuukese Christian Church with Joshua Moses

Our Global Ministries Missionaries:

- Mission partners in India

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



Your only Son no sin to hide
But You have sent Him from Your
side

To walk upon this guilty sod
And to become the Lamb of God.

Your gift of love they crucified
They laughed and scorned Him as he
died
The humble King they named a fraud
And sacrificed the Lamb of God.

Oh Lamb of God, Sweet lamb of God
I love the Holy Lamb of God
Oh wash me in His precious Blood
My Jesus Christ the Lamb of God

I was so lost I should have died
But You have brought me to Your
side
To be led by Your staff and rod
And to be called a lamb of God.

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