



# 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 24th, 2023



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

### Community Prayer

God of miracles and of mercy, all creation sings your praise. Like the vineyard owner, your grace is extravagant and unexpected. Lead us to repentance and the acceptance of your grace, that we may witness to your love, which embraces both those we call friend and those we call stranger. 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: In the prayers and the praise, in the words and the wonder:

Many: we are given enough joy to live each day.

One: In the promises made to all, in the mercy offered to each:

Many: we are given enough grace to share each day.

# We welcome

The Rev. Dr. Carl Eskridge as Guest Pastor  
Sermon Title: "Making Peace"

Our guest minister, Carl Eskridge, is a retired Presbyterian pastor who has served churches in the Lincoln area in a variety of capacities for 44 years. The last 30 years Carl has been an active mediator and also served 25 years as an attorney for the Nebraska State Ombudsman. Additionally, Carl was elected as a member of the Lincoln City Council, representing Central and Northwest Lincoln from 2011 to 2019.



Let's help Donna Baker celebrate her 90th birthday on Sunday, September 24th with a card shower! Cards can be sent to:  
7202 Van Dorn Apt 22  
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# Scripture Reading

## Exodus 16:2-15

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, 'If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.'

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.' So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, 'In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?' And Moses said, 'When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord.'

Then Moses said to Aaron, 'Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, "Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining." ' And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked towards the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, 'I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, "At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God." ' '

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, 'What is it?' For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, 'It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.'

## Matthew 20:1-16

For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" So the last will be first, and the first will be last.

# Prayers & Praises

## September 24th, 2023

# Song of the Week

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Text: John Newton, 1775

### 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

### Friends:

- **Our Sympathy** is extended to the family of Rev. Ellie Thober. Ellie passed away on September 14, 2023. Her memorial service will be October 20, 2023 in Papillion, NE.
- Tammy Foral, healing, patience and strength as facing many health issues. Co-worker of Sara Lugn
- Cedric Gibb, healing prayers, friend of Cecilia 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:

- Southview Christian Church, Lincoln with Rev. Kerry O'Bryant

### Our Global Ministries Missionaries:

- Mission partners in Germany

*Our God, although being in the middle of the often-rainy Germany, the experiences and the grumbling of the people of Israel are portraying our situation: We are grumbling against you. We have questions, hesitations, and unending sorrows and fear.*

Find more information and stories about our Global Ministry partners at [www.globalministries.org](http://www.globalministries.org)



Glorious things of thee are spoken,  
Zion, city of our God.  
He whose Word cannot be broken  
formed thee for His own abode.  
On the Rock of Ages founded,  
what can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded,  
thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters,  
springing from eternal love,  
well supply thy sons and daughters  
and all fear of want remove.  
Who can faint while such a river  
ever flows their thirst to assuage?  
Grace, which like the Lord, the  
Giver,  
never fails from age to age.

'Round each habitation hov'ring,  
see the cloud and fire appear  
for a glory and a cov'ring,  
showing that the Lord is near.  
Thus deriving from their banner  
light by night and shade by day,  
safe they feed upon the manna  
which He gives them on their way.

Savior, since of Zion's city  
I through grace a member am,  
let the world deride or pity,  
I will glory in Thy name.  
Fading is the worldling's pleasures,  
all his boasted pomp and show;  
solid joys and lasting treasures  
none but Zion's children know.

**NEW FCC Office Hours**

**Monday-Thursday: 9am to 2pm**