



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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Community Prayer

God of the ages, your saints who lived in faithful service surround your throne and offer you praise and worship both night and day. May we, your saints on earth, join our voices with theirs to proclaim your rule of righteousness and peace, which comes to us through Jesus Christ now and forever. Amen.

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Call to Worship

One: At all times we are called to bless God's name.

Many: Our lips drench with praises, our hearts exult in God.

One: The proud will bend knees in worship, the humble will lift glad songs.

Many: We are free from our fears, we have searched for God and been found.

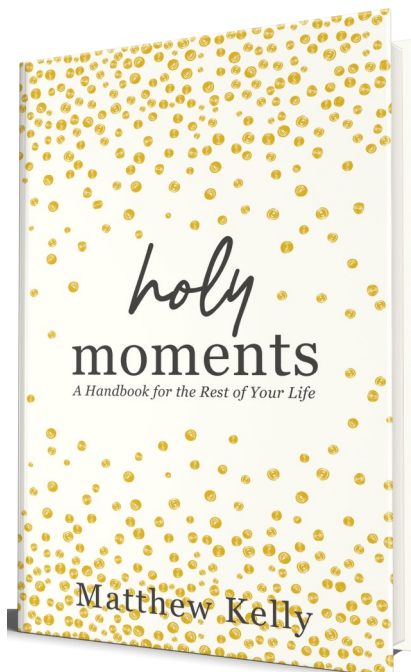
One: Our faces glow with thanksgiving, our spirits overflow with grace.

Many: God has wiped away our tears, God has fed us from the storehouses of hope.

Sermon

From The Rev. Kara Hillhouse
“*Every Tear*”

It's hard to top Revelation 21:4 for comfort for those who are grieving. It says, "He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." But there is one other excerpt that is right up there with it: Revelation 7:16-17, "They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes." These words are the vision the writer of the book of Revelation received that speaks to us who seek solace. On this All Saint's Sunday, we will explore the comforting words waiting for us as we look to remember those saints who have gone before us, those who remain in this world, and the God who will make all things new. What we will discover is a God whose love has the final say, and who will wash away all sorrows and replace them with Joy. We look forward to seeing you Sunday!



The Elders of FCC are gifting YOU with a free book that has inspired each of them in various ways. Copies will be brought to those who receive Homebound Communion in November. Please take time to read it and become aware of all the *holy* moments already happening in your life.

Author Matthew Kelly describes a '*holy* moment' as any time you are united with God; a *moment of prayer, awareness of a beautiful sunset, a random act of love or kindness which increases God's Love and Joy in your life.*

Scripture Readings

1 John 3:1-3

Revelation 7:9-17

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!”

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” I said to him, “Sir, you are the one who knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat, for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”



Prayers & Praises

November 5, 2023



Song of the week

For All the Saints

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle; they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

In Our Church Family:

- Donna Baker
- Rhonda Ball
- Vic Burgess
- Bobbi Carlin
- Mike Carlin
- William Deterding
- Joan Dietrich
- Sharon Hile
- Polly Putney
- Rae-Hope Putney
- Marvin Thurber
- Jessica Vocasek

Our sympathy to the family of Jim & D'Arcy Blosser. Jim's mother, Marge Blosser passed away October 25th. Services will be November 4, 2023 in Jefferson City, MO.

Our sympathy to the family of Mildred Brockmeyer. Mildred passed away October 17th. Services were October 21st @ Lincoln Memorial.

Jessica Vocasek and friends Amy Nasworthy, and Becky Williams as they all recover from injuries received in an auto accident on October 2, 2023.

Friends:

- Tammy Foral, *healing, patience and strength as facing many health issues. Co-worker of Sara Lugn.*
- Cedric Gibb, *healing prayers, friend of Cec Burkhardt.*

Our Timothy's:

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

In the Nebraska Region:

Bennett Community Church and Darin Corder

Our Global Ministries Missionaries:

- Mission Partners in Brazil

"The Brazilian people deserve health, dignity, and respect."

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