



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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Call to Worship

Community Prayer

God of the prophets, you call us from evil to serve you. Fulfill in us your commonwealth of justice and joy, that the light of your presence may be revealed to all nations, to the glory of Jesus' name. Amen

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One: Pecking away at our computers and phones, idling in a knot of traffic:

Many: we wait for you, God of all words, to speak to us.

One: In the silence of each night, beginning each day's new journey:

Many: we wait for you, Steadfast Love, for you are our safe place.

Sermon

From The Rev. Kara Hillhouse

Go Fish

One of the things I love most about Jesus is that he gathered around himself a group that was highly unqualified. But they turned out to be precisely the people he needed, even if they were imperfect. In this week's text we find Jesus calling some fisherman to follow him. They had no education, they didn't know Jesus, and yet they were just who Jesus needed. This is an excellent encouragement to we who feel we fall short and are not good enough for God. God chooses us! God uses us! God needs us, and calls to us to follow him. Likewise, we are to remember that those around us are chosen by God as well to be used for the good of his kingdom. Join us this Sunday as we gather in fellowship, feast at Christ's table and are fed by the Word and music. We'll see you Sunday!



Scripture Readings

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

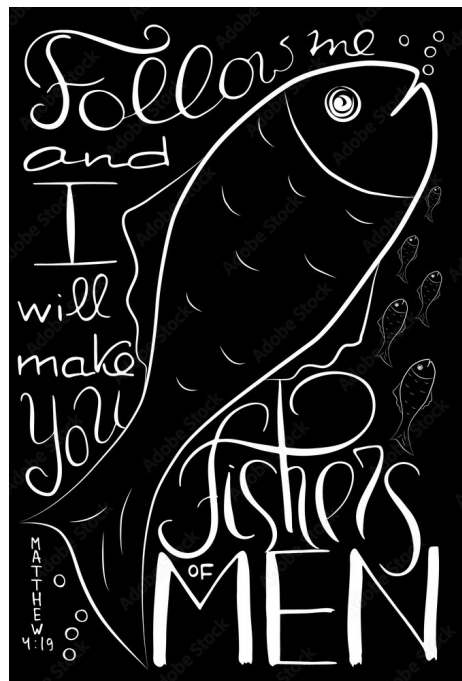
The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, “Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

Mark 1:14-20

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.



Prayers & Praises

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In Our Church Family:

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

Friends:

- Jennie & Will Ernest and family. *Tyler Goodrich, the young man missing since November 3rd is Jennie's brother.*
- Tammy Foral, *healing, patience and strength as facing many health issues. Co-worker of Sara Lugn.*
- Cedric Gibb, *healing prayers, friend of Cec Burkhart.*

Our Timothys:

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

In the Nebraska Region:

- All clergy and staff in the Nebraska Region

Our Global Ministries Missionaries:

- Mission Partners in Thailand

"Lord, amid the darkness, help enslaved women, children, and adults see a glimmer of hope. Lead them to freedom and help them find a new life eternally on this earth. Help our leaders and lawmakers confront the evils of human trafficking with robust policies and prosecution."

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Song of the week

*You Walk along Our Shoreline**

You walk along our shoreline where land meets unknown sea. We hear your voice of power, "Now come and follow me. And if you still will follow through storm and wave and shoal, then I will make you fishers but of the human soul."

You call us, Christ, to gather the people of the earth. We cannot fish for only those lives we think have worth. We spread your net of gospel across the water's face, our boat a common shelter for all found by your grace.

We cast our net, O Jesus; we cry the kingdom's name; we work for love and justice; we learn to hope through pain. You call us, Lord, to gather God's daughters and God's sons, to let your judgement heal us so that all may be one.

* Sing to the tune of *I Love to Tell the Story* without the refrain

