



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

Holy and awesome God, your Son's authority is found in integrity and living truth, not the assertion of power over others. Open our imaginations to new dimensions of your love, and heal us of all that severs us from you and one another, that we may grow into the vision you unfold before us. Amen.

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Call to Worship

One: Thinking we know all the answers, yet wondering if we haven't missed something:

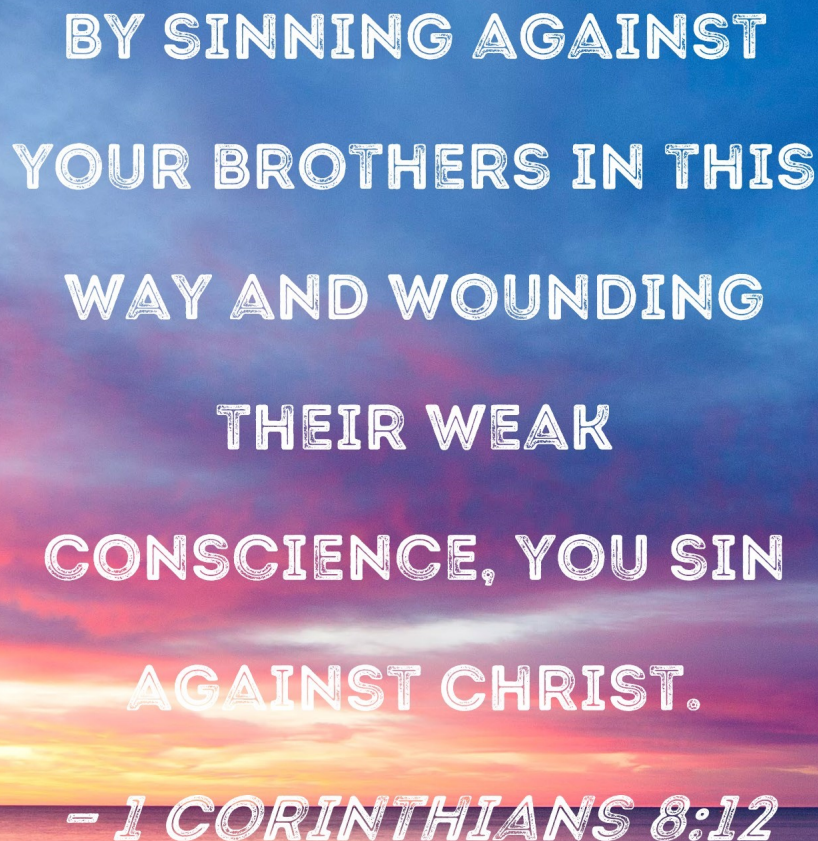
Many: we enter this sanctuary of Truth.

One: Standing by folks of deep, abiding faith; seated with those who stumble through the Kingdom:

Many: we lift our praise to God.

Pastor Kara Hillhouse is on vacation Sunday, January 28, 2024. We welcome Pastor Rachel Johnson, a commissioned minister who is in her 15th year of service as the Religious Coordinator at the Lincoln Regional Center. Rachel joined Edmond Trinity Christian Church in Oklahoma as a young teen. Rachel attended Phillips University where she would meet her future husband, a Nebraskan. They married at Southview Christian Church in Lincoln. Two years later Rachel graduated from the University of Nebraska and a month later had their first child. As their family grew, so did their family's participation in church life, including a new morning worship service. Rachel completed the Education for Lay Ministry (ELM) program in 2003. In 2007 she began service to the Lincoln Regional Center where she provides spiritual services, organizes community events and is a passionate advocate for destigmatizing mental health in faith communities. Rachel has four grown children and an amazing life partner John who tolerates her never ending book collecting and rock concert adventures.

Sermon Title: *Secure Enough to Let Go* - 1 Corinthians 8:1-13



BY SINNING AGAINST
YOUR BROTHERS IN THIS
WAY AND WOUNDING
THEIR WEAK
CONSCIENCE, YOU SIN
AGAINST CHRIST.
- 1 CORINTHIANS 8:12

Scripture Readings

Psalm 111

Praise the Lord!

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them. Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever. He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; the Lord is gracious and merciful. He provides food for those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant. He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the heritage of the nations. The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy. They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness. He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever.

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him.

Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.” Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. “Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

Prayers & Praises

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In Our Church Family:

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

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 Burkhardt.*

Our Timothys:

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

In the Nebraska Region:

- Center on Church Leadership, Regional Church

Our Global Ministries Missionaries:

- Mission Partners in Hungary

"We uplift those who have known the hardships of displacement, the wanderers, and seekers of refuge before you in prayer. Grant solace and hope to those displaced, especially the children who bear this weight of uncertainty. May our efforts reflect your divine justice and mercy."

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Song of the week

Be Thou My Vision

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou
art; thou my best thought, by day or by
night, waking or sleeping, thy presence
my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true
Word; I ever with thee and thou with
me, Lord; thou my soul's shelter, and
thou my high tower; raise thou me
heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty
praise; thou mine inheritance, now and
always; thou and thou only, first in my
heart, High King of Heaven, my
treasure thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright
heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart,
whatever befall, still be my vision, O
Ruler of all.

