



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 God, you have revealed the glory of your love in Jesus Christ, and have given us a share in your Spirit. May we who listen to Christ follow faithfully, and, in the dark places where you send us, reveal the light of your gospel. Amen.

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Call to Worship

One: You are with us, God of sunrises:

Many: you awaken us with each bright new day, overflowing with promise.

One: You are with us, Inviting God:

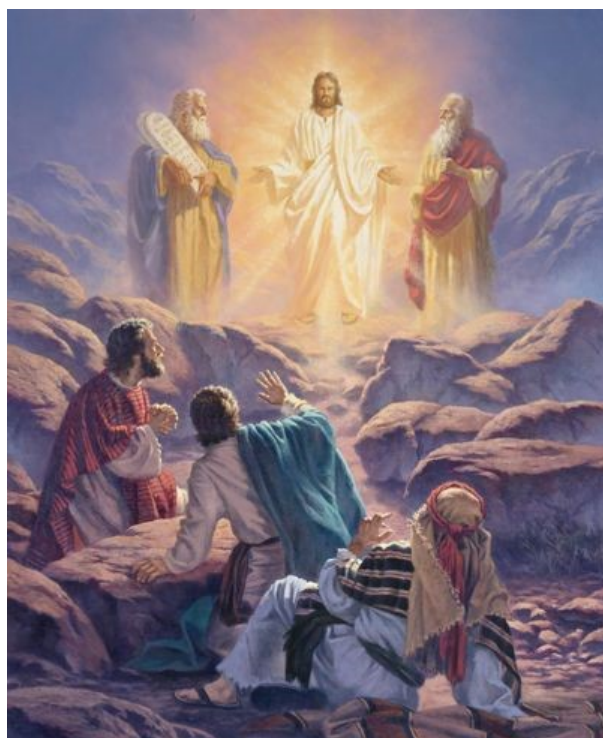
Many: calling us to respond to all those chances to share the spirit of grace and hope.

Sermon

From The Rev. Kara Hillhouse

Metamorphosis

In an interesting repeat of a verse we heard at the beginning of Jesus' ministry, when he was baptized, this week we once more hear the words "*this is my Son, the Beloved*" coming out of the heavens. That's about the only similarity between these two stories, as this time the words are coming out of the heavens while Jesus is standing on a mountaintop with Elijah and Moses. They're having a little chitchat, about who knows what, and three disciples are there to witness this moment. It's an odd occurrence in and of itself, but what is just as perplexing is that Jesus's clothes begin to shine dazzlingly white-- "*such as no one on earth could bleach them*" (Mark 9:3). And then, in what is fast becoming one of Jesus' favorite phrases, he tells the disciples to "*tell no one what they had seen*" (Mark 9:9). Jesus' Transfiguration is an interesting story of a slightly confusing event, but there are some lessons we can learn from it. Join us for worship this Sunday where we'll hear this story interpreted, be fed at the Lord's Table and rejuvenated by a time of fellowship and music. We'll see you Sunday!



Scripture Readings

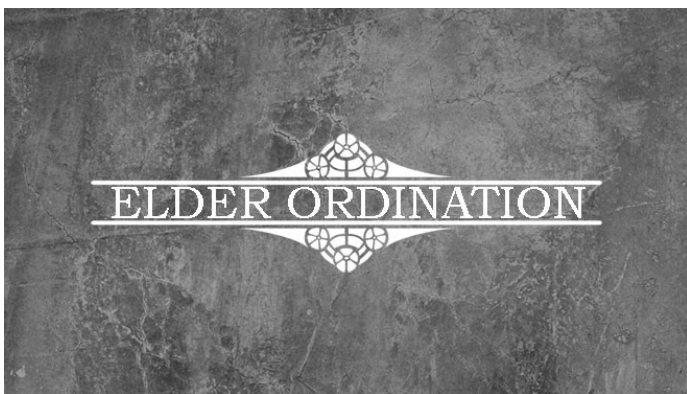
2 Corinthians 4:3-6

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing clearly the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

Mark 9:2-10

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what this rising from the dead could mean.



Sunday, February 11, 2024 during Worship there will be an Elder Ordination for Carla Pinneo. It is a joy to welcome Carla to the First Christian Board of Elders.

Thank you Carla for your service.

Prayers & Praises February 11, 2024

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:

- Aurora First Christian Church - Pastor Penny Schultz

Our Global Ministries Missionaries:

- Mission Partners in Sierra Leone

"We pray for justice, peace, unity, and prosperity in the nation of Sierra Leone, dear God, that peace that is derived from you and flows from justice, truth, and freedom. We pray for our President, the Cabinet, the Parliament, and the Judiciary that they may govern the nation justly and in righteousness" AMEN.

For more information and stories about our Global Ministry partners visit www.globalministries.org



Song of the week

Arise, Your Light Is Come!

Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey; show forth the glory of your God, which shines on you today.

Arise, your light is come! Fling wide the prison door; proclaim the captives' liberty, good tidings to the poor.

Arise, your light is come! All you in sorrow born, bind up the broken hearted ones and comfort those who mourn.

Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song! Rise up like eagles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

