



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 Sarah and Abraham, long ago you embraced your people in covenant and promised them your blessing. Strengthen us in faith, that, with your disciples of every age, we may proclaim your deliverance in Jesus Christ to generations yet unborn. Amen.

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Call to Worship

One: Pilgrims, we are invited to journey through this season of Lent

Many: toward the One who calls us each by a new name.

One: Believers, we seek to trust the God who always surprises us,

Many: whose promises take on flesh and blood in the good news called Jesus.

Sermon

From The Rev. Kara Hillhouse

Follow Me

This week, in a sobering heart-to-heart with his disciples, Jesus tells them what is going to happen to him as they journey forward. It isn't pleasant. Like many other times, when Jesus didn't act like the "messiah" the people expected, the disciples attempt to correct Jesus. In our text this week from Mark, Peter even begins to rebuke Jesus for talking so candidly, and Jesus almost hisses at Peter, "get behind me Satan, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." And then Jesus explains that the disciples have to take up their own cross and follow Jesus: something they could not yet have fully understood... not until after Jesus' crucifixion. As we draw nearer to the cross, join us for worship where we'll discuss what it means to follow Jesus, and we'll rejuvenate our spirits with a time of music, the Word, communion and fellowship. We'll see you Sunday!



Easter Lilies March 31

Once again, we would like to decorate our worship space with lilies for Easter. If you would like to help make this possible, please fill out the order form below and put it in the offering plate, or give it to Donna Ruhl. **Deadline to order is Sunday, March 10.**

Name: _____

Number of plants (\$15.00 each): _____ Total enclosed: \$ _____

In Memory of: _____

or Honoring: _____



Make all checks payable to First Christian Church, and please write "Easter Lily" in the memo line.

Scripture Readings

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

God said to Abraham, "As for Sarah your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

Mark 8:31-38

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Prayers & Praises

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In Our Church Family:

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

Please keep the *Putney family* in prayer. Rae-Hope's daughter-in-law, Dona Quimby has been diagnosed with cancer and is in Hospice in Wisconsin.

Friends:

- Bob Johnson, a longtime family friend of the *Vocasek family*. *Bob is battling cancer again.*
- 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*

In the Nebraska Region:

- Bellevue Christian Church - Rev. Michael Lincoln

Our Global Ministries Missionaries:

- Mission Partners in Ecuador

"We ask for prayers for peace in Ecuador so that we move forward with FAITH, JOY, and HOPE."

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



Will You Come and Follow Me

"Will you come and follow me if I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and never be the same? Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known; will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"

"Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same? Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare? Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?"

"Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name? Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same? Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen, and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?"

"Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name? Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same? Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around, through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name. Let me turn and follow you and never be the same. In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show. Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.