



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 One, creator of the stars and seas, your steadfast love is shown to every living thing; your word calls forth countless worlds and souls; your law revives and refreshes. Forgive our misuse of your gifts, that we may be transformed by your wisdom to manifest for others the mercy of our crucified and risen Lord. Amen.

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Call to Worship

One: When God speaks, lives are changed:

Many: those held hostage by oppression are set free; the voiceless shout the story of salvation.

One: When God speaks, everything is turned inside out:

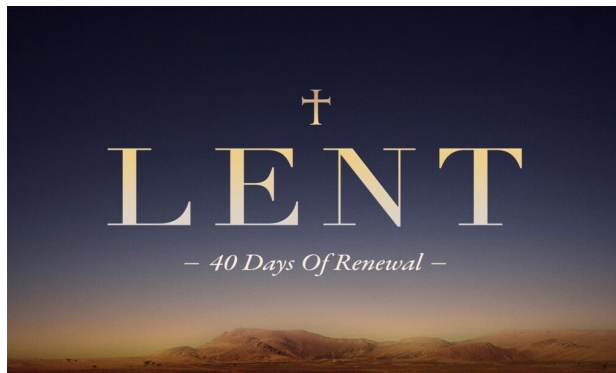
Many: the wise learn the language of grace from little children; the strong take lessons from the powerless.

Sermon

From The Rev. Kara Hillhouse

Temple Tumult

This week we see a new side of Jesus—we see Jesus, angry, in his Father's temple. It's Passover, and Jesus and his disciples have gone to the temple, where business is booming. And Jesus gets upset. Very upset. Jerry Goebel explains it like this, *“This is not the Tea Party Jesus. He is not the Potluck Jesus; the Jesus who joins me in my pew singing praise songs louder than the band nor is he a Messiah who would want me to feel comfortable with a placid commitment to a ‘feel good’ religion. This is the Jesus who comes to our church and asks why we have cushioned pews instead of mattresses for the homeless. This is the Jesus who interrupts worship and says; ‘Why are you singing happy songs in here when children in this very neighborhood went to bed hungry or abused last night?’”* Today, in our gospel reading, Jesus is gonna get a little unruly. And maybe that’s just as it should be. Join us this week for worship, for a time of renewal and recommitment to walking the journey with Jesus. Come be fed by the Word, Communion, beautiful music 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

Exodus 20:1-17

Then God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work - you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

John 2:13-22

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Prayers & Praises

March 3, 2024



Song of the week

Lift High the Cross

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 passed away on February 20th. Her Memorial Service was February 24th in Milwaukee, WI.

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 Burkhart.*

Our Timothy:

- Rev. Bruce Frogge, *Cypress Creek CC in Spring, TX*

In the Nebraska Region:

- Trinity Chapel Church - Rev. Abigail Conley

Our Global Ministries Missionaries:

- Mission Partners in Egypt

"We pray, Lord, that we one day see an end to all the calls for power and destruction plaguing the region."

Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.

Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod, the Lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of God.

Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.

All newborn servants of the Crucified bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died.

Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, your death has brought us life eternally.

Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.

So shall our song of triumph ever be: praise to the Crucified for victory.

Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.

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