



**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 suffering and glory, in Jesus Christ you reveal the way of life through the path of obedience. Inscribe your law in our hearts, that in life we may not stray from you, but may be your people. Amen.

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### Call to Worship

One: Each day is a gift from God,

Many: each moment is that opportunity  
to reach out in service to all creation.

One: Each day we draw closer to God:

Many: who has forgotten more than we  
ever will learn; who has forgiven us  
more than we will ever acknowledge.

# Sermon

From The Rev. Kara Hillhouse

*The Reason*

Jesus understood his mission. He was completely aware, from the beginning of his ministry, what awaited him: death on a cross and resurrection. He alluded to it over and over in his talks with the disciples. They just didn't get it, which is maybe why he had to keep repeating himself. He had moments when he hesitated a bit - take the garden of Gethsemane, for example, when he prayed that God would take the cup of sacrifice away from him - and these are the moments when we see Jesus' humanity. And this week we see another glimpse, when Jesus said, *"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say - Father, save me from this hour? No, it was for this reason that I came to this hour."* *This reason.* Jesus knew his mission. Do we understand our mission as well? The ways God needs us to be the people He made us to be? If we don't understand our mission, how can we complete it? Join us this week as we discuss this. Come and be fed by a time of music, the Word, communion and fellowship. Make Sunday worship a part of your week! We'll see you Sunday!

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# Scripture Readings

## Psalm 51:1-12

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment. Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me. You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

## John 12:20-33

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say - 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

# Prayers & Praises

## March 17, 2024

### 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 Ron & Sharon Hile and their family in your prayers. Sharon is now in Hospice.

### Friends:

- Bob Johnson, a longtime family friend of the Vocasek family. Bob is battling terminal cancer .
- 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 Timothy:

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

**In the Nebraska Region:** Edenton Christian Church - Rev. Christy Ahmose

### Our Global Ministries Missionaries:

- Mission Partners in Myanmar

*"May we be thy witnesses to the ends of this world by bearing fruits worthy of our repentance, in and through loving our neighbors as ourselves. We once again commit the people of Myanmar into thy hands and pray to you, our Lord, to bestow thy mercy and peace without them having to wait much longer. In Jesus' name, we pray - AMEN"*

For more information and stories about our Global Ministry partners visit [www.globalministries.org](http://www.globalministries.org)



## At the Name of Jesus

At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow,  
every tongue confess him King of glory now;  
'tis the Father's pleasure we should call him  
Lord, who from the beginning was the  
mighty Word.

Humbled for a season to receive a name from  
the lips of sinners unto whom he came,  
faithfully he bore it spotless to the last,  
brought it back victorious, when from death  
he passed;

Bore it up triumphant, with its human light,  
through all ranks of creatures, to the central  
height, to the throne of Godhead, to the  
Father's breast, filled it with the glory of that  
perfect rest.

Christians, this Lord Jesus shall return again,  
with his Father's glory o'er the earth to reign;  
for all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow,  
and our hearts confess him King of glory  
now.

