



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

Sovereign God, you have established your rule over the human heart, not by force but by the servant example of Jesus Christ. Move us by your Spirit to join the joyful procession of those who confess Christ Jesus with their tongues and praise him with their lives. Amen.

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Call to Worship

One: We come to prepare for the holiest of weeks.

Many: We will journey through praise, with joy on our lips; we will travel through betrayal and death with hope deep in our hearts.

One: Jesus leads us through this week, and we will follow.

Many: Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the One who brings us the kingdom of God.

Sermon

From The Rev. Kara Hillhouse

Hosanna!

In an unusually lighthearted chain of events, this week we find Jesus entering Jerusalem on a donkey, surrounded by people praising him. It's unusual because, well, first of all, because Jesus usually doesn't want public recognition...in fact, he repeatedly tells his disciples to "*tell no one*" what they have seen and heard in him. But here, in a very public manner, Jesus is finally allowing those around him to acknowledge him, shout their excitement to the rooftops, and even praise him. It's also unusual because it's upbeat, and much of what Jesus has done up until now has been fairly serious. We who have the benefit of hindsight know what comes next: things begin to unravel for Jesus. Quickly. But for today, Palm Sunday, it is joyous. Join us for our Palm Sunday worship, where we'll sing our praises to Jesus, our Savior. We'll see you Sunday!!



Scripture Readings

Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.



There are still plenty of slots available for our 24 Hour Prayer Vigil beginning at 1 pm on Friday, March 29th and ending on Saturday, March 30th at 1 pm. If you can set aside 30 minutes to pray, please call the church office at 402-475-4289 to schedule a 30 minute slot to pray from home.

Mark 11:1-11

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple, and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.



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

The Rev. Chris Morton, our Regional Minister passed away suddenly on Monday, March 19th. Please keep Julie and all of Chris' family in prayer. Services are to be announced.

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 Burkhart.*

Our Timothy:

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

In the Nebraska Region: CrossBridge Christian Church - Rev. Robert Fugarino

Our Global Ministries Missionaries:

- Mission Partners in Cuba

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Song of the week

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer,
King, to whom the lips of children made sweet
hosannas ring!

Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal
Son, who in the Lord's name comest, the King
and blessed One.

All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer,
King, to whom the lips of children made sweet
hosannas ring!

The people of the Hebrews with palms before
them went; our praise and prayers and anthems
before thee we present.

All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer,
King, to whom the lips of children made sweet
hosannas ring!

To thee, before thy passion, they sang their
hymns of praise; to thee, now high exalted, our
melody we raise.

All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer,
King, to whom the lips of children made sweet
hosannas ring!

Thou didst accept their praises; accept the
prayers we bring, who in all good delightest,
thou good and gracious King!

All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer,
King, to whom the lips of children made sweet
hosannas ring!