



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

Faithful God, make our hearts bold with love for one another. Pour out your Spirit upon all people, that we may live your justice and sing in praise the new song of your marvelous victory. Amen.

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Call to Worship

One: We gather to lift our praise to the God who gives us voice,

Many: we bring the songs which have echoed in our hearts all week long.

One: We gather as the children of God, our joy unbroken in God's love.

Many: young and old, tone deaf and perfect-pitched lift the new, new songs of faith.

Sermon

From The Rev. Kara Hillhouse

I Choose You

Our brain is good at lumping things together by similarities. I recognize a tree because of its leaves. I recognize spiders because of their legs (eww). And so on. As people of faith, we do not seek attention for our actions, but we can be identified by others as people of faith because of our actions (or lack thereof). For example, helping someone who is struggling to carry an armful of groceries, or opening a door for someone who moves with difficulty, or working for justice - these are just a few things that we do that people might see and say, "ah, there goes a person of faith." These are our identifying factors. These are our "fruits." God calls us to bear fruit that will bless the world. And God chooses us to go and bear this fruit. What does it mean that God "chose" us? It means everything! Join us for worship as we explore John 15:9-17, and are fed by a time of music, the Lord's Supper and fellowship. We'll see you Sunday!



PLEASE NOTE:

The Live Streaming of our Worship services is Under Construction. You are welcome to watch but, please be prepared for possible issues. Thanks for your patience as this is being resolved.

Scripture Readings

Psalm 98

O sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things. His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory. The LORD has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations. He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God. Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises. Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody. With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD. Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it. Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the LORD, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

John 15:9-17

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.



Prayers & Praises

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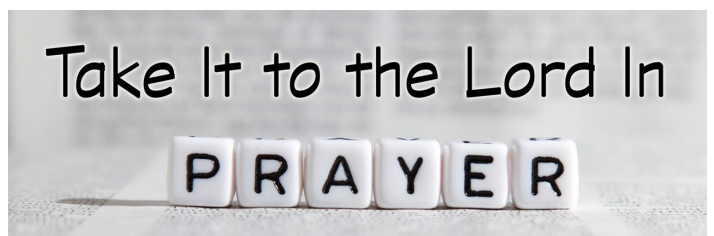
Song of the week

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer! O what peace we often forfeit; O what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer! Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care? Precious Savior, still our refuge; take it to the Lord in prayer! Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer! In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there.



In Our Church Family:

- Donna Baker
- Rhonda Ball
- Bobbi Carlin
- Mike Carlin
- Jim Christ
- Joan Dietrich
- Sharon Hile
- Phyllis Knosp
- 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 .
- 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: Falls City First Christian Church - Pulpit Supply

Our Global Ministries Missionaries: Mission Partners in the Republic of Congo

"Make us, Lord, attentive to the cries of those whose most basic rights are being trampled underfoot and allow that one day, your law of love may be the only law observed in our country and throughout the world.

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

