



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

Keeper of our lives, you know the hardness and gentleness of human hearts. You call your people to faithful living. Through the storms of life that bring suffering and fear, joy and laughter, teach us to turn to you for all we need, so that we may come to know your presence even in the midst of the trials that surround us. Amen.

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Call to Worship

One: We gather in this place to worship our God:

Many: calm Presence in our times of confusion, Comforter in our nights of struggle.

One: We are brought together by the Spirit who lives in the depths of our souls:

Many: the Serenity who travels with us on this up-and-down journey we call life.

Sermon

From The Rev. Kara Hillhouse
When God Sleeps Through Our Storms

I think it's one of the most commonly uttered phrases of the frazzled Christian: Where are you God?! We might not say it out loud, but I believe, in some form of the sentiment or other, we think it. In our text this week we find the disciples in a boat crossing the sea when a storm breaks out. And they are terrified. But Jesus...well, Jesus is asleep. He's seemingly blessedly oblivious to all the emotion around him, until the disciples wake him up and he speaks those well-known words, "Peace! Be still!" Then Jesus said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" How many times would Jesus say that to you and to me, if he was physically standing with us right now? *Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?!* There are times we freak out, just like those disciples, and God is right there with us in the boat, giving us peace in the midst of our storms. Join us for worship Sunday when we'll explore this text. Be rejuvenated by a time of meaningful worship, beautiful music and the sacrament of communion. We'll see you in church at First!



Scripture Readings

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you." See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see - we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything. We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. In return - I speak as to children - open wide your hearts also.



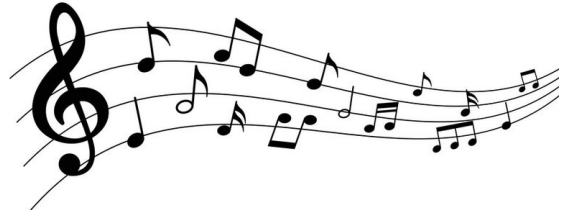
Mark 4: 35-41

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"



Prayers & Praises

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Song of the week

When Peace like a River

In Our Church Family:

- Donna Baker
- Rhonda Ball
- John Burkhart
- Bobbi Carlin
- Mike Carlin
- Jim Christ
- Joan Dietrich
- Sharon Hile
- Phyllis Knosp
- Polly Putney
- Rae-Hope Putney
- Marvin Thurber
- Phyllis Thurber
- Jessica Vocasek

Donna Baker, recently diagnosed with a form of cancer behind her ear. Donna is considering some treatment options.

Friends:

- John Burkhart, husband of Cecilia Burkhart is being treated for cancer behind his voice box.
- 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 Burkhart.

Our Timothy:

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

In the Nebraska Region: Cotner College Education for Leadership Ministries - Hybrid Learning Cohort

Our Global Ministries Missionaries: Mission Partners in the Philippines

“Dear God, we give thanks that you have sustained our communities over the years. We pray for the faith to trust you even when frightening challenges seem to blow our members off course and swamp our church programs.”

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



When peace like a river attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll, whatever
my lot, thou hast taught me to say, it is well,
it is well with my soul.

Refrain: It is well with my soul; it is well; it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials
should come, let this blest assurance control,
that Christ hath regarded my helpless estate,
and hath shed his own blood for my soul.

Refrain: It is well with my soul; it is well; it is well with my soul.

He lives: O the bliss of this glorious thought.
My sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed
to the cross and I bear it no more. Praise the
Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

Refrain: It is well with my soul; it is well; it is well with my soul.

Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be
sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the
trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall
descend; even so it is well with my soul.

Refrain: It is well with my soul; it is well; it is well with my soul.