



**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

Companion in life and death, your love is steadfast and never ends; our weeping may linger with night, but you give joy in the morning. Touch us with your healing grace that, restored to wholeness, we may live out our calling as your resurrection people. Amen.

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## Call to Worship

One: With friends and strangers, with family and neighbors, we gather:

Many: come among us, Healing God, with that love which never ends.

One: With faith reaching out to touch, with hearts straining to trust, we hope:

Many: Come among us, Friend of the broken, with your compassion which makes us whole.

# Sermon

From The Rev. Kara Hillhouse

*It's All About...*

Time and time again in the New Testament Jesus restores people. Bringing them back to life, healing them from diseases that isolate them from others, and so on. Restoration. For Jesus it's all about relationships. For Jesus it's all about community. And his miracles bring people back into relationship and community with others. In our text this week we find Jesus being approached by two people in need: Jairus, whose daughter is "at the point of death" and the woman who had bled for twelve years. In both situations there is an extreme break (or threat of break) in relationship and community: the little girl is about to die and the bleeding woman can no longer be part of her society. Both of the people (Jairus, on behalf of his daughter, and the woman who is bleeding) approach Jesus to be made well. Jesus is called upon to heal them. There are places in our own lives where we are disconnected from the people around us and we need healing as well. Join us for worship as we look at this text and how it applies to our lives today. Be fed: spiritually, with God's Word and music, and physically, at the Lord's table. We'll see you at First!



# Scripture Readings

## 2 Corinthians 8:7-15

Now as you excel in everything - in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you - so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking. I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something - now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has - not according to what one does not have. I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between your present abundance and their need, so that there abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. As it is written,

“The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little.”



## Mark 5: 21-43

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, “My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.” So he went with him. And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, “If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.” Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, “Who touched my clothes?” And his disciples said to him, “You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, ‘Who touched me?’” He looked all around to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.” While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader’s house to say, “Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?” But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, “Do not fear; only believe.” He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, “Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child’s father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, “Talitha cum,” which means, “Little girl, get up!” And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.



# Prayers & Praises

## June 30, 2024



## Song of the week

### God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

God, whose giving knows no ending, from you rich and endless store, nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door: gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise; thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one. Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone. Born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.

Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through powers your grace conferred: ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel word. Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call, healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.



#### 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.
- Sympathy to the family of Bob Johnson. Bob passed away last week. Longtime family friend of the Vocasek family.
- 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: Lincoln First Christian Church - Rev. Pastor Kara Hillhouse

#### Our Global Ministries Missionaries: Paraguay

*"Heavenly God of all nations! We lift up a prayer of gratitude for our Paraguay. You have always kept it under your infinite grace and your renewed mercy. As a nation, through our rulers, at times, we failed you. We did not honor your name by neglecting our brothers of more disadvantaged conditions, the ever-present acts of corruption, the absence of coherence between the words and deeds of our authorities, and the lack of justice. We ask forgiveness for all of them."*

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