



**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

Bread of life, you taught us to put away bitterness and anger, and with tenderhearted kindness to share the fruit of our labor with the needy. Strengthen us by your grace, that in communion with you, we may forgive one another and live in love as Christ loved us. Amen.

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### Call to Worship

**One:** In these moments, in this family of faith, the God of Gentleness gathers us together:

**Many:** hoping that our self-righteous anger might become passionate justice for others.

**One:** In this place, in that Body shaped by his grace, Christ, the Bread of life, calls us to service.

**Many:** hoping our comfort level of complacency might be transformed into compassion for the needy all around us.

# Sermon

From The Rev. Kara Hillhouse

*From Scarcity to Abundance*

Elijah was on a role. He had been sent by God on a mission and God had worked through Elijah to do several amazing things. Then, Elijah gets threatened by someone and he flees into the wilderness and gives up: he's done; he's reached his limit; even death sounds like the best option to him. But God doesn't give up on Elijah, and God continues to work through Elijah's difficult circumstances to bring him back to a place where he could continue to help God. Even prophets need a break sometimes, and even prophets fall apart sometimes. We all have seasons like this in our lives, yet God continues to be faithful. Join us for worship where we'll explore the story of Elijah and see how God continues to be active in our own lives still today. We all need rest and renewal--join us at First!



# Scripture Readings

## Psalm 34:1-8

I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad. O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together. I sought the LORD, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears. Look to him, and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed. This poor soul cried, and was heard by the LORD, and was saved from every trouble. The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them. O taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.

## 1 Kings 19:1-8

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah saying, “So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow.” Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there. But he himself went a day’s journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: “It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors.” Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, “Get up and eat.” He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, “Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you.” He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.



# Prayers & Praises

## August 11, 2024



## Song of the week

### I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

#### Refrain:

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? [Refrain]

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? [Refrain]



#### In Our Church Family:

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

Wayne Duncan, *has been at Madonna for rehab and is going home August 8, 2024 and will begin outpatient therapy.*

Donna Baker, *recently diagnosed with a form of cancer behind her ear. Donna has started a series of treatments.*

#### Friends:

- Allen Watsek, brother of Gwen Belden is being treated for cancer.
- John Burkhart, husband of Cecilia Burkhart is being treated for cancer behind his voice box.
- 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: Pawnee City First Christian Church - Pulpit Supply

#### Our Global Ministries Missionaries: Botswana

“Our eternal God, you are the Triune God who both opens and closes doors—the transcendent ruler over nations. We reflect on your mighty hand that closed the door for Rev. Dr. Richard Sales and his wife, Dr. Jane Sales, when they were expelled by the oppressive apartheid government of South Africa in 1974. This closure led to the establishment of the Botswana Theological Training Programme (BTTP) in 1975, now Kgolagano College, which has since trained ministers and pastors witnessing throughout Botswana.”

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