



First Christian Church
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Weekly Worship

love all • live spiritually • rejoice in hope • show hospitality

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Community Prayer

God of all who are cast down, you call us to seek good and to meet oppression with justice. Teach us to find salvation in the emptying of ourselves for the sake of those in need, so that goodness may prevail and your kingdom come in Jesus Christ. Amen.

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Call to Worship

One: We look in the mirror and what do we see?

Many: We see people who try to be faithful, even as questions and struggles challenge our faith.

One: We look in the mirror and who do we see?

Many: We see Jesus, the One who struggles with the questions we raise, who models faithfulness for all who would follow.

Sermon

From The Rev. Kara Hillhouse

Rich Man Poor Man

We've all heard the story. Rich man: "Jesus what must I do to inherit eternal life?"
Jesus: "Give away all your possessions, give the money to the poor, and follow me."
Rich man: *silence*. As we run toward home base on our Stewardship Campaign (Commitment Sunday is October 20th!), this week we take a look at number one on a preacher's top-ten list of most-feared sermon topics: money. Money--and the very human struggle of how to be in relationship with it--is all over the Bible. Jesus speaks of money and riches a LOT. He probably did this, because he knew it was one of the most-difficult issues for we money-obsessed humans. But it is possible to find a way to faithfully navigate our relationship with money. Join us this week for our look at the issue of stewardship and money and what it means for our own lives. This Sunday, make the time to stop what you're doing, be still and know that God is good, and fellowship with one another. We'll see you at First!



Scripture Readings

Hebrews 4:12-16

Mark 10:17-31

Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.



As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.' " He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible." Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age - houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions - and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

Prayers & Praises

October 13, 2024



Song of the week

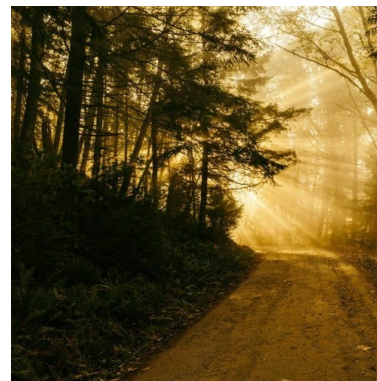
O Jesus, I Have Promised

O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end; be now and always near me, my Master and my friend; I shall not fear the battle if you are by my side, nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.

O let me feel you near me! The world is ever near: I see the sights that dazzle; the tempting sounds I hear. My foes are ever near me, around me and within; but, Jesus, draw still nearer and shield my soul from sin.

O let me hear you speaking in accents clear and still, above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self will; O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control; O speak, and make me listen, true guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you that where you are in glory your servant shall be too. And, Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end; now give me grace to follow, my Master and my friend.



In Our Church Family:

- Donna Baker
 - Rhonda Ball
 - 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
- Bobbi Carlin, *prayers for continued recovery following colon surgery.*
- Wayne Duncan, *prayers for improvement of vision with Madonna rehabilitation therapy.*

Friends:

- Allen Watsek, brother of *Gwen Belden is being treated for cancer.*
- John Burkhart, husband of *Cecilia Burkhart has started speech therapy.*
- 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: Unadilla Christian Church - Pulpit Supply

Our Global Ministries Missionaries: Democratic Republic of Congo

"God, please help the Christ of Christ in Congo (ECC) be the conduit through which the truth of the gospel of grace will flow. We lift up those who are seeking to know you and pray that many hearts will be open to the good news of Jesus Christ. They will be in a right relationship with you, relying entirely on you. We pray that evil will be overcome and that all wars will end. Grant us peace, reconciliation, and stability in Jesus' Name. AMEN."

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