



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

God our rock,
you hear the cries of your people
and answer the prayers of the faithful.
Grant us the boldness of Hannah
that we may persist in prayer, confident in
your steadfast love. Amen.

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Call to Worship

One: Come, let us give thanks to God!

Many: We gather together to praise the One
who strengthens the weak, and hears the
prayers of the forgotten.

One: Come, let us give thanks to the Holy Spirit!

Many: We gather together to exalt the One
who provokes us to love not only our family
and friends, but the guest among us.

Sermon

From The Rev. Kara Hillhouse

Fear Not

Things come, and things go. But God is eternal. In our text this week, we find Jesus and four of his disciples leaving the Temple, and one of the disciples makes a comment about how impressively big the stones of the Temple are; to which Jesus replies, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down." After predicting the destruction of the Temple (which, indeed, occurred almost 40 years later in 70 AD/CE), Jesus goes on to warn the disciples that they need to beware of false testimonies about the coming of the end of the world; and tells them that they need to focus instead on spreading the Good News. What lessons do we need to learn from this, in regards to both the destruction of the Temple and the warnings Jesus gives his followers? Join us for worship Sunday, be filled up by God's presence, Word and the sacrament of Holy Communion. We'll see you at First!



Time to Order Your Poinsettias for Christmas 2024

Once again we would like to decorate the Sanctuary with poinsettias for the Christmas season. If you would like to help make this possible, please complete this form.

Name: _____

Number of plants (\$15 each): _____ Amount enclosed: _____

In Memory of: _____

or

Honoring: _____

Deadline to order is Sunday, December 1, 2024

You may pick up your plant(s) after the 7 pm Christmas Eve worship service

Please fill out this form and mail to the FCC office (Attn: Donna Ruhl). Please make check out to FCC.

Scripture Readings

1 Samuel 2:1-10

Hannah prayed and said, “My heart exults in the Lord; my strength is exalted in my God. My mouth derides my enemies, because I rejoice in my victory. There is no Holy One like the Lord, no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God. Talk no more so very proudly, let not arrogance come from your mouth; for the Lord is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed. The bows of the mighty are broken, but the feeble gird on strength. Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread, but those who were hungry are fat with spoil. The barren has borne seven, but she who has many children is forlorn. The Lord kills and brings to life; he brings down to Sheol and raises up. The Lord makes poor and makes rich; he brings low, he also exalts. He raises up the poor from the dust; he lifts the needy from the ash heap, to make them sit with princes and inherit a seat of honor. For the pillars of the earth are the Lord’s, and on them he has set the world. “He will guard the feet of his faithful ones, but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness; for not by might does one prevail. The Lord! His adversaries will be shattered; the Most High will thunder in heaven. The Lord will judge the ends of the earth; he will give strength to his king, and exalt the power of his anointed.”

Mark 13:1-10

As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.” When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, “Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?” Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs. “As for yourselves, beware; for they will hand you over to councils; and you will be beaten in synagogues; and you will stand before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them. And the good news must first be proclaimed to all nations.”



Prayers & Praises

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Song of the week

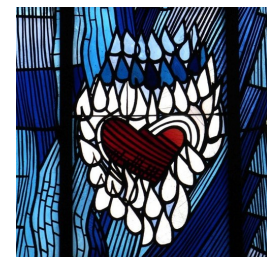
What Wondrous Love Is This

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the
Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my
soul, for my soul, to bear the dreadful curse
for my soul!

When I was sinking down, sinking down,
sinking down, when I was sinking down,
sinking down, when I was sinking down
beneath God's righteous frown, Christ laid
aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul!

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will
sing, to God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM,
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I
will sing; while millions join the theme, I will
sing!

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll
sing on; and when from death I'm free, I'll
sing on; and when from death I'm free, I'll
sing and joyful be, and through eternity, I'll
sing on, I'll sing on; and through eternity I'll
sing on.



In Our Church Family:

- Donna Baker
- Rhonda Ball
- Cecilia 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
- Roger Vocasek

Prayers for Cecilia Burkhart. She broke her right collar bone in a fall.

Prayers for Roger Vocasek. He dislocated his shoulder and is doing PT while waiting for an MRI approval.

Friends:

- Allen Watsek, brother of *Gwen Belden is being treated for cancer.*
- John Burkhart, husband of *Cecilia Burkhart as he continues to recover and get his speech back.*
- 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: Retired Ministers in Nebraska

Our Global Ministries Missionaries: Eswatini

"God of Hosts, as the Council of Swaziland Churches, we bring our country, Eswatini, before you. You know the struggles of your people: the poverty, the sickness, the family divisions, and all the social ills besetting this country. We pray for lasting peace and justice. May the people entrusted with power and decision-making responsibilities be good stewards of the resources under their care and fairly distribute them so that those most vulnerable among us have a chance at a life of dignity as promised in John 10:10."

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