



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

Eternal God, you revealed to the disciples the everlasting glory of Jesus Christ. Grant us, who have not seen and yet believe, the gift of your Holy Spirit, that we may boldly live the gospel and shine with your transforming glory, as people changed and changing through the redeeming presence of our Savior. Amen.

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Call to Worship

One: From a cloud, and in a crowd, God speaks to us.

Many: Calling us to be lovers of justice, to share hope with the broken.

One: On mountaintops, and in neighborhoods, Christ calls to us.

Many: With a word, and with wonder, molding us into who we are.

One: On the playground, and at the workstation, the Spirit whispers in our hearts.

Many: Gathering up our fears, as well as our dreams, and offering them to God.

Sermon

From The Rev. Kara Hillhouse

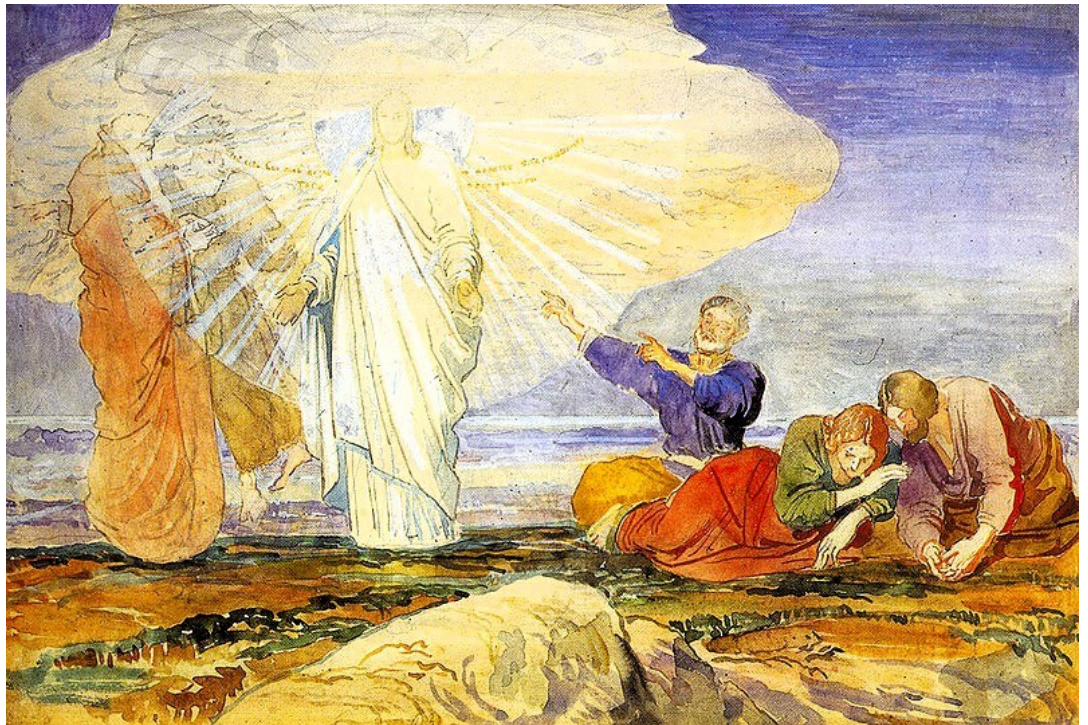
Luke 9:28 -36

The Huddle

Sometimes we need to gather together with our “people” (be they family, friends, co-workers, or others) to talk about what is what: share concerns or questions, brainstorm about how to move forward with the things that are stumping us, and remind ourselves we are not alone. Jesus was no different. There’s a reason he called his disciples to follow him. Did he really need them? No, and there may have been times he rolled his eyes and shook his head at their antics and wondered why he hung out with them. But I know that Jesus loved his disciples: knew their quirks, understood their body language, anticipated their actions, and accepted their faults. On Transfiguration Sunday we are reminded of another time a group of people surrounded Jesus: the Old Testament leaders Moses and Elijah, as they joined Jesus and three of the disciples for a mountaintop huddle. Join us for worship where we will explore how this story speaks to us today, spend time in fellowship, and find rest and renewal in God’s presence. We’ll see you at First!

Hope you all have a great week!

Pastor Kara



Scripture Readings

Psalm 99

The Lord is king; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake! The Lord is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples. Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is he! Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob. Extol the Lord our God; worship at his footstool. Holy is he! Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel also was among those who called on his name. They cried to the Lord, and he answered them. He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud; they kept his decrees, and the statutes that he gave them. O Lord our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings. Extol the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the Lord our God is holy.

Luke 9:28-36

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah," not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from a cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.



Prayers & Praises

March 2, 2025



Song of the week

When Morning Gilds the Skies

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 Rae-Hope Putney. Rae-Hope fell and broke her pelvis. She had surgery 2/17/25. Please mail cards to her home- 3010 S. 51st St. Ct., #11 (68506).

Prayers for Roger & Jessica Vocasek. Both are struggling with a variety of health issues.

Friends:

- Gina Simpson, *sister of Sara Lugn. Gina 's surgery went well. Gina is home and gaining strength every day.*
- Jody Schrage, *friend of Katelyn Long. She is having shoulder surgery.*
- Linda De Los Santos, *sister of Vincent Ortega. Linda is home and continues rehab.*
- Tammy Foral, *healing, patience and strength as facing many health issues. Co-worker of Sara Lugn.*

Our Timothy:

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

In the Nebraska Region: Bennet Community Church—Rev. Darin Corder

Our Global Ministries Missionaries in: Indonesia

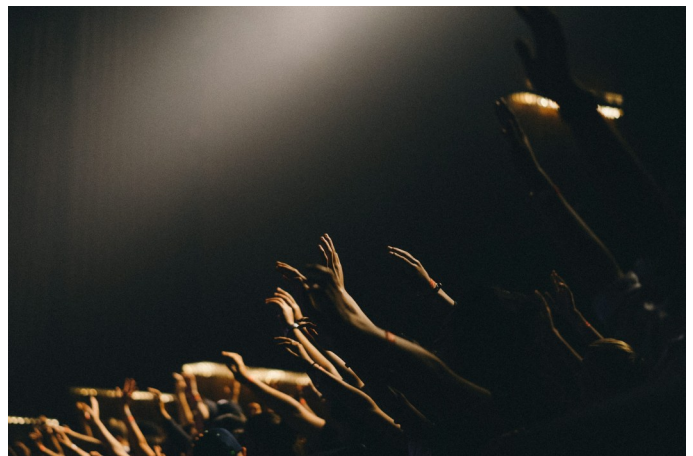
“At this moment, we pour out our hearts before You, and we cry out for West Timor, as we ask, O Lord, that we can unite to love each other and care for each other and that you have mercy on us. “

When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries: may Jesus Christ be praised! Alike at work and prayer to Jesus I repair: may Jesus Christ be praised!

Does sadness fill my mind? A solace here I find: may Jesus Christ be praised! Or fades my earthly bliss? My comfort still is this: may Jesus Christ be praised!

Let earth's wide circle round in joyful notes resound: may Jesus Christ be praised! Let air and sea and sky from depth to height reply: may Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine: may Jesus Christ be praised! Be this the eternal song through all the ages long: may Jesus Christ be praised!



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