



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 of deliverance and freedom, you taught the people of Israel to acknowledge that all things come from your bountiful hand. Deepen our faith so that we may resist temptation and, in the midst of trial, proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord, now and for ever. Amen.

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Call to Worship

One: We are blessed when we hunger for justice and thirst for reconciliation.

Many: Our souls are nourished by God’s hope and grace.

One: We are blessed when we grieve over the brokenness of the world,

Many: choosing, as God does, to be with those who are weak and powerless.

One: We are blessed when we become God’s fools,

Many: willing to do what is right and good, not what is easy.

Sermon

From The Rev. Kara Hillhouse

Luke 10:25-37

Won't You Be My Neighbor?

It's probably one of the top three most-common Sunday school lessons, right alongside Daniel in the Lion's Den and Jonah and the Whale. I'm talking about the Parable of the Good Samaritan. Jesus was asked a question by a lawyer about how to inherit eternal life. He was probably a cerebral thinker, and needed to know logically and intellectually what steps he needed to take in order to attain it. But Jesus responded to the lawyer's question with a question of his own, and conversation ensued; and pretty soon, as often happens, Jesus is telling the man (and everyone around him) a story. About neighbors. And whether or not we have to love them. The lawyer tried to pinpoint exactly *who* was his neighbor...and this is significant, because *today is a crucial time in history* for us to be pondering this question: exactly WHO do we have to care about? And WHO can we let suffer? Join us for worship Sunday as we ponder this story of the Good Samaritan, and how it should affect our daily lives. Be renewed and rejuvenated by worship at First! We'll see you soon.

Pastor Kara



Scripture Readings

Psalm 15

O Lord, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill? Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right, and speak the truth from their heart; who do not slander with their tongue, and do no evil to their friends, nor take up a reproach against their neighbors; in whose eyes the wicked are despised, but who honor those who fear the Lord; who stand by their oath even to their hurt; who do not lend money at interest, and do not take a bribe against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be moved.

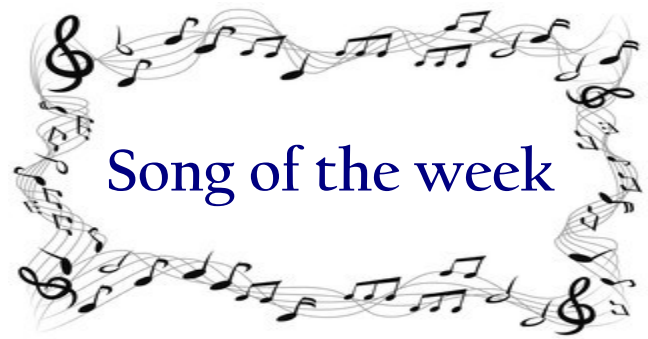


Luke 10:25-37

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” He said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind: and your neighbor as yourself.” And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.” But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.’ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

Prayers & Praises

March 9, 2025



Song of the week

When the Poor Ones

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. Please keep Rae-Hope and her family in prayer as she is kept comfortable after breaking her pelvis.

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: Bethany Christian Church—Terry Tomlinson (Interim)

Our Global Ministries Missionaries in: Syria

“God our Father and Savior, our Shepherd who cares about each of His sheep and knows everyone by his name, we know that You have been watching what has been happening in our country, Syria, and in the Middle East region – the soil that was blessed with Your incarnation and resurrection.”

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When the poor ones who have nothing share with strangers, when the thirsty water give unto us all, when the crippled in their weakness strengthen others, then we know that God still goes that road with us, then we know that God still goes that road with us.

When at last all those who suffer find their comfort, when they hope though even hope seems hopelessness, when we love though hate at times seems all around us, then we know that God still goes that road with us, then we know that God still goes that road with us.

When our joy fills up our cup to overflowing, when our lips can speak no words other than true, when we know that love for simple things is better, then we know that God still goes that road with us, then we know that God still goes that road with us.

When our homes are filled with goodness in abundance, when we learn how to make peace instead of war, when each stranger that we meet is called a neighbor, then we know that God still goes that road with us, then we know that God still goes that road with us.

