



First Christian Church

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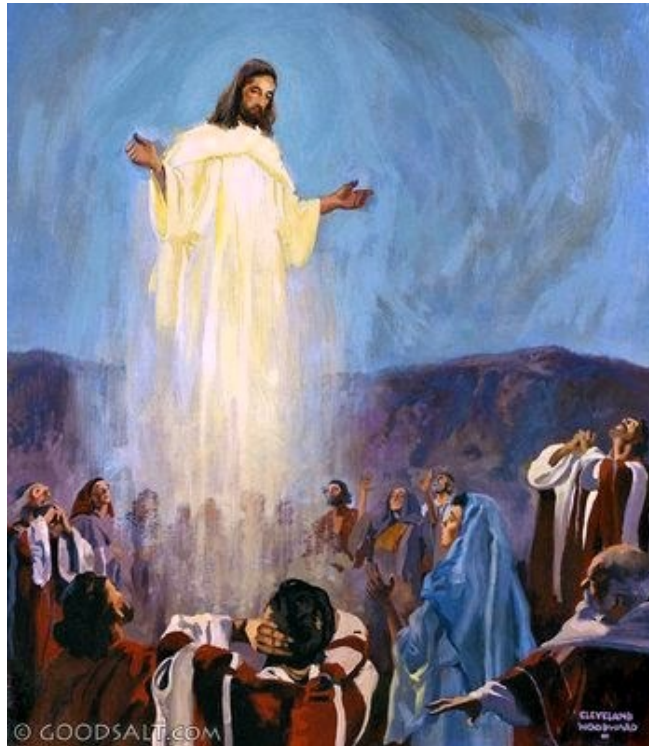
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Weekly Worship

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

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Community Prayer

Precious love, your ascended Son promised the gift of holy power. Send your Spirit of revelation and wisdom, that in the blessed freedom of hope, we may witness to the grace of forgiveness and sing songs of joy with the peoples of earth to the One who makes us one body. Amen.

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Call to Worship

One: Come and worship the One who raised Jesus from the dead.

Many: Hail the day that sees him rise!

One: Come and worship Jesus, now beyond our mortal sight.

Many: Hail the day that sees him rise!

One: Come and worship the Holy Spirit, who raises our hearts to heaven.

Many: Hail the day that sees him rise!

Sermon

From The Rev. Kara Hillhouse

Acts 1:6-11

An End and a Beginning

In the Old Testament the prophet Elijah was carried away to heaven in a chariot at the end of his earthly life. This week we find Jesus ascending into heaven as well. But before he goes, he tells his disciples that they will receive his power and go on to be his "witnesses," sharing the Good News with the world. Jesus is no longer with us in bodily form, but the Spirit continues to walk beside us and send us out. Join us for worship Sunday where we'll ponder what that means for we who want to follow Jesus. It's a blessed time to rejuvenate our spirits, feast at the Lord's Supper, and join in joyful fellowship. We'll see you at First!

Pastor Kara



Scripture Readings

Psalm 47

Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy. For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth. He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet. He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves. God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet. Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises. For God is the king of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm. God is king over the nations; God sits on his holy throne. The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham. For the shields of the earth belong to God; he is highly exalted.

Acts 1:6-11

So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”



Prayers & Praises

June 1, 2025

In Our Church Family:

- Donna Baker
- Rhonda Ball
- Mike Carlin
- Jim Christ
- Joan Dietrich
- Wayne Duncan
- Ron Hile
- Phyllis Knosp
- Polly Putney
- Marvin Thurber
- Phyllis Thurber
- Jessica Vocasek
- Roger Vocasek

Prayers for Roger & Jessica Vocasek. Roger is recovering from shoulder surgery and Jessica has back issues.

Friends:

- Prayers for Ron Collamore, *Ron is a regular visitor and is seeking prayers for improvement to his health.*
- Jeanne Schruck, *mother of Meghan Schruck Cowger. Jeanne is having lung surgery on June 9th.*
- Nikki, *friend of Katelyn Long. She is recovering from recent gastric bypass surgery.*
- Linda De Los Santos, *sister of Vincent Ortega. Linda is home and continues rehab.*

Our Timothy:

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

In the Nebraska Region: Humboldt Christian Church - Pulpit Supply

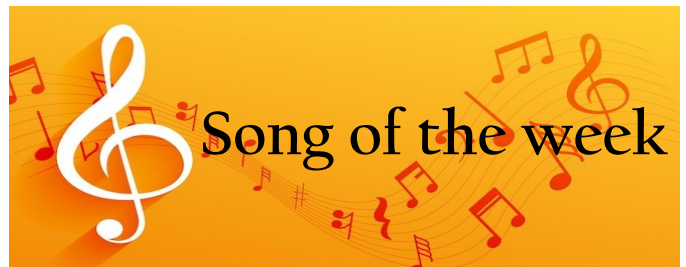
Our Global Ministries Missionaries in: Kenya

"As you have commanded us through your servant Paul (1 Tim 2:1-2), we pray for those in authority that they shall be committed to good governance. Grant them wisdom to repel the idol of negative ethnicity so that various ethnic groups and nationalities in Kenya shall be governed in peace and unity.

We pray for women who live in Kenya under the shadows of death-dealing patriarchy; that the spirit of elimination will cease and femicide will be a thing of the past in our nation.

Oh God, bless our country with abundance so that we may know you as the great provider and not bow to modern-day idols of provision. We ask you, God, to bless the church; that her prophetic voice shall never be muted by trappings of power in its ministry of condemning sin."

For more information and stories about our Global Ministry partners visit www.globalministries.org



Crown Him with Many Crowns

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne; hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own! Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side, rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified: no angel in the sky can fully bear that sight, but downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scepter sways from pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise. His reign shall know no end; and round his pierced feet fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time; creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime. All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me; thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

