



First Christian Church

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Weekly Worship

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

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Community Prayer

Most holy and eternal God, you dwell in the heights of heaven, yet you walk among those who refuse to see you. Hold out your hand to those who rebel against you, and free us from the chains that bind us, that we may be healed by Christ and proclaim his saving deeds to all the world. Amen.

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Call to Worship

One: When we long for the special effects we think life should offer:

Many: it is enough, for us, that God comes in a soft, summer shower.

One: When our hearts are cracked by the drought of doubt:

Many: it is enough, for us, that God opens up the fountains of faith for us.

One: When our senses are deadened by the sales pitches of our culture:

Many: It is enough, for us, that God wraps us in the silence of grace.

Sermon

From The Rev. Kara Hillhouse

1 Kings 19:1-13a

Finding Strength in the Little Things

Elijah fled into the wilderness when he heard that Jezebel, the wife of King Ahab, was threatening his life. He had killed her prophets of the god Baal in a fiery competition on Mount Carmel, and now she was in a fury and promised to destroy Elijah. In the wilderness, Elijah was fed by angels and encouraged to keep going, and then he encountered God. God told him to go stand on the mountain, for "the Lord was going to pass by." Several things passed by: noise and danger and storms, yet God was not in them. And then there was the sound of silence. How do we encounter God? Join us for worship, for a time of rest and rejuvenation, fellowship and sacrament. We'll see you at First!

Pastor Kara



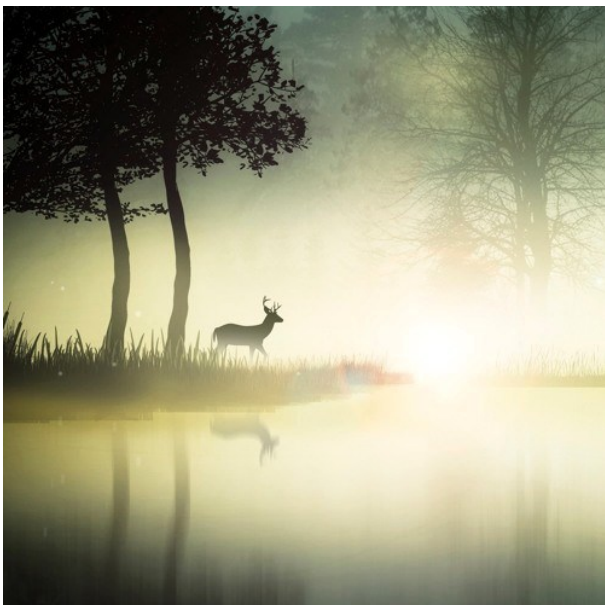
Please note: there will not be a Weekly Worship Bulletin for June 29, 2025. I am on vacation and will return to the office on Thursday, June 26th. There will be a Weekly Worship Bulletin for July 6, 2025. Have a great week!

Elaine Parman

Scripture Readings

Psalms 42

As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and behold the face of God? My tears have been my food day and night, while people say to me continually, "Where is your God?" These things I remember, as I pour out my soul: how I went with the throng, and led them in procession to the house of God, with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving, a multitude keeping festival. Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help and my God. My soul is cast down within me; therefore I remember you from the land of Jordan and of Hermon, from Mount Mizar. Deep calls to deep at the thunder of your cataracts; all your waves and your billows have gone over me. By day the Lord commands his steadfast love, and at night his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life. I say to God, my rock, "Why have you forgotten me? Why must I walk about mournfully because the enemy oppresses me?" As with a deadly wound in my body, my adversaries taunt me, while they say to me continually, "Where is your God?" Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help and my God.



1 Kings 19:1-13a

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there. But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die; "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

Prayers & Praises

June 22, 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 had a lung biopsy on June 9th. The results are that she has Stage 1 cancer and treatment options are still to be determined.
- 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: First Christian Church - Lincoln - Rev. Kara Hillhouse

Our Global Ministries Missionaries in: Guatemala

"Help us restore our flesh, our spirit, and faith in you, God, as we work toward hope and reconciliation in a country whose spirit and hope have been broken multiple times. Help us, Creator, to work toward restoring the spirit and faith of the thousands of Guatemalan victims of the genocide that took place in the country as a result of the 40-year civil war. Help us work toward restoring the social and cultural fabric that has been torn by the different acts of violence in the country. And God, help us remember that you are omnipresent and all-healing." Amen

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Loving Spirit

Loving Spirit, loving Spirit, you have chosen me to be, you have drawn me to your wonder, you have set your sign on me.

Like a mother you enfold me, hold my life within your own, feed me with your very body, form me of your flesh and bone.

Like a father you protect me, teach me the discerning eye, hoist me up upon your shoulder, let me see the world from high.

Friend and lover, in your closeness I am known and held and blessed: in your promise is my comfort, in your presence I may rest.

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