



**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 all nations and peoples, your Son commanded his disciples to preach and heal throughout the world. Grant us, by the power of the Holy Spirit, the zeal to proclaim the good news of peace and justice, and gather all humanity into life with you. Amen.

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### Call to Worship

One: Sing praises to our Lord:

Many: who heals us and makes us whole.

One: Sing praises to our Lord, faithful children of God:

Many: whose joy rises in our lives each and every day.

One: Sing praises to our Lord, faithful children of God; give thanks to God's holy name:

Many: God's Kingdom is near to us; God's peace resides in our hearts.

# Sermon

From The Rev. Kara Hillhouse

Galatians 6:1-10

*Are You Weary?*

There are seasons in our lives when we feel weary. Be it work, family commitments, health concerns, or any other of myriad reasons...we find ourselves feeling *weary*. Tired. Overwhelmed. Disheartened. It is in these moments we turn to God for comfort and encouragement. In Paul's letter to the people of Galatia, he offers such encouragement to the early Christian communities who were wrestling with what to do with Gentiles, and whether they needed to follow the Mosaic Laws. Paul said they didn't need to follow them, but the Jewish people in that faith community said they did. Clearly, there was a weariness there, for Paul writes, "*So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest-time, if we do not give up.*" In our own lives we grow weary with conflict and disputes, particularly when they touch things we feel very passionate about. What can we learn from Paul's words? Join us for worship this week, where we will come into a sacred space and connect with God and one another. We'll see you at First!

Pastor Kara





# Scripture Readings

## Psalms 30

I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up, and did not let my foes rejoice over me. O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me. O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit. Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name. For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning. As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved." By your favor, O Lord, you had established me as a strong mountain; you hid your face; I was dismayed. To you, O Lord, I cried, and to the Lord I made supplication: "What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness? Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me! O Lord, be my helper!" You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, so that my soul may praise you and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

## Galatians 6:1-10

My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. For all must carry their own loads. Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher. Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest-time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.



# Prayers & Praises

## July 6, 2025

### In Our Church Family:

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

*Sympathy to the family of Phyllis Knosp.* Phyllis passed away on June 22nd and her funeral was June 28th at FCC. Cards may be mailed to her home: 1740 St. James Rd., Lincoln, NE 68506 attn: Glenna Robb.

*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 has Stage 1 lung 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:** Murray Christian Church  
- Pulpit Supply

**Our Global Ministries Missionaries in: Zimbabwe**

*"We pray for the people of Zimbabwe, especially in rural areas where livelihoods are threatened by droughts and economic hardship. Grant resilience to families, wisdom to leaders, and provision to the vulnerable. In Jesus' name, Amen."*

For more information and stories about our Global Ministry partners visit [www.globalministries.org](http://www.globalministries.org)



### We Gather Here in Jesus' Name

We gather here in Jesus' name; his love is burning in our hearts like living flame; for through the loving Son the Father makes us one: come, take the bread; come, drink the wine; come, share the Lord. No one is a stranger here; everyone belongs. Finding our forgiveness here, we in turn forgive all wrongs.

He joins us here; he breaks the bread; the Lord who pours the cup is risen from the dead; the one we love the most is now our gracious host: come, take the bread; come, drink the wine; come, share the Lord. We are now a family, of which the Lord is head. Though unseen, he meets us here in the breaking of the bread.

We'll gather soon where angels sing; we'll see the glory of our Lord and coming King; now we anticipate the feast for which we wait: come, take the bread; come, drink the wine; come share the Lord.

