



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

Ever-faithful God, whose being is perfect righteousness: reconcile us in your Son with the helpless and the needy, with those we would ignore or oppress, and with those we have called enemies, that we may serve all people as your hands of love, and sit at the feet of those who need our compassionate care. Amen.

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Call to Worship

One: God calls us here to worship. We carry many worries and are distracted by many things, but here, we remember who we are:

Many: We are the body of Christ.

One: We remember whose we are:

Many: We are God’s beloved children.

One: We remember our chief purpose: To glorify and enjoy God forever. Let us worship God!

Sermon

From The Rev. Kara Hillhouse

Luke 10:38-42

The Better Part

Mary and Martha. Like the fictional superhero twins in Hanna-Barbera's animated TV series, "*The All-New Super Friends Hour*," Mary and Martha each have a super power. Mary is great at focusing on Jesus and listening to his teachings; while Martha is good at being a top-notch hostess to her Lord. Both had a particular way of being with Jesus, who was both their friend and Lord; and neither is completely wrong or completely right. My hunch is that most of us wish we could be more like Mary (sitting quietly and listening to Jesus), but that we can relate more to Martha, who was told by Jesus "you are worried and distracted by many things." Perhaps we are *both women* at different times. Each one of them can teach and inspire us in their different ways of expressing their love for Jesus. Join us Sunday, and be fed and rejuvenated by a time of worship, fellowship, and the Lord's Supper. We'll see you at First!

Pastor Kara



Welcome Our New Administrative Assistant

Please welcome our new administrative assistant, Amy Johnson. She is a former school teacher, and has 4 daughters. Her husband works as a full-time chaplain at Bryan Medical East. He recently retired from the Air Force as a chaplain, and they moved from Texas to be here in Lincoln for his job.

If you are in the building during office hours, please stop by and get to know her.

Scripture Readings

Psalms 52

“Why do you boast, O mighty one, of mischief done against the godly? All day long you are plotting destruction. Your tongue is like a sharp razor, you worker of treachery. You love evil more than good, and lying more than speaking the truth. You love all words that devour, O deceitful tongue. But God will break you down forever; he will snatch and tear you from your tent; he will uproot you from the land of the living. The righteous will see, and fear, and will laugh at the evil-doer, saying, ‘See the one who would not take refuge in God, but trusted in abundant riches, and sought refuge in wealth!’ But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God. I trust in the steadfast love of God forever and ever. I will thank you forever, because of what you have done. In the presence of the faithful I will proclaim your name, for it is good.”

Luke 10: 38-42

“Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord’s feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, ‘Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.’ But the Lord answered her, ‘Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.’ ”



Prayers & Praises

July 20, 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 had surgery to remove part of her lung. She is home recovering.*
- 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: North Platte First Christian Church-Jean Anderson

Our Global Ministries Missionaries in: Sri Lanka

"Dear God, who is responsible for all creation, we come in your presence and seek guidance at this time. God, we live in an environment where violence and suffering are all around. Our relationships and family circles are facing immense hardships and challenges. You call us to be persons of good character in such situations (Luke 10:38-42). Lord, we pray to you to use each of us as instruments to live with Christian qualities and to show the value of Jesus Christ amongst people who are weak and in vulnerable conditions and who question, "Who is there for us?" We pray to you that you will send your Holy Spirit, the Comforter, to accompany us when problems and challenges arise in carrying out work for those in our society."

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Be Thou My Vision

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou
my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my
power.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;
thou mine inheritance, now and always; thou
and thou only, first in my heart, High King of
Heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won, may I
reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still
be my vision, O Ruler of all.

