



WEEKLY WORSHIP

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

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Community Prayer

God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Turn our feet from evil paths, our hands from shameful deeds, our minds to your wisdom, and our hearts to your grace. Amen.

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Call to Worship

One: When two or three gather, Christ lives in every moment.

Many: where two or three gather, Christ is present with them.

One: Where two or three gather to worship God,

Many: glad songs of praise are lifted, hearts are filled with hope.

One: When two or three gather to serve God's creation,

Many: Christ is feeding the hungry, Christ is building shelters of peace.

Sermon

From The Rev. Kara Hillhouse

Exodus 12:1-14

Start Again

Exodus 12:1-14

“The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but

roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the Passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.”



Scripture Reading

Psalm 149

“Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of the faithful. Let Israel be glad in its Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King. Let them praise his name with dancing, making melody to him with tambourine and lyre. For the Lord takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with victory. Let the faithful exult in glory; let them sing for joy on their couches. Let the high praises of God be in their throats and two-edged swords in their hands, to execute vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples, to bind their kings with fetters and their nobles with chains of iron, to execute on them the judgment decreed. This is glory for all his faithful ones. Praise the Lord!”



Prayers & Praises

September 6, 2026



Song of the Week

In Our Church

Family:

- Donna Baker
- Cec Burkhart
- Joan Dietrich
- Polly Putney
- Bob Throop
- Marvin Thurber
- Phyllis Thurber
- Jessica Vocasek
- Roger Vocasek

Prayers for Rev. Bruce Frogge, Stephanie Frogge's brother, who has been diagnosed with a serious bone marrow disease. Further genetics testing is in progress to determine type and treatment plan.

Prayers for Jim Christ's nephew, Dennis Christ, in Oregon, continued prayers for healing and comfort as he goes through chemotherapy.

Prayers for healing for Vince Ortega's sister, Linda De Los Santos, who has been diagnosed with liver cancer.

Prayers for Marvin and Phyllis Thurber, who have moved to Salt Creek Senior Living.

Prayers for healing for Kristie Christianson's mom, Lucy Reuter-Masek, after a mild stroke.

Prayers for Cec Burkhart for continued healing.

Prayers for Bob Throop for continued healing and strength.

Prayers for Roger Vocasek as he looks for a job.

Prayers for Jessica Stehlik-Vocasek for her health issues.

Prayers for Katelynn Long for continued healing and strength.

Friends:

- Ron Collamore, *prayers for his health.*
- *Sympathy to the family of Bob Buckner.* Bob was a long time member of FCC and passed away recently.

Our Timothy

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

In the Nebraska Region: SouthPointe Christian Church, Lincoln - Abby Conley

Our Global Ministries in: India

"Gracious and loving God, we pray for the basic needs of our nation. May quality education reach every child, especially those in rural and remote communities. We especially pray for Evangelical Mission Hospital, Tilda, serving the rural communities of Central India. Amen."

We Praise You, O God

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator; in grateful devotion our tribute we bring. We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you; we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.

We worship you, God of our fathers and mothers; through trial and tempest our guide you have been. When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us, and with your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.

With voices united our praises we offer and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise. With you, Lord, beside us, your strong arm will guide us. To you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!



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SEPTEMBER

Call to Confession

One:

We continue to believe that we must earn our way into God's heart. But God's grace is freely given and without end. Let us open our lives to this beautiful gift, as we acknowledge together the ways we miss the mark, praying:

Prayer of Confession

Many:

It seems we cannot decide, O God. We say we will live to serve others, but end up meeting only our own needs. We claim to cling fast to Christ, but forget to take him with us when we leave this place. Forgive us, Lord, and have mercy upon us. Instead of grumblers, may we be ambassadors of grace. Instead of complaining, may we carry compassion to those who hurt. Instead of whiners, may we be workers with Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, and spread the hope of the Good News wherever we go.

Good News of God's Grace

One:

Hear the Good News—the mercies of the Lord are from everlasting to everlasting. God has kept his covenant: we are loved, we are forgiven, we are a new creation.

Many:

Thanks be to God! Amen.



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