



**Sunday, September 15, 2024**

**Good Morning and Welcome to  
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH**



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UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST  
a just world for all

***We are here to help people know God,  
find freedom, discover their purpose,  
and make a difference in the community, near and far.***

***No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey...  
You are welcome here.***

***Reach Up. Reach Out. Reach In.***

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Melody Burns**

ONE: Beloved, the voice of Wisdom calls to us from the street corner, the grocery store aisle, the noisy dinner table, and the quiet places of our hearts.  
Will we listen?

**ALL: Yes, with God's help, we will listen!**

ONE: Wisdom calls to us with hard truths, showing us where we've strayed in our hearts and as a community and urging us back onto God's path.  
Will we follow?

**ALL: Yes, with God's help, we will follow!**

ONE: Wisdom's call persists through the twists and turns, the rough patches, the barely discernible paths forward, and the moments we feel completely lost.  
Will we hold onto Wisdom wherever she takes you?

**ALL: Yes, with God's help, we will hold onto Wisdom!**

ONE: Then Beloved, let us worship God together as we cling to wisdom on our journey along the path of salvation paved with God's love.

**ALL: Yes! Let us worship God together! Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN**

**Chalice Hymnal #595**

**Be Thou My Vision**

**Verses 1, 2, 4**

**1.**

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.

**2.**

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my redeemer, my love thou hast won,  
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

**4.**

Great God 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.

## **UNISON PRAYER**

**Melody Burns**

God of wisdom and truth,  
speak to us now.  
Inspire us with your word.

Speak clearly to our hearts,  
that we may walk in your ways  
and live in your love.

Help us to hold on to your wisdom  
so that Wisdom may hold us.

In the name of Christ, our Messiah,  
we pray. Amen.

## **PASS THE PEACE**

**Rev. Patrick Crocker**

## **HYMN OF GRATITUDE**

**Chalice Hymnal #497**

### **In Loving Partnership**

**Verses 1, 2, 3, 4**

In loving partnership we come  
seeking, O God, your will to do.  
Our prayers and actions now receive,  
we freely offer them to you.

Loving community we seek;  
your hope and strength within us move.  
The poor and rich, the strong and weak  
are brought together in your love.

We are the hands and feet of Christ  
serving, by grace, each other's need.

We dare to risk and sacrifice  
with truthful word and faithful deed.

In loving partnership, O God,  
help us your future to proclaim.  
Justice and peace be our desire  
we humbly pray in Jesus' name.

## **CELEBRATION OF GRATITUDE**

**Debby Johnson**

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

**Melody Burns**

## **SCRIPTURE**

**Proverbs 1: 20-33 (MSG)**

## **SERMON**

**Rev. Patrick Crocker**  
Not a Tame Wisdom

## COMMUNION HYMN

Chalice Hymnal #575

### Come and Find the Quiet Center

Verses 1, 2, 3

1.

Come and find the quiet center  
in the crowded life we lead,  
find the room for hope to enter,  
find the frame where we are freed:

clear the chaos and the clutter,  
clear our eyes, that we can see  
all the things that really matter,  
be at peace, and simply be.

2.

Silence is a friend who claims us,  
cools the heat and slows the pace,  
God it is who speaks and names us,  
knows our being, touches base,

making space within our thinking,  
lifting shades to show the sun,  
raising courage when we're shrinking,  
finding scope for faith begun.

3.

In the Spirit let us travel,  
open to each other's pain,  
let our loves and fears unravel,  
celebrate the space we gain:

there's a place for deeper dreaming,  
there's a time for heart to care,  
in the Spirit's lively scheming  
there is always room to spare!

## CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Zanté Garcia

## PRAYERS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Patrick Crocker

## GOING FORTH HYMN

Chalice Hymnal #441

### Peace Be upon You

Verse 1 (twice)

Peace be upon you and guard you forever.  
Go in the knowledge that God is with you.

## POSTLUDE

Aletta Wilson

## **UPCOMING SERVICES**

Services are at 10:15 am MST unless otherwise noted.

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**September 22, 2024**

**Worship Leader:**

Jeanne Knotts

**Offering:**

Melissa McKenzy-Shaw

**Communion:**

Debby Johnson

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**September 29, 2024**

**Worship Leader:**

Deb Cook

**Offering:**

Paul Cook

**Communion:**

Melissa McKenzy-Shaw

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**October 6, 2024**

**Worship Leader:**

Melissa McKenzy-Shaw

**Offering:**

Deb Cook

**Communion:**

Paul Cook

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**October 13, 2024**

**Worship Leader:**

Hilda McKee

**Offering:**

Esther Devall

**Communion:**

Deb Cook

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**October 20, 2024**

**Worship Leader:**

Karen Holmes

**Offering:**

Scott Hays-Strom

**Communion:**

Esther Devall

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**October 27, 2024**

**Worship Leader:**

Esther Devall

**Offering:**

Zanté Garcia

**Communion:**

Scott Hays-Strom

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***If you are visiting us today, we welcome you!***

***Please come worship with us again!***

## About First Christian Church

We are Disciples of Christ, a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world. As part of the one body of Christ, we celebrate communion weekly. We welcome all to the Lord's table as God has welcomed us.

We are the United Church of Christ, committed to hearing God's ancient story anew and afresh in our lives and in the world today. Why? Because God is still speaking.

We are an Open and Affirming community. In Christ's example, we want to offer all persons, regardless of race, creed, sexual orientation, or gender identity the opportunity to discover and develop their gifts of God's love and service.

### WEEKLY EVENTS

- Sun.10:15 am**    Worship Service \*  
**Thu.9:00 am**    Spiritual Practices  
**Thu.3:00 pm**    Book Discussion (biweekly)

*\* Our Hybrid Worship Service is held in-person at the church, and live-streamed via [Zoom](#) and [Facebook Live](#).*

### MONTHLY EVENTS

- First Sun.**    **11:30 am**    Celebrate birthdays in the month  
                  **6:30 pm**    Contemplative Worship  
**First Wed.**    **6:30 pm**    Crafter's Group  
**Third Sun.**    **11:30 am**    Potluck  
**Third Wed.**    **11:30 am**    Brown Bag Lunch

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