



Sunday, October 27, 2024

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



DISCIPLES
OF CHRIST



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.

PRELUDE

Aletta Wilson

CALL TO WORSHIP

Esther Devall

Jesus is in our midst. Jesus, our healer, deliverer, and friend, is here.

**We have heard so many good things about him,
but we long to meet him, to encounter him ourselves.**

Call out to him, and do not be silent.
Like Bartimaeus, shout to him and do not allow anyone to silence your voice.
Cry out and tell Jesus what you need!

**Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us! We need a touch from you!
Touch us in our need, which we lift right now in our hearts!**

In this time of worship, we celebrate God's goodness!
In this celebration of worship, we know that Jesus touches our place of need.
Hallelujah! Amen!

GATHERING HYMN

Chalice Hymnal #586

Open My Eyes, That I May See

Verse: 1, 3

1

Open my eyes, that I may see
glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set me free.

Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.

Open my eyes, illumine me,
Spirit divine!

3

Open my mouth, and let me bear
gladly the warm truth everywhere;
open my heart and let me prepare
love with thy children thus to share.

Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.

Open my heart, illumine me,
Spirit divine!

OPENING PRAYER

Esther Devall

Providing God,
We worship you as the one who meets our needs,
who grants our daily bread,
who restores our humanity.

We worship you as the God who knows human need from experience,
who knows want, and thirst, and humiliation.

OPENING PRAYER

Cont'd

We worship you as your people,
in a world where wealth is mixed with poverty;
where we have all we need, but don't know how to share.
Where want, and hunger, and thirst, and humiliation are hidden
from those with the power to offer challenge and bring change.

So, open our hearts.
Not only that we learn sad facts about the world.
But that we may feel our place in this world, as your people.
Where there is need,
teach us to learn where our wealth lies and help us to give.
Where there is injustice,
teach us to learn the causes and help us to fight.
Where there is brokenness,
teach us to learn of our own brokenness and help us to bring wholeness. Amen.

PASS THE PEACE

Rev. Patrick Crocker

PRAYERS

HYMN OF GRATITUDE

Chalice Hymnal #494

They'll Know We Are Christians

Verses 2, 3

2

We will walk with each other,
we will walk hand in hand,
we will walk with each other,
we will walk hand in hand,
and together we'll spread the news
that God is in our land:

[Refrain]

And they'll know we are Christians
by our love, by our love,
yes, they'll know we are
Christians by our love.

3

We will work with each other,
we will work side by side,
we will work with each other,
we will work side by side,
and we'll guard each one's dignity
and save each one's pride:

[Refrain]

CELEBRATION OF GRATITUDE

Zanté Garcia

SPECIAL MUSIC

Joyful Noise Choir

SCRIPTURE

Mark 10:46-52 (FNV)

SERMON

Rev. Patrick Crocker
Yearning for Vision

COMMUNION HYMN

Chalice Hymnal #628

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Verse 1, 2, 3

1

Precious Lord, take my hand,
lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
through the storm, through the night,
lead me on to the light:

[Refrain]

Take my hand, precious Lord,
lead me home.

2

When my way grows drear,
precious Lord, linger near,

when my life is almost gone,
hear my cry, hear my call,
hold my hand lest I fall:

[Refrain]

3

When the darkness appears
and the night draws near,
and the day is past and gone,
at the river I stand,
guide my feet, hold my hand:

[Refrain]

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Scott Hays-Strom

ANNOUNCEMENTS & BLESSING

Rev. Patrick Crocker

GOING FORTH HYMN

Chalice Hymnal #602

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

Verse 1, 4

1

O Master, let me walk with thee
in lowly paths of service free;
tell me thy secret; help me bear
the strain of toil, the fret of care.

4

In hope that sends a shining ray
far down the future's broadening way;
in peace that only thou canst give,
with thee, O Master, let me live.

POSTLUDE

Aletta Wilson

UPCOMING SERVICES

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

November 3, 2024

Worship Leader:

Eric Hays-Strom

Offering:

Kamy McKenzie-Shaw

Communion:

Zanté Garcia

November 24, 2024

Worship Leader:

Sue Bogart

Offering:

Melissa McKenzie-Shaw

Communion:

Debby Johnson

November 10, 2024

Worship Leader:

Zanté Garcia

Offering:

Paul Cook

Communion:

Kamy McKenzie-Shaw

December 1, 2024

Worship Leader:

Debby Johnson

Offering:

TBD

Communion:

Melissa McKenzie-Shaw

November 17, 2024

Worship Leader:

Kamy McKenzie-Shaw

Offering:

Debby Johnson

Communion:

Paul Cook

December 8, 2024

Worship Leader:

Melody Burns

Offering:

Deb Cook

Communion:

Scott Hays-Strom

Wall hangings for today's service are on loan from Weaving for Justice for Hispanic Heritage Month and are available for purchase to grace your own sacred spaces.

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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.9:00 am** Bible Study
Sun.10:15 am Worship Service *
Thu.9:00 am Spiritual Practices

** 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
Fourth Wed. 6:30 pm Discussion Group

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