



Sunday, November 24, 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

Eric Hays-Strom

Children of God, whom do we follow?
We follow Christ, Ruler of us all.

Children of God, what kind of Ruler is Christ?
Christ reigns with love and truth, justice and mercy, compassion and peace.

Children of God, how will we live in the reign of Christ?
We will join Christ in choosing love, truth, justice, mercy, compassion, and peace even when our world tells us not to.

Children of God, come, let us worship God whose Love reigns over us, exemplified in Jesus Christ!
Come, let us worship! Thanks be to God. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Chalice Hymnal #718

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

Verse: 1, 2

1

Come, ye thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest home;
all is safely gathered in,
ere the winter storms begin;
God our Maker doth provide
for our wants to be supplied;
come to God's own temple, come,
raise the song of harvest home.

2

All the blessings of the field,
all the stores the gardens yield,
all the fruits in full supply,
ripened 'neath the summer sky,
all that spring with bounteous hand
scatters o'er the smiling land,
all that liberal autumn pours
from its rich o'er-flowing stores,

OPENING PRAYER

Eric Hays-Strom

Loving God of power and justice and peace,
In our broken world,
We seek a new order

Where there is courage to speak truth to power,
We seek a new order

Where there is mutual support in church and community,
We seek a new order

Where there is abundant time for healing,
We seek a new order

Where there is peace and freedom for all.
Amen.

PASS THE PEACE

Rev. Patrick Crocker

BLESSING OF THE GIFTS

PRAYERS

HYMN OF GRATITUDE

Chalice Hymnal #691

We Thank You, God, For Water, Soil, and Air

Verses 1, 4

1

We thank you, God, for water, soil, and air,
large gifts supporting everything that lives.
Forgive our spoiling and abuse of them.
Help us renew the face of the earth.

4

We thank you, God, for weaving nature's life
into a seamless robe, a fragile whole.
Forgive our haste, that tampers unaware.
Help us renew the face of the earth.

CELEBRATION OF GRATITUDE

Melissa McKenzie-Shaw

SPECIAL MUSIC

Joyful Noise Choir

Come, Sing Unto the Lord

SCRIPTURE

John 18:33-37 (FNV)

SERMON

Rev. Patrick Crocker

Beauty of Truth

COMMUNION HYMN

Chalice Hymnal #385

An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare

Verse 1, 2, 3, 4

1

An upper room did our Lord prepare
for those he loved until the end:
and his disciples still gather there
to celebrate their risen friend.

2

A lasting gift Jesus gave his own:
to share his bread, his loving cup.
Whatever burdens may bow us down,
he by his cross shall lift us up.

3

And after supper he washed their feet,
for service too, is sacrament.
In Christ our joy shall be made complete:
sent out to serve, as he was sent.

4

No end there is! We depart in peace,
he loves beyond the uttermost:
in every room in our Father's house
Christ will be there, as Lord and Host.

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Debby Johnson

ANNOUNCEMENTS & BENEDICTION

Rev. Patrick Crocker

GOING FORTH HYMN

Chalice Hymnal #689

We Are Not Our Own

Verse 1, 2, 4, 6

1

We are not our own. Earth forms us,
human leaves on nature's growing vine,
fruit of many generations,
seeds of life divine.

2

We are not alone. Earth names us:
past and present, peoples near and far,
family and friends and strangers
show us who we are.

4

Therefore let us make thanksgiving,
and with justice, willing and aware,
give to earth, and all things living,
liturgies of care.

6

Let us be a house of welcome,
living stone upholding living stone,
gladly showing all our neighbors
we are not our own!

POSTLUDE

Aletta Wilson

UPCOMING SERVICES

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

December 1, 2024

Worship Leader: Melody Burns
Offering: Debby Johnson
Communion: Melissa McKenzie-Shaw

December 22, 2024

Worship Leader: Deb Cook
Offering: Paul Cook
Communion: Esther Devall

December 8, 2024

Worship Leader: Sue Bogart
Offering: Deb Cook
Communion: Scott Hays-Strom

December 24, 2024 6:30pm

Worship Leaders: TBD
Communion: TBD

December 15, 2024

Worship Leader: Jeanne Knotts
Offering: Esther Devall
Communion: Deb Cook

December 29, 2024

Worship Leader: Melissa McKenzie-Shaw
Offering: Zanté Garcia
Communion: Paul Cook

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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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