Sunday, May 11th, 2025

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FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
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Reach Up

Reach Out

Reach In

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.

Welcome to First Christian Church

DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
a just world for all

ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE.....Deb Cook

CALL TO WORSHIP.....Sue Bogart

Please join in the responsive Call to Worship, with everyone giving voice to the bold text as found in this bulletin and on the screens.

The God of day and darkness moves among us…
We are the people of Living Water.

The God of hope and promise lives among us…
We are the people of Living Water.

The God of the lost and lonely calls us by name…
We are the people bathed in the Living Water of Creation, God's kin, traveling toward home and a love that will not let us go.

GATHERING HYMN

Wind Upon the Waters.....Chalice Hymnal, #247
Verses 1, 2, & 5

1

Wind upon the waters, voice upon the deep,
Rouse your sons and daughters, wake us from our sleep,
Breathing life into all flesh, breathing love into all hearts,
Living wind upon the waters of my soul.

2

Showers from the heavens, water from the earth,
Gift so wholly given, source of ev'ry birth;
Joy of ev'ry living thing, making all creation sing,
Shower down upon the dry earth of my soul.

5

Wind upon the waters, rains upon the sand,
Grace your sons and daughters, newborn by your hand.
Come, O Spirit, and renew all the life that comes from you,
Send your winds upon the waters of my soul.

UNISON PRAYER.....Sue Bogart

Holy One of the morning, we come together to remember who we are and whose we are. Open our hearts to the nudging of your Spirit that moves among us, empowering us to listen, to nurture, and to care for all creation. Give us eyes to see when you break into our lives through all you have made and wash us once again in your life-giving waters. Amen

PASS THE PEACE.....Rev. Patrick Crocker

PRAYER TIME.....Rev. Patrick Crocker

FAITH IN ACTION.....Ralph Holmes

HYMN OF GRATITUDE

like a child.....Chalice Hymnal, #133
Verses 1, 2, & 3

1

like a child love would send to reveal and to mend,
like a child and a friend,
Jesus comes like a child we may find
claiming heart soul and mind, like a child strong and kind,
Jesus comes

2

like a child we will meet, ragged clothes, dirty feet,
like a child on the street,
Jesus comes like a child we once knew
coming back into view, like a child born anew, Jesus comes

3

like a child born to pray and to show us the way,
like a child here to stay,
Jesus comes like a child we receive
all that love can conceive, like a child we believe Jesus comes

CELEBRATION OF GRATITUDE.....Rev. Patrick Crocker

SCRIPTURE.....Revelation 7:9-17 (FNV)

SERMON.....Rev. Patrick Crocker

Holy Waters

COMMUNION HYMN

Water, River, Spirit, Grace.....Chalice Hymnal #366

One Verse x2

Water, River, Spirit Grace, sweep over me, sweep over me!
Re-carve the depths your fingers traced in sculpting me
in sculpting me
sculpting me.

Repeat

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST.....Zanté García

ANNOUNCEMENTS & BENEDICTION.....Rev. Patrick Crocker

GOING FORTH HYMN

Here I Am Lord.....Chalice Hymnal, #452

Verses 2 & refrain

2

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them, they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

Happy Mother's Day to all who embrace the heart of motherhood in all its many forms. Thank you for holding space for others with a nurturing heart. Today we honor your love, strength, and care. May you be cared for as you care for others.

AAPI HERITAGE MONTH

May is the month that we celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month. This is a month to learn about and honor those of AAPI heritage who have helped make our country what it is today. The month of May was chosen for two specific reasons. First, to commemorate the immigration of the first Japanese immigrant to the United States, a young fisherman named Manjiro Nakahama, who arrived May 7, 1843. Second, May marks the anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869. Chinese immigrants made up the majority of workers on the transcontinental railroad and were responsible for the most dangerous manual labor. Throughout the year but this month especially we acknowledge the injustices that have been inflicted upon this and other marginalized communities. We honor the resilience, sacrifice, and contributions of those who have endured and resisted oppression. Their presence enriches our society, and we welcome that.

UPCOMING SERVICES

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

May 18, 2025
Worship Leader: Debby Johnson
Offering: Paul Cook
Communion: TBD

May 25, 2025
Worship Leader: Melody Burns
Offering: Debby Johnson
Communion: Scott Hays-Strom

June 1, 2025
Worship Leader: Jeanne Knotts
Offering: Melissa McKenzy-Shaw
Communion: Debby Johnson

June 8, 2025
Worship Leader: Deb Cook
Offering: Paul Cook
Communion: Melissa McKenzy-Shaw

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.

Welcome

If you are visiting us today, we welcome you!

Please come worship with us again!

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To assist with global crisis relief efforts, please visit:
DoC: www.weekofcompassion.org
UCC: www.ucc.org/what-we-do/wider-church-ministries/global-hope/

WEEKLY EVENTS

Bible Study.....Sunday, 9 AM
Worship Service*.....Sunday, 10:15 AM
Men's Breakfast (at University IHOP).....Wednesday, 9AM
Spiritual Practices.....Thursday, 9 AM

** Our Hybrid Worship Service is held in-person at the church, and live-streamed via Zoom and Facebook Live.*

MONTHLY EVENTS

Celebrate Birthdays of the Month.....First Sunday, 11:30 AM
Contemplative Worship.....First Sunday, 6:30 PM
Crafter's Group.....First Wednesday, 6:30 PM
Potluck.....Third Sunday, 11:30 AM
Brown Bag Lunch.....Third Wednesday, 11:30 AM
Discussion Group.....Fourth Wednesday, 6:30 PM

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