

Sunday, August 3rd, 2025



Reach Up

Reach In

Reach Out

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



ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE.....Aletta Wilson

CALL TO WORSHIP.....Rev. Patrick Crocker

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.

Children of God, we gather as people who have received new life in Jesus Christ.

We come to set our minds on Christ, who surrounds us in love.

The world tries to distract us with anxious rumors, worrisome lies, and misleading half-truths.

We come to set our minds on Christ, who surrounds us in love.

In this place, we gather to remind, remember, and renew our commitment to dwell in the love of Christ.

We come to set our minds on Christ, who surrounds us in love.

Children of God, come! Let us worship God, who clothes us in new life and renews us in grace.

Come, let us worship as we set our minds on Christ, who surrounds us in love.



GATHERING HYMN

I Cannot Dance, O Love.....Chalice Hymnal #290
Verses 1, 2, & 3

1

I cannot dance, O Love, unless you lead me on.
I cannot leap in gladness unless you lift me up.
From love to love we circle, beyond all knowledge grow,
for when you lead we follow, to new worlds you can show.

2

Love is the music ‘round us, we glide as birds in air,
entwining, soul and body, your wings hold us with care.
Your Spirit is the harpist and all your children sing;
her hands the currents ‘round us, your love the golden strings.

3

O blessed Love, your circling unites us, God and soul.
Your arms from the beginning, embrace and make us whole.
Hold us in steps of mercy from which you never part,
that we may know more fully the dances of your heart.

UNISON PRAYER.....Sue Bogart

God, our guide and our protector,
as we gather today in your holy house,
open our minds and souls and hearts,
that we may be inclined to hear the gentle direction
of your Spirit in our lives.
Help us follow you as you lead us
to the land you have created for us,
where we may dwell with you and in you. Amen.

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

PRAYER TIME.....Rev. Patrick Crocker

HYMN OF GRATITUDE

Take My Gifts.....Chalice Hymnal #381
Verses 1 & 2

1

Take my gifts and let me love you,
God who first of all loved me,
gave me light and food and shelter,
gave me life and set me free,
now because your love has touched me,
I have love to give away,
now the bread of love is rising,
loaves of love to multiply!

2

Take the fruit that I have gathered
from the tree your Spirit sowed,
harvest of your own compassion,
juice that makes the wine of God;
spiced with humor, laced with laughter--
flavor of the Jesus life,
tang of risk and new adventure,
taste and zest beyond belief.

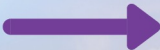
CELEBRATION OF GRATITUDE.....Melissa McKenzy-Shaw
SCRIPTURE.....Colossians 3:1-11 (The Inclusive Bible)
SERMON.....Rev. Patrick Crocker
Bring Us a Higher Love

COMMUNION HYMN

In This Very Room.....Chalice Hymnal #295
Verses 1, 2, & 3

1

In this very room there's quite enough love for one like me,
and in this very room there's quite enough joy for one like me;
and there's quite enough hope, and quite enough pow'r
to chase away any gloom, for Jesus, Lord Jesus,
is in this very room.



2

In this very room there's quite enough love for all of us,
and in this very room there's quite enough joy for all of us;
and there's quite enough hope, and quite enough pow'r
to chase away any gloom, for Jesus, Lord Jesus,
is in this very room.

3

In this very room there's quite enough love for all the world,
and in this very room there's quite enough joy for all the world;
and there's quite enough hope, and quite enough pow'r
to chase away any gloom, for Jesus, Lord Jesus,
in this very room.

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST.....Debby Johnson

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

GOING FORTH HYMN

O Christ, The Way, The Truth, The Life.....Chalice Hymnal #432
Verses 1 & 2

1

O Christ, the Way, the Truth, the Life, be with us now, we pray;
direct our steps as we go forth to do your will this day.

2

O faithful Guide, renew our trust in love that does not fail;
and give us strength to work and pray, that peace may soon
prevail.

POSTLUDE.....Aletta Wilson

AUGUST IS THE MONTH OF PERSEID METEOR SHOWERS

August is a month for stargazing! While Perseid showers
often begin in the month of July they will peak this year on
August 12th but don't wait until then to gaze at them. This
year we will have a full moon around the same time that will
probably wash out the best part of the meteor showers.

So get gazing!

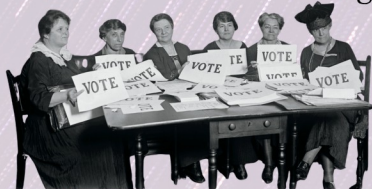
INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT AUGUST



The August 9th full moon will be a Sturgeon Moon.

August's birth flowers are the gladiolus and the poppy.

Gladiolus symbolizes strength of character and generosity. While the poppy symbolizes eternal sleep and imagination.



August 26th is Women's Equality Day, celebrating the ratification of the 19th Amendment in 1920.

Some other August dates include:

Aug. 10th National S'mores Day

Aug. 12th Vinyl Record Day

Aug. 13th International Left-Handers day

Aug. 20th World Honeybee Day

Aug. 31st National Trail Mix Day

August is also National Wellness Month, National Black Business Month, National Breastfeeding Month, and National Immunization Awareness Month

UPCOMING SERVICES

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

August 10, 2025

Worship Leader: Debby Johnson

Offering: Scott Hays-Strom

Communion: Melissa McKenzie-Shaw

August 17, 2025

Worship Leader: Melody Burns

Offering: Deb Cook

Communion: Scott Hays-Strom

August 24, 2025

Worship Leader: Jeanne Knotts

Offering: Esther Devall

Communion: Deb Cook

August 31, 2025

Worship Leader: Deb Cook

Offering: Paul Cook

Communion: Esther Devall

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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