

Sunday, September 14th, 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



DISCIPLES
OF CHRIST



UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST
a just world for all

ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE.....Aletta Wilson

CALL TO WORSHIP.....Hilda McKee

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.

We come seeking refuge in a world where goodness and good news can feel far away.

God is our hope and our refuge.

We come searching for safety in a world that often calls foolishness wisdom and wisdom foolishness.

God is our hope and our refuge.

We come longing for rest in a world that bombards us with all the ways people work against the abundant life and flourishing of their neighbors.

God is our hope and our refuge.

Come, children of God, to find refuge and hope in God who delivers and restores us.

May God teach us and guide us to find refuge and be refuge with and for our neighbors today and every day.



GATHERING HYMN

Your Love, O God.....Chalice Hymnal #71

Verses 1, 2, & 4

1

Your love, O God, is broad like beach and meadow,
wide as wind, and our eternal home.
you leave us free to seek you or reject you,
you give us room to answer “yes” or “no”.

2

We long for freedom where our truest being
is given hope and courage to unfold.
We seek in freedom space and scope for dreaming,
and look for ground where trees and plants can grow.

4

O judge us, God, and in your judgement free us,
and set our feet in freedom’s open space;
take us as far as your compassion wanders
among the children of the human race.

• **UNISON PRAYER**.....Hilda McKee

This world would deny you, Lord, and rely on human wisdom
in the search for answers to questions we have yet to ask,
but we will praise you, and exalt your name,
for we know that you are Alpha, the beginning of all things,
and Omega, the end,
and all that is between.

We have known your healing.

We have known your provision.

We have known your victory.

Our sorrow has turned into dancing and our tears to songs of joy.

We shall praise you ever more. Amen

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

FAITH IN ACTION.....Karen Holmes

PRAYER TIME.....Rev. Patrick Crocker

HYMN OF GRATITUDE

My Shepherd, You Supply My Need.....Chalice Hymnal #80
Verses 1 & 3

1

My Shepherd, you supply my need; most holy is your name;
in pastures fresh you make me feed, beside the living stream.
You bring my wand'ring spirit back, when I forsake your ways;
you lead me, for your mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.

3

Your sure provisions, gracious God, attend me all my days;
O may your house be my abode, and all my work be praise.
Here would I find a settled rest, while others go and come;
no more a stranger, nor a guest, but like a child at home.

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

SCRIPTURE.....Psalm 140 (Inclusive Bible)

SERMON.....Rev. Patrick Crocker
Dancing in the Wind

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, 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.....Zanté García

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

GOING FORTH HYMN

Shalom to You Now.....Chalice Hymnal #436
One Verse x2

One Verse

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends.
May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.
In all your living and through your loving,
Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

Repeat

POSTLUDE.....Aletta Wilson

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

Hispanic Heritage Month, celebrated from September 15th to October 15th, is a time to honor the rich histories, cultures, and contributions of people whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America. It begins on September 15th to mark the independence anniversaries of several Latin American countries and continues through mid-October to recognize the diverse traditions that shape our communities. We celebrate not only to acknowledge the past, but also to uplift the voices and achievements of Hispanic and Latin communities today. While the term *Hispanic* is often tied to the Spanish language, Hispanic Heritage Month also recognizes the broader identities of Latina, Latino, Latinx, Indigenous, African, Caribbean, and mixed-heritage influences intersect, contribute to, and help shape the Latin American identity. By embracing this diversity, Hispanic Heritage Month acknowledges the full richness of people's heritage and the many ways that individuals choose to celebrate and express who they are.



HISPANIC
HERITAGE MONTH

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!

Global Ministries is supported by both DOC and UCC.

For more information, visit globalministries.org.

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

STAY IN TOUCH

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UPCOMING SERVICES

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

September 21st, 2025

Worship Leader: Karen Holmes

Offering: Scott Hays-Strom

Communion: TBD

September 28th, 2025

Worship Leader: Eric Hays-Strom

Offering: Debby Johnson

Communion: Scott Hays-Strom

October 5, 2025

Worship Leader: Esther Devall

Offering: Melissa McKenzie-Shaw

Communion: Debby Johnson

October 12th, 2025

Worship Leader: Zanté García

Offering: Paul Cook

Communion: Melissa McKenzie-Shaw