

Sunday, March 15th, 2026



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



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UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST
a just world for all

ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE.....Aletta Wilson

CALL TO WORSHIP.....Deb Cook

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.

Beloved, the journey of grace takes us to still waters, the valley of the shadow of death, even to tables surrounded by our enemies.

We gather to worship God, our Shepherd, who guides us on the journey.

The journey of grace points us toward the Light so that we may bear the fruit of the Light in all that we do.

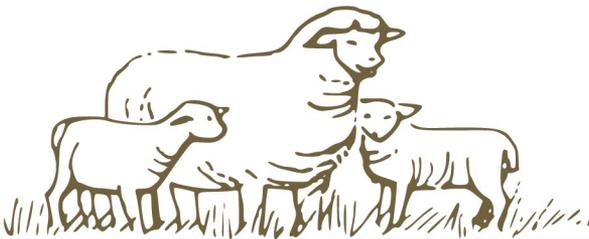
We gather to be formed by grace so that our lives may bear the fruit of all that is good and right and true.

The journey of grace calls us to pay attention, to discern what is pleasing to God.

We gather to listen to the Spirit, who empowers us to go from this place to work together to do what is pleasing to God.

Come, let us worship God who provides, inspires, and empowers us on the journey of grace.

**Come, let us worship God as we journey in grace together!
Amen.**



GATHERING HYMN

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.

UNISON PRAYER.....Deb Cook

Loving Shepherd, you know our names; you care for us.
When we face darkness and death, journey alongside us.
When we hunger for your love, fill us with your presence.
When we are fearful, feed us at your table.
May we dwell in the house of goodness and mercy all the
days of our lives. Amen.

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

PRAYER TIME.....Rev. Patrick Crocker

HYMN OF GRATITUDE

Tis the Gift to Be Simple.....Chalice Hymnal #568
One Verse x2

'Tis the gift to be simple,
'tis the gift to be free,
'tis the gift to come down
where we ought to be,
and when we find ourselves in the place just right,
'twill be in the valley of love and delight.
When true simplicity is gained
to bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed,
to turn, turn, will be our delight
till by turning, turning we come round right.

CELEBRATION OF GRATITUDE.....Paul Cook

SCRIPTURE.....Psalm 23 (NRSV)

SERMON.....Rev. Patrick Crocker

Companions for the Journey



COMMUNION HYMN

Lord of Our Highest Love!.....Chalice Hymnal #390
Verses 1, 2, 3, & 4

1

Lord of our highest love! Let now your peace be given;
fix all our thoughts on things above, our hearts on you in
heaven.

2

Then dearest Christ, draw near, while we your table spread;
and crown the feast with heavenly cheer, yourself the living
bread.

3

And when the loaf we break, your own rich blessing give,
may all with loving hearts partake and all new strength
receive.

4

Dear Christ! what memories crowd around the sacred cup!
The upper room! Gethsemane! Your foes! Your lifting up!

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST.....Rev. Patrick Crocker

ANNOUNCEMENTS & BLESSING.....Rev. Patrick Crocker



GOING FORTH HYMN

He Leadeth: O Blessed Thought!.....Chalice Hymnal #545

Verses 1 & 2

1

He leadeth me: O blessed thought!
O words of heavenly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be,
still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

Refrain

He leadeth me, he leadeth me, by his own hand he leadeth me:
His faithful follower I would be, for by his hand he leadeth me.

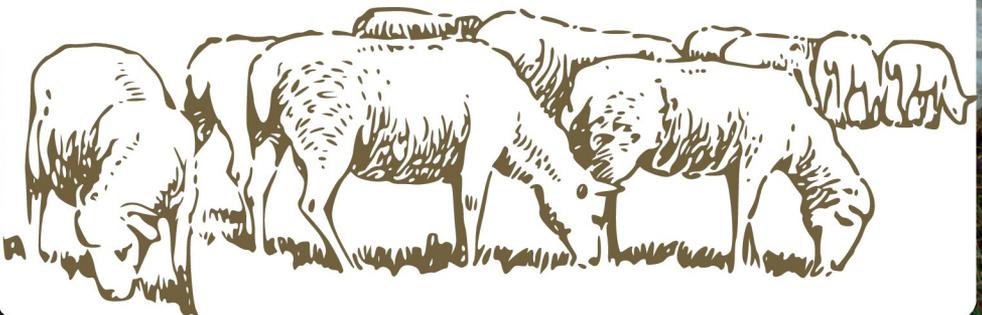
2

Lord, I would place my hand in thine,
nor ever murmur nor repine;
by waters still, o'er troubled sea,
still 'tis thy hand that leadeth me.

Refrain

He leadeth me, he leadeth me, by his own hand he leadeth me:
His faithful follower I would be, for by his hand he leadeth me.

POSTLUDE.....Aletta Wilson



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
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.

March 22, 2026

March 29, 2026

Worship Leader: Esther Devall

Worship Leader: TBD

Offering: Debby Johnson

Offering: Scott Hays-Strom

Communion: Paul Cook

Communion: Debby Johnson

April 5, 2026

April 12, 2026

Worship Leader: Jeanne Knotts

Worship Leader: Debby Johnson

Offering: Sue Bogart

Offering: Deb Cook

Communion: Scott Hays-Strom

Communion: Sue Bogart

NOTICE:

Anyone allergic/sensitive to scents is welcome to use the single stall
bathroom across the hall from the main bathroom