

Sunday, April 5th, 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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OF CHRIST



UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST
a just world for all

ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE.....Aletta Wilson

CALL TO WORSHIP.....Jeanne Knotts

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.

Easter people, Christ is risen! God is doing a new thing!
Hallelujah! Christ is risen!

Life has conquered death! Love has overcome fear!
Hallelujah! Christ is risen!

God has transformed a dead end into a new start!
Hallelujah! Christ is risen!

Easter people, let us raise our voices! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed! Hallelujah!



GATHERING HYMN

In the Garden.....Chalice Hymnal #227
Verses 1, 2, & 3

1

I come to the garden alone,
while the dew is still on the roses;
and the voice I hear, falling on my ear,
the Son of God discloses.
And he walks with me, and he talks with me,
and he tells me I am his own,
and the joy we share, as we tarry there,
none other has ever known.

2

He speaks, and the sound of his voice
 is so sweet the birds hush their singing,
 and the melody that he gave to me
 within my heart is ringing.
 And he walks with me, and he talks with me,
 and he tells me I am his own,
 and the joy we share, as we tarry there,
 none other has ever known.

3

I'd stay in the garden with him
 though the night around me be falling,
 but he bids me go; through the voice of woe
 his voice to me is calling.
 And he walks with me, and he talks with me,
 and he tells me I am his own,
 and the joy we share, as we tarry there,
 none other has ever known.

UNISON PRAYER.....Jeanne Knotts

In thy hand, we see the whole cosmos,
 Heaven and earth reflect the mystery of thy handiwork.
 In thy hand, we see a little child,
 Men and women are recaptured by the event of Bethlehem.
 In thy hand, we see the scar of the cross.
 Sin and death are vanquished by thy suffering on Golgotha.
 In thy hand, behold a new light,
 Day and night are transformed in the glory of Easter morning.
 Amen.

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

PRAYER TIME.....Rev. Patrick Crocker

HYMN OF GRATITUDE

Sing of One Who Walks Beside Us.....Chalice Hymnal #231

Verses 1, 2, & 3

1

Sing of one who walks beside us
and this day is living still,
one who now is closer to us
than the thoughts our hearts distill,
Christ who once upon a hilltop,
raised against the power of sin,
died in love as his own creatures
crucified their God and Friend!

2

We have walked with him as strangers
through the journey of the day,
And have told him of the violence
that has swept our hope away.
He had offered words of comfort,
words of energy and light.
Did our hearts not blaze within us
as he broke the bread this night?

3

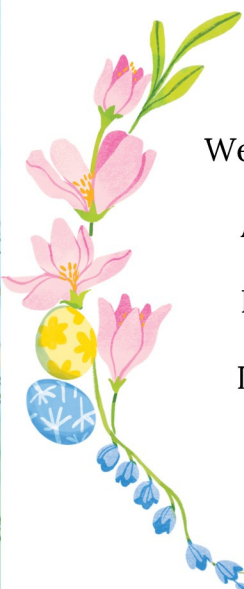
Risen one, stay with us, raise us,
once again the night is near.
Dine with us and share your wisdom,
free our hearts from ev'ry fear.
In the calm of each new evening,
in the freshness of each dawn,
If you hold us fast in friendship
we will never be alone.

CELEBRATION OF GRATITUDE.....Esther Devall

SPECIAL MUSIC.....Joyful Noise Choir with Bells

Risen! Risen!

SCRIPTURE.....Matthew 28:1-10 (FNV)



SERMON.....Rev. Patrick Crocker

Holy Tears in the Bright Dawn

COMMUNION HYMN

Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!.....Chalice Hymnal #222
Verses 1, 2, & 3

1

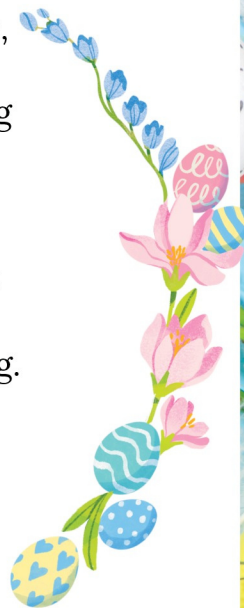
Christ is risen! Shout hosanna!
Celebrate this day of days.
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder;
all creation is amazed.
In the desert all surrounding, see,
a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding
bring a taste of love unknown.

2

Christ is risen! Raise your spirits
from the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning.
See what love can do and dare.
Drink the wine of resurrection,
not a servant, but a friend;
Jesus is our strong companion.
Joy and peace shall never end.

3

Christ is risen! Earth and heaven
never more shall be the same.
Break the bread of new creation
where the world is still in pain.
Tell its grim, demonic chorus:
“Christ is risen! Get you gone!”
God the first and last is with us.
Sing Hosanna everyone!



CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST.....Scott Hays-Strom

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

GOING FORTH HYMN

Christ the Lord is Risen Today.....Chalice Hymnal #216
Verses 1 & 4

1

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
All creation, join to say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

4

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

POSTLUDE.....Aletta Wilson

EASTER

He is Risen



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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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.

April 12, 2026

Worship Leader: Debby Johnson

Offering: Deb Cook

Communion: Esther Devall

April 19, 2026

Worship Leader: Eric Hays-Strom

Offering: Sue Bogart

Communion: Deb Cook

April 26, 2026

Worship Leader: Karen Holmes

Offering: TBD

Communion: Esther Devall

May 3, 2026

Worship Leader: Hilda McKee

Offering: Paul Cook

Communion: TBD

NOTICE:

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