

Sunday, June 28th, 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



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.

When our way seems unclear, and we are surrounded by loud and conflicting voices...

God will provide.

When we, like Abraham, are trying to be faithful and seem to have no good choices available to us...

God will provide.

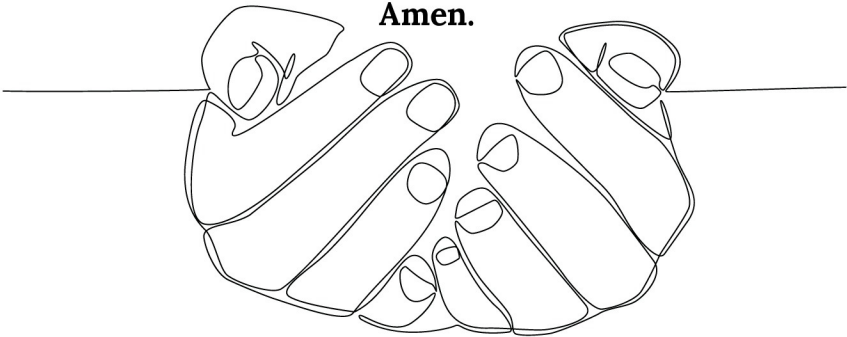
When we, like Isaac, are led by those we trust into unjust and harmful situations...

God will provide.

Family in Christ, we gather today to worship God, who meets us in places of fear, confusion, and despair.

We gather to worship God, who provides a way toward abundant life when no way can be found. Thanks be to God!

Amen.



GATHERING HYMN

Come and Find the Quiet Center.....Chalice Hymnal #575
Verses 1, 2, & 3

1

Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead,
find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed:
clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes, that we can see
all the things that really matter, be at peace, and simply be.

2

Silence is a friend who claims us, cools the heat and slows the pace,
God it is who speaks and names us, knows our being, touches base,
making space within our thinking, lifting shades to show the sun,
raising courage when we're shrinking, finding scope for faith begun.

3

In the Spirit let us travel, open to each other's pain,
let our loves and fears unravel, celebrate the space we gain:
there's a place for deeper dreaming, there's a time for heart to care,
in the Spirit's lively scheming there is always room to spare!

UNISON PRAYER.....Hilda McKee

Lord, the hearts of all turn to You in hope;
You give us what we need.
You open Your hand and satisfy the hunger and thirst of every
living thing.
We turn to You again, longing to be filled—
to eat of the Bread of Life,
to drink from Your life-giving streams,
to taste Your goodness and live.
May the time we spend together in Your presence
nourish our hearts and minds;
may it strengthen our relationship with You,
and renew our commitment to live in this world as Your faithful
disciples. Amen.

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

PRAYER TIME.....Rev. Patrick Crocker

HYMN OF GRATITUDE

Here I Am, Lord.....Chalice Hymnal #452
Verses 1 & 3

1

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.

All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.

I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear my light 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.

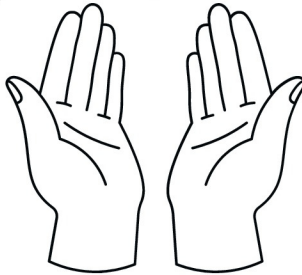
3

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

I will set a feast for them, my hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.

I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?



CELEBRATION OF GRATITUDE.....Esther Devall

SCRIPTURE.....Genesis 22:1-14 (NRSVUE)

SERMON.....Rev. Patrick Crocker

Living Sacrifice

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.....Sue Bogart



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

GOING FORTH HYMN

Take Time to Be Holy.....Chalice Hymnal #572

Verses 1, 2, & 4

1

Take time to be holy, speak oft with thy Lord;
abide in him always, and feed on his word.
Make friends of God's children, help those who are weak,
forgetting in nothing God's blessing to seek.

2

Take time to be holy, the world rushes on;
spend much time in secret with Jesus alone.
By looking to Jesus, like him thou shalt be;
thy friends in thy conduct his likeness shall see.

4

Take time to be holy, be calm in thy soul,
each thought and each motive beneath his control;
thus led by his spirit to fountains of love,
thou soon shalt be fitted for service above.

POSTLUDE.....Aletta Wilson

A Weekend of Music



Singing Out Las Cruces Concert

One more concert

Today: Sunday, June 28th @ 3pm

at the Rio Grande Theatre

Celestial Sounds Concert

Tomorrow: Monday, June 29th @ 7pm

at First Christian Church



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.



July 5th
July 12th
July 19th
July 26th



Worship Leaders/Elders schedule is currently being adjusted to reflect changes in availability. Leaders will be contacted as soon as the schedule has been adjusted.

NOTICE:

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