

Sunday, August 30th, 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



ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE.....Aletta Wilson

CALL TO WORSHIP.....Eric Hays-Strom

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.

Sometimes God calls us through burning bushes, telling us to go free a whole people despite our insecurities and fears.

God, help us accept your call on our lives.

Sometimes God calls us, and we don't understand the full meaning of the call, the ways our families, friends, and communities may resist the good news and us as messengers of it.

God, help us accept your call on our lives.

Sometimes God calls us to a path that is harder than we think we can handle, asking us to trust that God will provide what we need.

God, help us accept your call on our lives.

Beloved, God's call takes many forms. Sometimes it feels as natural as breathing, and sometimes we want to run as far as we can. But take assurance in this: We are not alone. God is with us, and God's call can be trusted, because no matter where it leads, God is there.

God, help us accept your call on our lives and to trust that what you equip us to do is what you call us to do as members of the Body of Christ. Thanks be to God! Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Be Thou My Vision.....Chalice Hymnal #595
Verses 1, 2, & 3

1

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art
thou my best thought by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my redeemer, my love thou hast won,
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

3

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
Great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

UNISON PRAYER.....Eric Hays-Strom

Pour your Light, Holy Spirit of God, into
our hearts and minds.

Help us to know more clearly and grasp
more fully the Good News of Jesus.

And help us then to know how to share it.

Through Christ we pray, Amen.



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

PRAYER TIME.....Rev. Patrick Crocker

HYMN OF GRATITUDE

We Give Thee but Thine Own.....Chalice Hymnal #382
Verses 1, 2, 3, & 4

1

We give thee but thine own,
whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone,
a trust, O Lord, from thee.

2

May we thy bounties thus
as stewards true receive
and gladly, as thou blessest us,
to thee our first fruits give.

3

To comfort and to bless,
to find a balm for woe,
to tend the lonely in distress,
is angels' work below.

4

The captive to release,
to God the lost to bring,
to teach the way of life and peace-
it is a Christ-like thing.

CELEBRATION OF GRATITUDE.....Sue Bogart

SCRIPTURE.....Exodus 3:1-15 (Msg)

SERMON.....Rev. Patrick Crocker
Companions in the Fire

COMMUNION HYMN

This is a Day of New Beginnings.....Chalice Hymnal #518

Verses 1, 2, & 4

1

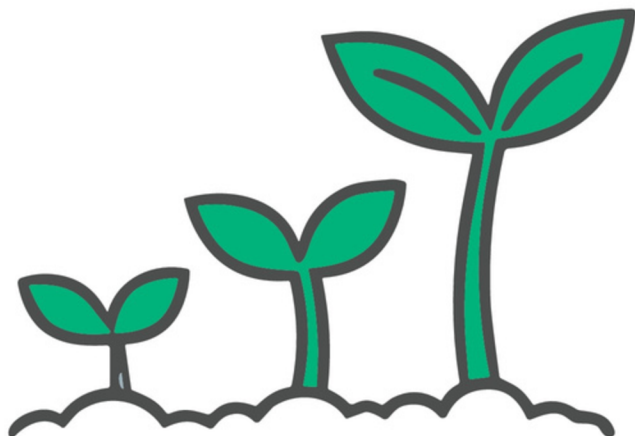
This is a day of new beginnings,
time to remember and move on,
time to believe what love is bringing,
laying to rest the pain that's gone.

2

For by the life and death of Jesus,
God's mighty Spirit, now as then,
can make for us a world of difference,
as faith and hope are born again.

4

In faith we gather round the table
to taste and share what love can do.
This is a day of new beginnings;
our God is making all things new.



CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST.....Esther Devall

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

GOING FORTH HYMN

Bless Now, O God, The Journey.....Chalice Hymnal #489

Verse 1

1

Bless now, O God, the journey that all your people make,
the path through noise and silence, the way of give and take.
The trail is found in desert and winds the mountain round,
then leads beside still waters, the road where faith is found.



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.

September 6th, 2026

Worship Leader: Jeanne Knotts

Offering: Rev. Patrick Crocker

Communion: Scott Hays-Strom

September 13th, 2026

Worship Leader: Hilda McKee

Offering: Esther Devall

Communion: Rev. Patrick Crocker

September 20th, 2026

Worship Leader: Karen Holmes

Offering: Sue Bogart

Communion: Esther Devall

September 27th, 2026

Worship Leader: Jeanne Knotts

Offering: Paul Cook

Communion: Sue Bogart

NOTICE:

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