

Sunday, September 20th, 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.....Karen Holmes

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.

In times of busyness and stress when we feel surrounded by challenges on all sides...

We gather to learn to strive side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel.

In times of joy and rest when we feel the goodness of God's provision and abundance deep in our bones...

We gather to learn to strive side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel.

In times of conflict and distress when we feel just how hard it is to live in unity together...

We gather to learn to strive side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel.

Students of Christ, come, let us worship God who empowers us to press on...

As we learn to strive side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel.



GATHERING HYMN

Christians, We Have Met to Worship.....Chalice Hymnal #277
Verses 1 & 2

1

Christians, we have met to worship and adore the living God;
will you pray with all your power, while we try to preach the Word?
All is vain unless the Spirit of the Holy One comes down;
Christians, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.

2

Is there here a trembling jailer, seeking grace and filled with fears?
Is there here a weeping Mary pouring forth a flood of tears?
Tell them all about the Savior, how in Christ the lost are found.
Pray, oh pray, and holy manna will be scattered all around.

UNISON PRAYER.....Karen Holmes

Mighty God, we enter your presence with thanksgiving and hope.
You have formed us as your people. You join us on the journey of
life through valleys, upon mountains, and on the plains. We set our
attention and seek your wisdom, encouragement, and grace.
Reveal your will and display your glory among your people as we
worship your holy name. Amen.

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

PRAYER TIME.....Rev. Patrick Crocker



Lord's Prayer:

Heavenly Father, heavenly Mother,
Holy and blessed is your true name.

We pray for your reign of peace to come.

We pray that your good will be done.

Let heaven and earth become one.

Give us this day the bread we need;
give it to those who have none.

Let forgiveness flow like a river between us,
from each one to each one.

Lead us into holy innocence beyond the evil of our days --

Come swiftly Mother, Father, come.

For yours is the power and the glory and the mercy:

Forever your name is All in One. Amen. (Parker Palmer)

Doxology:

Praise God, who fills each cup and plate,
Whose table's wide and love is great.

From broken bread, may all be fed,
And justice rise where fear has spread.

Amen.



HYMN OF GRATITUDE

For the Fruit of All Creation.....Chalice Hymnal #714

Verses 1 & 3

1

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God;
for good gifts to every nation, thanks be to God;
for the plowing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.

3

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God;
for the good we all inherit, thanks be to God;
for the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

CELEBRATION OF GRATITUDE.....Sue Bogart

SCRIPTURE.....Philippians 1:21-30 (Inclusive Bible)

SERMON.....Rev. Patrick Crocker
Divine Privileges

COMMUNION HYMN

Here at Thy Table, Lord.....Chalice Hymnal #384
Verses 1, 2, & 3

1

Here at thy table, Lord, this sacred hour,
O let us feel three near, in loving power;
calling our thoughts away from self and sin.
As to thy banquet hall we enter in.

2

Sit at the feast, dear Lord, break thou the bread;
fill thou the cup that brings life to the dead;
that we may find in thee, pardon and peace;
and from all bondage win a full release.

3

Come then, O holy Christ, feed us, we pray;
touch with thy pierced hand each common day;
making this earthly life full of thy grace,
till in the home of heaven we find our place.

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST.....Esther Devall

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

GOING FORTH HYMN

Let There Be Peace on Earth.....Chalice Hymnal #677
One Verse

Let there be peace on earth,
and let it begin with me;
let there be peace on earth,
the peace that was meant to be.

With God our creator,
children all are we.

Let us walk with each other
in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me;
let this be the moment now.

With every step I take,
let this be my solemn vow:
to take each moment
and live each moment
in peace eternally.

Let there be peace on earth,
and let it begin with me.



POSTLUDE.....Aletta Wilson



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
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 27th, 2026

Worship Leader: Jeanne Knotts

Offering: Paul Cook

Communion: Sue Bogart

October 4th, 2026

Worship Leader: Esther Devall

Offering: Deb Cook

Communion: Scott Hays-Strom

October 11th, 2026

Worship Leader: Eric Hays-Strom

Offering: Scott Hays-Strom

Communion: Deb Cook

October 18th, 2026

Worship Leader: Jeanne Knotts

Offering: Rev. Patrick Crocker

Communion: Scott Hays-Strom

NOTICE:

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