



*January 16, 2022*

*Good Morning and Welcome to  
**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH***



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UNITED CHURCH  
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***First Christian Church is actively reclaiming Christianity  
as an inclusive, expansive and loving spiritual path.***

***No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey...  
You are welcome here.***

***Really.***

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

<b>ZOOM INTRODUCTION:</b>	<b>Eric Hays-Strom</b>
<b>WELCOME:</b>	<b>Melissa McKenzy-Shaw</b>
<b>CALL TO WORSHIP:</b>	<b>Melissa McKenzy-Shaw</b>
<b>GATHERING HYMN:</b>	<i>This Is My Father's World</i> <i>Hymn #59, Verses 1 &amp; 2</i>
<b>UNISON PRAYER:</b>	<b>Melissa McKenzy-Shaw</b>
<b>CELEBRATION OF GRATITUDE:</b>	<b>Deb Cook</b>
<b>SCRIPTURE:</b>	<b>Psalm 8</b>
<b>SERMON:</b>	<b>Rev. Bethany Meier-Evans</b> Back To Basics - God
<b>COMMUNION HYMN:</b>	<i>Here I Am Lord</i> <i>Hymn #452, Verses 1 &amp; 3</i>
<b>CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST:</b>	<b>Deb Cook</b>
<b>PRAYER TIME:</b>	<b>Rev. Bethany Meier-Evans</b>
<b>ANNOUNCEMENTS:</b>	<b>Rev. Bethany Meier-Evans</b>
<b>BENEDICTION:</b>	<b>Rev. Bethany Meier-Evans</b>
<b>GOING FORTH HYMN:</b>	<i>Be Thou My Vision</i> <i>Hymn #595, Verses 1 &amp; 2</i>

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## CALL TO WORSHIP

*(Adapted from a prayer by St. Patrick c389-461)*

Leader: Our God, God of all humanity,

**All: God of heaven and earth, seas and rivers,  
God of sun and moon, of all the stars,  
God of high mountain and lowly valley,  
God over heaven, and in heaven, and under heaven.**

Leader: God has a dwelling in heaven and earth and sea  
and in all things that are in them.

**All: God inspires all things, God quickens all things.  
God is over all things, God supports all things.**

Leader: God makes the light of the sun to shine,  
God surrounds the moon and the stars,  
God has made wells in the arid earth,  
Placed dry islands in the sea.

**All: God is among us, within us, and surrounds us. Amen.**

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## UNISON PRAYER

God of harvest, gardener supreme,  
you feed us, equip us and have provided for us.  
You encourage us to look to a different harvest,  
a fruitfulness of lives in service to you and others.  
God of harvest, feed us, prune us, harvest us,  
that our lives might bring glory to you.  
Amen.

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## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*(You are invited to use whatever language for God best fits your understanding of God. Some options are provided in the prayer)*

Our Creator / Mother / Father,  
who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.

Thy Kingdom / Kin-dom / Realm come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts / trespasses,  
As we forgive our debtors / those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the Kingdom / Kin-dom / Realm,  
the power and the glory forever.

Amen

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# ***Our Worship is Over, Let Our Service Begin!***

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## **UPCOMING SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES**

<b><i>DATE:</i></b>	<b><i>ELDER:</i></b>	<b><i>WORSHIP LEADER:</i></b>
Jan. 23	Scott Hays-Strom	Kamy McKenzy-Shaw
Jan. 30	Kamy McKenzy-Shaw	Esther Devall
Feb. 6	Melissa McKenzy-Shaw	Karen Holmes
Feb. 13	Sandy Weber	Kamy McKenzy-Shaw
Feb. 20	Esther Devall	Sue Stefford-Grey
Feb. 27	Patrick Crocker	Melissa McKenzy-Shaw

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***If you are visiting us today, we welcome you!  
Please come worship with us again!***

# 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.**

We recognize that having safe access to restrooms is especially important to transgender, non-binary, and gender non-conforming persons. While our main restrooms are designated male and female, we encourage LGBTQIA folks to use the restroom where they feel most comfortable. In addition, across the hall from our main restrooms is a "Bridal Room" which has a single stall, gender neutral restroom.

We invite you to wear a name tag so we can address you by name. To be allies to the LGBTQIA community we also ask that you include your pronouns (She/her, They/Them, He/Him, etc.) on your name tag.

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