



Sunday, August 7, 2022

*Good Morning and Welcome to
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH*



*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

PRELUDE:	Aletta Wilson
CALL TO WORSHIP:	Karen Holmes
GATHERING HYMN:	Hymn #73, Verses 1 – 3 <i>There's a Witness in God's Mercy</i>
UNISON PRAYER:	Karen Holmes
HYMN OF GRATITUDE:	Hymn #16, Verses 1 – 3 <i>Come Thou Font of Every Blessing</i>
CELEBRATION OF GRATITUDE:	Esther Devall
SCRIPTURE:	Luke 12 : 32-40
SERMON:	Rev. Patrick Crocker
COMMUNION HYMN:	Hymn #689, Verses 1 – 3 <i>We Are Not Our Own</i>
CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST:	Rev. Patrick Crocker
PRAYER TIME:	Rev. Patrick Crocker
ANNOUNCEMENTS:	Rev. Patrick Crocker
GOING FORTH HYMN:	Hymn #86, Verses 1 – 3 <i>Great Is Thy Faithfulness</i>
POSTLUDE:	Aletta Wilson

Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord calls us today to be people of justice and mercy.

All: Our worship is hollow if it focuses only on our own gratification.

Leader: The Lord asks that our words of hope become actions of peace.

All: Thanks be to God who challenges and calls us.

Leader: Let our ministry together bring peace and justice.

All: Let our lives reflect God's love and mercy. AMEN.

Unison Prayer

Gracious God,
thank you for seeking us out,
for gathering us before you,
for not keeping silent
in the face of our need.
Thank you for calling us into account,
and for challenging us with strong words
to be a people of covenant and justice.
Thank you for assuring us
that we need not be afraid,
for it is your good pleasure
to give us your kingdom.
In courage and hope,
we come before you this hour,
to hear your Word and prepare our hearts
for the unexpected hour of your coming.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Christ all creatures here below,
Praise Holy Spirit, Comforter,
One God, Triune, whom we adore.

Amen

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

Our Worship is Over, Let Our Service Begin!

UPCOMING SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

Aug. 14, 2022

Speaker: Scott Hays-Strom
Worship Leader: Karen Holmes
Offering: Patrick Crocker
Communion: Esther Devall



Aug. 21, 2022

Speaker: TBD
Worship Leader: Esther Devall
Offering: Sandy Weber
Communion: Scott Hays-Strom



Aug. 28, 2022

Speaker: TBD
Worship Leader: Karen Holmes
Offering: Kamy McKenzie-Shaw
Communion: Sandy Weber



Sept. 4, 2022

Speaker: TBD
Worship Leader: Sue Stefford-Grey
Offering: Paul Cook
Communion: Kamy McKenzie-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.

WEEKLY EVENTS

Sun.	10:15 am	Worship Service *
Wed.	6:30 pm	Social Hour
Thu.	9:00 am	Spiritual Practices
8/10	6:30 pm	LGBTQ Group
8/17	6:30 pm	20s and 30s Group
8/24	6:30pm	Book Discussion Group
9/7	6:30 pm	Crafter's Group

*** Our Hybrid Worship Service is held in-person at the church, and livestreamed via [Zoom](#) and [Facebook Live](#).**

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