



Sunday, September 18, 2022

*Good Morning and Welcome to
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH*



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UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

*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.*

Reach Up.

Reach Out.

Reach In.

PRELUDE:

Aletta Wilson

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Deb Cook

One: Friends come and gather around
Join together here in God's presence.
All people have come to know
The Holy and Sacred One
Some on different paths.

**ALL: Our paths are varied,
Our journeys have begun in different places.
The revelations of the Sacred
Have come to us in a variety of ways.**

One: Here we seek an understanding of the Sacred
For our time and place.
Here we come together in prayer and meditation
Longing for understanding.

**ALL: Together we celebrate the joy of knowing
The sacredness of life.
Here we worship and give praise
To a love understood as a gift to all people.
Come let us worship our God
Who love all humankind.**

GATHERING HYMN:

Hymn #638, Verses 1 - 3

1. For all the saints, who from their
labors rest,
Who thee by faith before the world
confesse,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia, alleluia!
2. Thou wast their rock, their fortress,
and their might:
Their strength and solace in the well-
fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, the one
true light.
Alleluia, alleluia!
3. O blest communion, company divine!
We live and struggle, they in glory
shine;
Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia, alleluia!

UNISON PRAYER:

Deb Cook

Sacred Spirit who abides in and through us all,
we gather in love to offer our praise and worship.
We gather as a community to celebrate the joys a lament the sorrows.
We gather to be present with and for one another
knowing that is the way we bring the sacred presence to one another.
Now we seek a blessing upon our being one in compassion in this sacred space.

May the One who is, and was, and shall always be,
be with us, as we come with humble hearts and open minds
seeking peace and justice for the world.

Through Christ we come,
AMEN

HYMN OF GRATITUDE:

Hymn #609, Verses 1, 2 & 6

1. Take my life, let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days;
Let them flow in ceaseless praise,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.
2. Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet, and let them BE
Swift and beautiful for thee,
Swift and beautiful for thee.
6. Take my love; my, Lord I pour
At thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for thee,
Ever, only, all for thee.

CELEBRATION OF GRATITUDE:

Melissa McKenzie-Shaw

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

SCRIPTURE:

Benedictine Living
Reflections for Prayer and Meditation
—Kate Ritger

1 Timothy 2:1-7

SERMON:

Rev. Richard Feyen
Prayer – The Avenue to Life

COMMUNION HYMN:

Hymn #628, Verses 1 – 3

1. Precious Lord, take my hand,
Lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
Through the storm, though the night,
Lead me on to the light:
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.
2. When the way grows dear,
Precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone,
Hear my cry, hear my call,
Hold my hand lest I fall:
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.
3. When the darkness appears
And the night draws near
And the day is past and gone,
At the river I stand,
Guide my feet, hold my hand:
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST:

Esther Devall

PRAYER TIME:

Rev. Richard Feyen

(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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Rev. Richard Feyen

GOING FORTH HYMN:

Hymn #677, Verse 1

1. 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



Sept. 25, 2022



Oct. 9, 2022

Worship Leader: **Sue Stefford-Grey**
Offering: **Deb Cook**
Communion: **Melissa McKenzy-Shaw**

Worship Leader: **Eric Hays-Strom**
Offering: **Esther Devall**
Communion: **Sandy Weber**



Oct. 2, 2022



Oct. 16, 2022

Worship Leader: **Melissa McKenzy-Shaw**
Offering: **Sandy Weber**
Communion: **Deb Cook**

Worship Leader: **Hilda McKee**
Offering: **Scott Hays-Strom**
Communion: **Esther Devall**

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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
9/21	6:30 pm	20s and 30s Group
9/28	6:30pm	Book Discussion Group
10/5	6:30 pm	Crafter's Group
10/12	6:30 pm	LGBTQ Group

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

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