



Sunday, March 19, 2023

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



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OF CHRIST



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

WELCOME

Kamy McKenzie-Shaw

CALL TO WORSHIP

Kamy McKenzie-Shaw

One: Once we lived in darkness.

All: Now the light of God shines upon us.

One: Let us find what is pleasing to God and follow God's ways.

**All: The acts of darkness are left behind
as we journey to God's light.**

One: Thanks be to God who gives us the light.

**All: Open our eyes and our hearts to receive
your light of salvation. AMEN.**

GATHERING HYMN

Hymn #586, Verses 1 & 3

1. Open my eyes, that I may see
Glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
Place in my hands the wonderful key
That shall unclasp and set me free.

R. Silently now I wait for thee,
Ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me,
Spirit divine!

3. Open my mouth, and let me bear
Gladly the warm truth everywhere;
Open my heart and let me prepare
Love with thy children thus to share.

R. Silently now I wait for thee,
Ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my heart, illumine me,
Spirit divine!

UNISON PRAYER

Kamy McKenzie-Shaw

Gracious God, who created us in the Divine image,
we are grateful for all that you have done for us,
for all that you are doing in us,
and for all that you will do through us.

Open our eyes to see your presence among us,
moving in powerful ways at all times
and in all places.

Open our ears to hear familiar words in new ways—
ways that will change us and challenge us
to become the people you created us to be.

Grant us the power and the courage
to come out of the darkness
and into the light of Jesus Christ,
that we may serve you by serving others.

We love you with all our heart, soul, mind,
and strength. Amen.

A TIME OF WELCOME AND BLESSING

PASS THE PEACE

HYMN OF GRATITUDE:

Hymn #270, Verses 1 & 5

1. Of all the Spirit's gifts to me,
I pray that I may never cease
To take and treasure most these three:
Love, joy, and peace.

5. We go in peace, but made aware
That, in a needy world like this,
Our clearest purpose is to share
Love, joy, and peace.

CELEBRATION OF GRATITUDE:

Sandy Weber

READING

John 9:1-41

SERMON:

Rev. Patrick Crocker

COMMUNION HYMN:

Hymn #595, Verses 1, 2 & 4

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.

4. Great God of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's
Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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.

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST:

Sandy Weber

As a reminder, this service is being broadcast through various digital channels. If you have any privacy concerns, please remain seated and a deacon will serve you.

PRAYER TIME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Patrick Crocker

GOING FORTH HYMN:

Hymn #259, Verse 1

1. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

POSTLUDE:

Aletta Wilson

UPCOMING SERVICES

Services are at 10:15 am MST unless noted otherwise.



Mar. 26, 2023

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



Apr. 2, 2023

Worship Leader: Melody Burns
Offering: Deb Cook
Communion: Melissa McKenzy-Shaw



Apr. 9, 2023

Worship Leader: Melissa McKenzy-Shaw
Offering: Rev. Patrick Crocker
Communion: Deb Cook



Apr. 16, 2023

Worship Leader: Eric Hays-Strom
Offering: Esther Devall
Communion Elder: Rev. Patrick Crocker



Apt. 23, 2023

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



Apr. 30, 2023

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

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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 *
Thu. 9:00 am Spiritual Practices / Book Discussion

Social Hours:

3/15 6:30 pm Adult Education
4/5 6:30 pm Crafter's Group

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

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