



*Sunday, May 21, 2023*

*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: Shout to God with songs of great joy!

**All: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!**

One: God is making us whole.

**All: God is calling us to a ministry of hope and love.**

One: Come, let us celebrate the love of God!

**All: Let us praise God's name and serve God joyfully. AMEN.**

## GATHERING HYMN

Hymn #263, Verse 1 (x2)

1. Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;  
I can feel his mighty power and his grace.  
I can hear the brush of angels' wings,  
I see glory on each face;  
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

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## **UNISON PRAYER**

**Deb Cook**

Risen and ascended Christ,  
you surround us with witnesses  
and send us the Counselor  
who opens our minds to understand your teaching.

Bless us with such grace  
that our lives may become a blessing for the world  
now, and in the age to come. Amen.

## **PASS THE PEACE**

### **HYMN OF GRATITUDE**

**Hymn #610, Verses 1 & 3**

1. Living for Jesus a life that is true,  
Striving to please him in all that I do;  
Yielding allegiance, glad-hearted and free,  
This is the pathway of blessing for me.

**O Jesus, Lord and Savior, I give myself to thee,  
For thou, in thy atonement, didst give thyself for me;  
I own no other master, my heart shall be thy throne,  
My life I give, henceforth to live, O Christ, for thee alone.**

3. Living for Jesus through earth's little while,  
My dearest treasure – the light of his smile;  
Seeking the lost ones he died to redeem,  
Bringing the weary to find rest in him.

### **CELEBRATION OF GRATITUDE**

**Rev. Patrick Crocker**

## **READING**

**Luke 24:44-53**

## **SERMON**

**Rev. Patrick Crocker**

## **COMMUNION HYMN**

**Hymn #411, Verse 1 & 3**

1. For the bread, which you have broken,  
For the wine, which you have poured,  
For the words, which you have spoken,  
Now we give you thanks, O Lord.
3. In your service, Lord, defend us;  
Help us to obey your word;  
In the world to which you send us  
Let your will be done, O Lord.

## **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

**Paul Cook**

## **PRAYERS / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Rev. Patrick Crocker**

## **GOING FORTH HYMN**

**Hymn #631, Verse 1**

1. Lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring,  
Ring with the harmonies of liberty;  
Let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies,  
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;  
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;  
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,  
Let us march on till victory is won.

## **POSTLUDE**

**Aletta Wilson**

## **UPCOMING SERVICES**

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



***May 28, 2023***

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



***June 4, 2023***

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



***June 11, 2023***

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



***June 18, 2023***

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



***June 25, 2023***

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



***July 2, 2023***

**Worship Leader:** Esther Devall  
**Offering:** Rev. Patrick Crocker  
**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

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

### **Social Hours:**

**6/7 6:30 pm**    Crafter's Group  
**6/21 6:30 pm**    Adult Education

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