



Sunday, March 17, 2024

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



***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

Sue Stefford-Grey

ONE: Lenten travelers, how long have you traveled this road with your gaze pointed down at the dust and gravel and asphalt as you walk or limp or roll down the path?

ALL: Sometimes it is easier to look at the road than at the people who share the journey with us.

ONE: Lift up your heads! Look, listen, reach out a hand. Who are your neighbors on this road?

ALL: We lift our heads and look to our Savior who journeys with us and helps us notice our neighbors all around us.

ONE: This is the Lenten journey—to learn to love God and love our neighbors just as Jesus showed us.

ALL: Our journey teaches us to lose our lives to God as we find and follow Christ in our service to others.

ONE: Come, let us worship God who caravans with us on this road to the cross.

ALL: Come, let us worship! Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Chalice Hymnal, #486

Who Is My Mother, Who Is My Brother?

Verses 1 & 4

Who is my mother, who is my brother?
All those who gather round Jesus Christ:
Spirit-blown people, born from the Gospel
Sit at the table, round Jesus Christ.

Bound by one vision, met for one mission
We claim each other, round Jesus Christ:
Here is my mother, here is my brother,
Kindred in Spirit, through Jesus Christ.

UNISON PRAYER

Sue Stefford-Grey

Lord, we know Easter is coming soon and while we anxiously wait to celebrate your triumphant victory over sin and death, there are still difficult days between now and then. And try as we might, we cannot comprehend love and mercy so great as this. There is nothing perfect about us, yet you beckon us with hands that soon will be scarred by betrayal, greed, selfishness, pettiness, pride, and apathy. You see us and our imperfections with compassionate and patient eyes as we struggle to rid our lives of all the worldly things that distort, distract, and entangle us. As the cross looms ahead, our eyes and our focus are on you and you alone for our redemption and salvation. Amen.

PASS THE PEACE

Rev. Patrick Crocker

HYMN OF GRATITUDE

Chalice Hymnal #257

There's A Spirit In The Air

Verses 1, 3, & 5

There's a spirit in the air,
Telling Christians everywhere:
"Praise the love that Christ revealed,
Living, working, in our world."

When a stranger's not alone,
Where the homeless find a home,
Praise the love that Christ revealed,
Living, working, in our world.

When believers break the bread,
When a hungry child is fed,
Praise the love that Christ revealed,
Living, working, in our world.

CELEBRATION OF GRATITUDE

Melissa McKenzie-Shaw

SPECIAL MUSIC

Joyful Noise Choir

READING

John 12:20-33

SERMON

Rev. Patrick Crocker

Honor & Beauty, Grief & Disgrace

COMMUNION HYMN

In This Very Room

Chalice Hymnal #295

Verses 1 – 3

In this very room
There's quite enough love for one like me,
And in this very room
There's quite enough joy for one like me;

**And there's quite enough hope,
And quite enough pow'r
To chase away any gloom,
For Jesus, Lord Jesus,
Is in this very room.**

In this very room
There's quite enough love for all of us,
And in this very room
There's quite enough joy for all of us;

In this very room
There's quite enough love for all the world,
And in this very room
There's quite enough joy for all the world;

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Debby Johnson

PRAYERS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Patrick Crocker

GOING FORTH HYMN

Chalice Hymnal #593

Lead Me, Lord

Verse 1

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness,
Make thy way plain before my face.
For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord, only,
That makest me dwell in safety.

POSTLUDE

Aletta Wilson

UPCOMING SERVICES

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

March 24, 2024

Worship Leader: Debby Johnson
Offering: Scott Hays-Strom
Communion: Melissa McKenzie-Shaw

March 31, 2024

Worship Leader: Melody Burns
Offering: Deb Cook
Communion: Scott Hays-Strom

April 7, 2024

Worship Leader: Jeanne Knotts
Offering: Esther Devall
Communion: Deb Cook

April 14, 2024

Worship Leader: Deb Cook
Offering: Paul Cook
Communion: Esther Devall

April 21, 2024

Worship Leader: Melissa McKenzie-Shaw
Offering: Zanté Garcia
Communion: Paul Cook

April 28, 2024

Worship Leader: Hilda McKee
Offering: Kamy McKenzie-Shaw
Communion: Zanté Garcia

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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
Thu.3:00 pm	Book Discussion (biweekly)

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

MONTHLY EVENTS

First Sun.	6:30 pm	Contemplative Worship
First Wed.	6:30 pm	Crafter's Group
Third Wed.	11:30 am	Brown Bag Lunch

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