



Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024

Good Morning and Welcome to
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH



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UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST
a just world for all

***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

Melody Burns

ONE: The tomb is dark, but empty

ALL: The one you are looking for has overcome the darkness

ONE: The stone has been rolled away

ALL: The one you are looking for has overcome death

ONE: The burial clothes are put aside

ALL: The one you are looking for is alive!

ONE: Christ is Risen!

ALL: Christ is Risen Indeed! Let us worship our Risen Savior!

GATHERING HYMN

Chalice Hymnal, #216

Christ The Lord Is Risen Today

Verses 1, 3 & 4

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
All creation, join to say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradisi. Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

UNISON PRAYER

Melody Burns

“Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!”

We repeat our Easter shouts of surprise and joy again and again,
for news of your victory over powers of death and evil
is news so startling so amazing
so different from the news that bombards us day by day.

Beyond our comprehension
You startle us again and again
with resurrection Life,
bringing grace and hope and joy.

You, in your risen power,
are shaping all our days,
and so we praise you,
Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit. Amen

PASS THE PEACE

Rev. Patrick Crocker

HYMN OF GRATITUDE

Chalice Hymnal #226

He Lives!

Verses 1 & 2

I serve a risen Savior, he's in the world today;
I know that he is living, whatever others say.
I see his hand of mercy, I hear his voice of cheer,
And just the time I need him, he's always near.

He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.
He lives, he lives, salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.

In all the world around me I see his loving care,
And though my heart grows weary, I never will despair.
I know that he is leading through all the stormy blast;
The day of his appearing will come at last.

CELEBRATION OF GRATITUDE

Deb Cook

SPECIAL MUSIC

Joyful Noise Choir

READING

Mark 16:1-8

SERMON

Rev. Patrick Crocker

Children of Resurrection

COMMUNION HYMN

Chalice Hymnal #222

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

Verses 1 & 3

Christ is risen! Shout hosanna!

Celebrate this day of days.

Christ is risen! Hush in wonder;

All creation is amazed.

In the desert all-surrounding,

See a spreading tree has grown.

Healing leaves of grace abounding

Bring a taste of love unknown.

Christ is risen! Earth and heaven

Nevermore shall be the same.

Break the bread of new creation

Where the world is still in pain.

Tell its grim, demonic chorus:

“Christ is risen! Get you gone!”

God the first and last is with us.

Sing Hosanna everyone!

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Scott Hays-Strom

PRAYERS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Patrick Crocker

GOING FORTH HYMN

Chalice Hymnal #233

Alleluia! Sing To Jesus

Verse 2

Alleluia! not as orphans

We are left in sorrow now,

Alleluia! Christ is near us,

Faith believes, nor questions how.

Though the cloud from sight received him,

When the forty days were o'er,

Shall our hearts forget the promise,

“I am with you evermore”?

POSTLUDE

Aletta Wilson

UPCOMING SERVICES

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

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

May 5, 2024

Worship Leader: Karen Holmes
Offering: Scott Hays-Strom
Communion: Kamy McKenzie-Shaw

May 12, 2024

Worship Leader: Esther Devall
Offering: Debby Johnson
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
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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