



**Sunday, April 28, 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

Jeanne Knotts

ONE: Easter people, we have been saved by the Risen Christ,  
the life-giving Vine.

**ALL: We abide in Love, the life-giving Vine.**

ONE: We are branches of the Vine—  
sustained, nurtured, and pruned by Love.

**ALL: We have no life apart from Love, the life-giving Vine.**

ONE: When we make our home in the Vine,  
and the Vine makes a home in us, we bear the fruit of Love.

**ALL: We produce the fruit of Love, the life-giving Vine.**

ONE: Easter people, how shall we bear the fruit of Love,  
the life-giving Vine?

**ALL: We will love and learn to love as we rest, play, work,  
and build community with God and one another. Amen.**

## GATHERING HYMN

Chalice Hymnal #90

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Verses 1 & 2

Come, Christians, join to sing:

Alleluia! Amen!

Loud praise to Christ we bring:

Alleluia! Amen!

Let all with heart and voice,

Before his throne rejoice;

Praise we with grateful choice:

Alleluia! Amen!

Come lift your hearts on high:

Alleluia! Amen!

Let praises fill the sky:

Alleluia! Amen!

Christ is our Guide and Friend

On whom we can depend;

His love shall never end:

Alleluia! Amen!

## UNISON PRAYER

Jeanne Knotts

God of love,  
plant us in the soil of your grace.

Nurture us with the strength of Christ,  
the vine of everlasting life.

Enlighten us with the wisdom of your Spirit,  
which flows through us today and all days.

Abide in us,  
that we may abide in you  
and live in your love.

In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

## PASS THE PEACE

Rev. Patrick Crocker

## HYMN OF GRATITUDE

Chalice Hymnal #526

### The Gift of Love

Verses 1 – 3

Though I may speak with bravest fire,  
And have the gift to all inspire,  
And have not love, my words are vain,  
As sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess,  
And striving so my love profess,  
But not be given by love within,  
The profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit come, our hearts control,  
Our spirits long to be made whole.  
Let inward love guide every deed;  
By this we worship, and are freed.

## CELEBRATION OF GRATITUDE

Kamy McKenzie-Shaw

**READING**

**1 John 4:7-21**

**SERMON**

**Rev. Patrick Crocker**

**Abiding in Courageous Love**

**COMMUNION HYMN**

**Chalice Hymnal #423**

**Become to Us the Living Bread**

**Verses 1 – 3**

Become to us the living bread  
By which the Christian life is fed,  
Renewed, and greatly comforted,  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

May Christians all with one accord  
Unit around the sacred board,  
To praise your hold name, O Lord,  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Become the never-failing wine,  
The spring of joy that shall incline  
Our hearts to bear the covenant sign,  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

**Zanté Garcia**

**PRAYERS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Rev. Patrick Crocker**

**GOING FORTH HYMN**

**Chalice Hymnal #689**

**We Are Not Our Own**

**Verses 1, 5 & 6**

We are not our own. Earth forms us,  
Human leaves  
on nature's growing vine,  
Fruit of many generations,  
Seeds of live divine.

Let us be a house of welcome,  
Living stone  
upholding living stone,  
Gladly showing all our neighbors  
We are not our own!

And if love's encounters lead us  
On a way  
uncertain and unknown,  
All the saints with prayer surround us:  
We are not alone.

**POSTLUDE**

**Aletta Wilson**

## **UPCOMING SERVICES**

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

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**May 5, 2024**

**Worship Leader:** Deb Cook  
**Offering:** Paul Cook  
**Communion:** Kamy McKenzy-Shaw

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**May 12, 2024**

**Worship Leader:** Esther Devall  
**Offering:** Debby Johnson  
**Communion:** Scott Hays-Strom

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**May 19, 2024**

**Worship Leader:** Eric Hays-Strom  
**Offering:** Melissa McKenzy-Shaw  
**Communion:** Debby Johnson

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**May 26, 2024**

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

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**June 2, 2024**

**Worship Leader:** Kamy McKenzy-Shaw  
**Offering:** Deb Cook  
**Communion:** Paul Cook

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**June 9, 2024**

**Worship Leader:** Sue Stefford-Grey  
**Offering:** Esther Devall  
**Communion:** Deb Cook

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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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