



**Sunday, July 7, 2024**

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



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OF CHRIST



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

Deb Cook

One: Beloved, when our bodies feel unable and incapable, and the voices all around us disparage and criticize our bodies as weak and worthless, God calls to us...

**All: Open our hearts to our weakness and Divine strength.**

One: When we persist in the false belief that we should and must do everything on our own, never asking for help and persisting in our drive for full independence, God calls to us...

**All: Open our hearts to our weakness and Divine strength.**

One: When we feel shame because we need help, and the deep vulnerability of our needs pierces our hearts, God calls to us...

**All: Open our hearts to our weakness and Divine strength.**

One: Listen! Pay attention! God calls to us in our weakness, not to erase our frailties or bemoan all the things society may tell us we lack, but to empower us within the vulnerability of our humanness, naming us Beloved in the fullness of who we are.

**All: We open our hearts in worship to receive the goodness in our weakness and the power in the strength of God's love for all of God's vulnerable creation. Amen.**

## GATHERING HYMN

Chalice Hymnal #487

### Help Us Accept Each Other

Verses 1, 2, & 3

Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;  
teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace.  
Be present, Lord, among us and bring us to believe  
we are ourselves accepted and meant to love and live.

Teach us, O Lord, your lessons, as in our daily life  
we struggle to be human and search for hope and faith.  
Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some,  
to love them as we find them or as they may become.

Let your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved  
in living situations to do the truth in love;  
to practice your acceptance, until we know by heart  
the table of forgiveness and laughter's healing art.

## **UNISON PRAYER**

**Deb Cook**

Loving God,

Who opens our hearts  
to the mysteries of faith in  
ordinary and extraordinary moments,  
come near to us today.

Make known among us  
and within us your strength,  
that we might experience  
your power that uses what  
the powers of this world call weakness  
to demonstrate your Almighty love  
to all creation. Amen.

## **PASS THE PEACE**

**Rev. Patrick Crocker**

## **HYMN OF GRATITUDE**

**Chalice Hymnal #499**

### **When Love Is Found**

**Verses 1, 2, & 5**

When love is found and hope comes home,  
sing and be glad that two are one.

When love explodes and fills the sky,  
praise God, and share our Maker's joy.

When love has flowered in trust and care,  
build both each day, that love may dare  
to reach beyond home's warmth and light,  
to serve and strive for truth and right.

Praise God for love, praise God for life,  
in age or youth, in calm or strife.

Lift up your hearts! Let love be fed  
through death and life in broken bread.

## **CELEBRATION OF GRATITUDE**

**Kamy McKenzie-Shaw**

**READING**

**2 Corinthians 12:2-10**

**SERMON**

**Rev. Patrick Crocker**

**The Gift of Great Kindness**

**COMMUNION HYMN**

**Chalice Hymnal #395**

**Seed, Scattered and Sown**

**Verses 1 & 3**

Seed, scattered and sown,  
wheat, gathered and grown,  
bread, broken and shared as one,  
the Living Bread of God.

Is not the bread we break  
a sharing in our Lord?  
Is not the cup we bless  
the blood of Christ outpoured?

Vine, fruit of the land,  
wine, work of our hands,  
one cup that is shared by all;  
the Living Cup, the Living Bread of God.

As wheat upon the hills  
was gathered and was grown,  
so may the church of God  
be gathered into one.

**CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

**Paul Cook**

**PRAYERS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Rev. Patrick Crocker**

**GOING FORTH HYMN**

**Songs for the Holy Other**

**With Open Hearts**

**Verse 1**

“I am the light of the world!  
You people come and follow me!”  
If you follow and love  
you’ll learn the mystery  
of what you were meant to do and be.

To bring hope to ev’ry task you do,  
to dance at a baby’s new birth,  
to make music in an old person’s heart,  
and sing to the colors of the earth!

**POSTLUDE**

**Aletta Wilson**

## **UPCOMING SERVICES**

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

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**July 14, 2024**

**Worship Leader:**

Melissa McKenzy-Shaw

**Offering:**

Debby Johnson

**Communion:**

Paul Cook

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**July 21, 2024**

**Worship Leader:**

Hilda McKee

**Offering:**

Melissa McKenzy-Shaw

**Communion:**

Debby Johnson

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**July 28, 2024**

**Worship Leader:**

Karen Holmes

**Offering:**

Scott Hays-Strom

**Communion:**

Melissa McKenzy-Shaw

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**August 4, 2024**

**Worship Leader:**

Esther Devall

**Offering:**

Deb Cook

**Communion:**

Scott Hays-Strom

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**August 11, 2024**

**Worship Leader:**

Eric Hays-Strom

**Offering:**

Esther Devall

**Communion:**

Deb Cook

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**August 18, 2024**

**Worship Leader:**

Zanté Garcia

**Offering:**

Paul Cook

**Communion:**

Esther Devall

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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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