

**First Christian Church  
(Disciples of Christ)**

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024

***The Community Gathers Before God***

Prelude *O Day of Radiant Gladness* Susan Doherty  
by Dale Wood

Lighting of the Candles

Welcome Don Metz

\*Call to Worship Don Metz

The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

**We come together to sing of God's glory.**

We come today to rejoice in God's work.

**We come today to give thanks for God's call and to those who said yes.**

We come to worship the God who calls and ordains; the God who loves and redeems.

**Let us worship in spirit and in truth. Amen.**

\*Opening Hymn *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above* #6

\*Prayer of Invocation Don Metz

Announcements, Joys and Concerns Don Metz

\*Passing of the Peace

Children's Moment Dale and Derek Katzenmeyer

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer (using "debts") Rev. Monica Banks

***The Community Hears and Proclaims God's Word***

Hebrew Scripture Reading Psalm 23 Don Metz

Anthem *We Worship You* Chancel Choir  
by Stan Pethel & Russ Borchardt Dir. Nancy Lingbloom

Gospel Scripture John 10:11-18 p. 103 NT  
Sermon "The Difference a Shepherd Makes" Rev. Monica Banks

***The Community Shares in Christ's Life***

Communion Hymn *Here is Bread* Chalice Praise #161  
Invitation to Communion Rev. Monica Banks

Words of Institution  
Elder Prayer of Thanksgiving Katie Kjeldsen-Tullis  
Communion Music *He Leadeth Me* Susan Doherty  
by David Paxton

Partaking of the Bread and Cup  
*The table of the Lord is open to any and all who would come. The Lord is host; he invites and welcomes everyone to share in his supper. Please partake of the bread and cup as you receive it.*

Invitation to Offering Don Metz  
Offertory Music *In Thee Is Gladness* Susan Doherty  
by Dale Wood

\*Doxology #47

\*Prayer of Dedication Don Metz

***The Community Departs for Ministry***

\*Closing Hymn *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* #558

\*Carrying the Light to the World

\*Benediction Rev. Monica Banks

Postlude *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* Susan Doherty  
by David Cherwien

\*Those who are able, please stand.

## Life of Our Church

- **TODAY – WELCOME POTLUCK for Pastor Monica and her husband, Ryan Thrasher, after worship service.**
  - April 22 –
    - Pastor's Baptism class, 4pm via Zoom, contact office if interested in joining
    - Trustees Meeting, 4pm
    - Ministry Board Meeting, 6pm
  - April 25 –
    - Chancel Choir rehearsal, 6:30pm
    - Sketch Club, 4-8pm
  - April 26 – Tom Cline Funeral Service, 1pm at FCC
  - April 27 – FCC Work Day beginning at 9am. Be sure to get this on your calendar & get signed up with Angie Kellems.
  - May 1 – Personnel Committee mtg, 1pm
  - May 9 – FCC Anniversary
  - May 14 – Elder Meeting, 5pm
  - May 12 – Installation Sunday for Pastor Monica. Dale Matherly, CRMR Regional Interim Minister visiting. Rev. Steve Sherman officiating.
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- ❖ Our **Nursery** is open for children through the age of 4.
  - ❖ **Children's Sunday School** is open from age 5 through grade 3.
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- \* **Conversations That Matter – on hold until after Pastor Monica arrives.**



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Susan Doherty, organist



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