

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(Disciples of Christ)



October 16, 2022

Christian Education at 9:00 a.m.
Worship Service at 10:15 a.m.





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If you are participating in the sanctuary, please

- EVERYONE Sign-in with us via the burgundy folders in each pew
- Be ready to share your prayer requests silently during the pastoral prayer

If you are participating in the rest of God's creation (Facebook, YouTube, teleconference), please

- Prepare communion elements
- Say "hello"
- Be ready to share your prayer requests during the silence of the pastoral prayer

PRELUDE

Overture and Rejoicing, from Fireworks Music
Dr. Zahari Metchkov

G. F. Handel

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Caryn Yoast

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Marsha Bishop

ONE: Beloved of God, come now to worship God with justice and truth.

ALL: **LET US SPEAK TRUTH TO ONE ANOTHER, RENDERING TRUE JUDGMENTS THAT MAKE FOR PEACE.**

ONE: Let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

ALL: **GOD WILL TEACH US TO DO GOOD, SEEK JUSTICE, RESCUE THE OPPRESSED, BIND UP THE BROKEN-HEARTED.**

ONE: Hear God's demand and God's promise:

ALL: **MAINTAIN JUSTICE, DO WHAT IS RIGHT, WALK IN GOD'S WAYS.**

ONE: Let us give thanks to our God.

ALL: **WE ARE NOT ALONE. THANKS BE TO GOD.**

*OPENING HYMN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Chalice Hymnal No. 25

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, who rules all creation.
O my soul, worship the wellspring of health and salvation.
All ye who hear, now to God's temple draw near.
Join me in in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
who, as on wings of an eagle uplifted, sustaineth.
Hast thou not seen? All that is needful hath been
granted in what God ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work, and defend thee.
Surely God's goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
who with great love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who doth nourish thy life and restore thee,
fitting thee well for the tasks that are ever before thee.
Then to thy need God as a mother doth speed,
spreading the wings of grace o'er thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all of God's peoples and races,
all that hath life and breath, give thanks for manifold graces.
Let the Amen sound from God's people again.
Gladly forever sing praises.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Marsha Bishop

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 121, Joshua 3:1-17

A Song of Ascents

I lift up my eyes to the hills - from where will my help come?

My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Nancy Lingbloom
NRSV Updated Edition

He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and for evermore.

Early in the morning Joshua rose and set out from Shittim with all the Israelites, and they came to the Jordan. They camped there before crossing over. At the end of three days the officers went through the camp and commanded the people, 'When you see the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God being carried by the Levitical priests, then you shall set out from your place. Follow it, so that you may know the way you should go, for you have not passed this way before. Yet there shall be a space between you and it, a distance of about two thousand cubits; do not come any nearer to it.' Then Joshua said to the people, 'Sanctify yourselves; for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you.' To the priests Joshua said, 'Take up the ark of the covenant, and pass on in front of the people.' So they took up the ark of the covenant and went in front of the people.

The Lord said to Joshua, 'This day I will begin to exalt you in the sight of all Israel, so that they may know that I will be with you as I was with Moses. You are the one who shall command the priests who bear the ark of the covenant, "When you come to the edge of the waters of the Jordan, you shall stand still in the Jordan." ' Joshua then said to the Israelites, 'Draw near and hear the words of the Lord your God.' Joshua said, 'By this you shall know that among you is the living God who without fail will drive out from before you the Canaanites, Hittites, Hivites, Perizzites, Girgashites, Amorites, and Jebusites: the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth is going to pass before you into the Jordan. So now select twelve men from the tribes of Israel, one from each tribe. When the soles of the feet of the priests who bear the ark of the Lord, the Lord of all the earth, rest in the waters of the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan flowing from above shall be cut off; they shall stand in a single heap.'

When the people set out from their tents to cross over the Jordan, the priests bearing the ark of the covenant were in front of the people. Now the Jordan overflows all its banks throughout the time of harvest. So when those who bore the ark had come to the Jordan, and the feet of the priests bearing the ark were dipped in the edge of the water, the waters flowing from above stood still, rising up in a single heap far off at Adam, the city that is beside Zarethan, while those flowing towards the sea of the Arabah, the Dead Sea, were wholly cut off. Then the people crossed over opposite Jericho. While all Israel were crossing over on dry ground, the priests who bore the ark of the covenant of the Lord stood on dry ground in the middle of the Jordan, until the entire nation finished crossing over the Jordan.

ANTHEM

How Lovely Are the Messengers from St. Paul
Chancel Choir, directed by Jolyne Antista

Felix Mendelssohn

How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace.

To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words, throughout all the lands their glad tidings.

How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace.

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Caryn Yoast

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Caryn Yoast

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.

Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
for Thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory forever. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

Chalice Hymnal No. 419

All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.
 Come from wilderness and wan'dring. Here, in truth, we will be fed.
 You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.
 Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, never stranger, seeker, be a welcome guest.
 Come from restlessness and roaming. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
 We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood.
 Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, sing together; Jesus Christ is living bread.
 Come from loneliness and longing. Here, in peace, we have been led.
 Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude.
 Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

SERVICE OF COMMUNION

Prayers

Rev. Dr. Caryn Yoast
 Jack and Nancy Lingbloom, Elders

Meditation Music

The Peace, from Fireworks Music

G. F. Handel

SHARING OUR GIFTS

Call to Offering

Marsha Bishop

Offertory

Bourrée, from Fireworks Music

G. F. Handel

***Doxology**

Chalice Hymnal No. 46

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below.

Praise God above ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Offertory prayer

Rev. Dr. Caryn Yoast

OUR LIFE TOGETHER, INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND OFFERING,
 and PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Dr. Caryn Yoast

The Invitation is an opportunity that is given each Sunday for individuals and families to take the next step in their journey of faith. This is an important tradition in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) family. We welcome you to come forward during the closing hymn to let us know of your desire to become part of our church family. You may also share your desire by messaging the church on Facebook or via the teleconference phone call, to which Rev. Marsha Bishop will respond.

*CLOSING HYMN

Restless Weaver

Chalice Hymnal No. 658

Restless Weaver, ever spinning threads of justice and shalom;
 Dreaming patterns of creation where all creatures find a home;
 gathering up life's varied fibers – every texture, every hue;
 grant us your creative vision. With us weave your world anew.

Where earth's fragile web is raveling help us mend each broken strand.
 Bless our urgent, bold endeavors cleansing water, air and land.
 Through the Spirit's inspiration – offering health where once was pain –
 strengthen us to be the stewards of your world knit whole again.

When our violent lust for power ends in lives abused and torn,
 from compassion's sturdy fabric fashion hope and trust reborn.
 where injustice rules as tyrant, give us courage, God,
 to dare live our dreams of transformation. Make our lives incarnate prayer.

Restless Weaver, still conceiving new life – now and yet to be –
 binding all your vast creation In one living tapestry;
 you have called us to be weavers. Let you love guide all we do.
 With your Reign of Peace our pattern, we will weave your world a new.

BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Caryn Yoast

POSTLUDE

Minuet Finale, from Fireworks Music

G. F. Handel

*Please stand if you are able.

Announcements

Come join FCC's Meet & Greet on **Sunday October 16**, immediately following worship service in the fellowship hall to share finger foods as we WELCOME Rev. Dr. Caryn Yoast.

Save the Dates for these wonderful upcoming events!

- **October 30 at 3:00 p.m.** FCC concert series presents **Pipescreams!** American Guild of Organists Halloween Concert; Works by J. S. Bach, P. D. Q. Bach, Bizet, Saint-Saëns, and more fun!!!
- **December 4 at 3:00p.m.** FCC concert series presents **Messiah Sing Along.** Join us and sing Handle's Masterwork. Jolyne Antista, conductor. Audience participation encouraged!



Each week, we're sharing our love through a card shower for those among us who could use some encouragement from their church family, or are celebrating a landmark in their lives. This week for the **Outreach of Love ministry** we are lifting up **Pastor Caryn Yoast as she settles into her new townhouse in preparation to serve as our interim pastor.** Let's show support with a shower of cards. Please contact the church office if you need the mailing addresses.

Garden Volunteers Needed: We need more volunteers to help us care for our large, beautiful gardens. No experience necessary. The crew works from 9:00-11:00 a.m. on Wednesday mornings, and would love to have you join us, *but there are tasks that you may help with any time during the week.* Please contact Carol Wilson, gardener@firstchristiancos.org, or 719-633-8888. **Thank you to all who have helped with gardening in the last several weeks – your efforts are much appreciated!**



November 6 – “Remembering the Saints” worship service. We will remember all those who have passed away in the past year.



Each Sunday, we invite you to join in connecting with others in the Fellowship Hall for Chat and Coffee from 8:15-10:15 a.m.

Children & Youth

Our nursery is open for children through age 5. Masks are suggested, but not required, and will be provided for the children if requested.

Children's Sunday school (K-5th grade) is held **during our worship service.** Kids will begin worship with their parents. After the Children's Moment, they will be invited to join our teachers **Evelyn and Bob Ford**, as we have begun our partnership with the **Thinking Lab** to offer Christian formation for our children! This ministry is located on the second floor of our Christian Education wing in room 204.

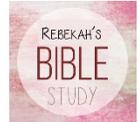
Youth Sunday school (6-12th grade) will be on break until further notice.

Discipleship & Christian Formation

The **Sunday morning Chapel** class meets at 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel; they are studying the book of John. The **ongoing Zoom class** meets on Sunday evenings with Don Sarton at 6:30 p.m.; they are studying Paul's letters from the Book of Romans. Contact Don Sarton, dsarton63@gmail.com or Cathy Liss, cathy1946@gmail.com with any questions.

The **Coffee & Conversation group** meets in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 a.m. Please contact Norman Heimer if you have any questions.

Rebekah's Women's Bible Study: Please make note in your calendar that we will now meet on the **FIRST WEDNESDAY** of each month. **Our next gathering will be on Wednesday November 2 at 1:00 p.m.** Please contact Nancy Lingbloom at 719-282-0384 with any questions.



Mission & Outreach

Our FCC hosting week, originally scheduled for October 16-23, with Family Promise (IHN) **has been postponed.** We are working with FP(IHN) as they assess needs in scheduling for a future date. The organization of Family Promise (IHN) is in transitional state right now, working on a new day house and accepting new families in need. We will announce updates as we receive them. Thank you.



Would you like to be part of a walking/hiking group here at FCC on Saturdays? (or perhaps another day that might work?) Let's take this opportunity to bring people together to visit, share the outdoors, and get our bodies moving! If interested or you would like more information, please contact Joan Arnold at jarnold53@msn.com or 719-339-0803.



One Nation Walking Together collection drive from September 1 through October 31. We are assisting with collection of the following much needed items, so please help by bringing your donations to our collection boxes near the Information Desk. First Christian Church is not collecting other items at this time due to space and weight limitations. **Thank you!**

Baby Formula & Baby Food
Baby Diapers
Baby and Adult Wipes
New Underwear
New Socks
Jeans-all sizes

Children's Clothing
New Toys
Towels
Hygiene Items
Period Products
Coats-all sizes

Sheets
Blankets
Comforters
Paper Products
School Supplies

Contact One Nation Walking Together by email at laura@onenationwt.org or 719-329-0251 for other needs and information.



NEW FACE ON AN OLD CHURCH MISSION: If you see a basket with yarn and knitting needles in it, stop, relax, and knit a row or two on a prayer shawl that will be given to a member of the church who is struggling in some way, or is just in need of a blessing from the church. The patterns are simple, instructions are in the basket with the yarn, and your love and prayers will be in each shawl. So, if you need something to do while chatting at Chat and Coffee, listening during a meeting, waiting for church to start, or any other reason, you may knit a few rows and know that someone will feel your love and prayers.

The real-life challenges of youth experiencing homelessness can be overcome. That's where **The Place** (formerly Urban Peak) comes in, offering three vital programs to support young people on their journey to step off the streets and step toward a brighter future.

Outreach: The outreach team builds relationships with 15 to 24-year olds by immediately providing key items, from clean socks to HIV testing to water. These items make a big difference in the life of a young person experiencing homelessness.

Shelter: Their shelter is a warm, safe alternative to a night on the streets. Open every day of the year, their 20-bed facility is the only licensed youth shelter in Colorado Springs. There they provide meals, clothing, and a health clinic link for youth ages 15 to 20.

Housing: The housing program helps youth live safely on their way to build their long-term self-sufficiency.



the**PLACE**

Urgent In-Kind Needs: In-kind donations are tangible needs of the youth served in the Outreach, Shelter and Housing programs. If you are able to support in this way, please contact the development office at 719-338-9257 to set up an appointment for drop off. Donations are not accepted at the shelter.

- Walmart Gift Cards
- Grocery Store Gift Cards (King Soopers, Safeway, etc.) - \$50-\$60 gift cards help youth get staple items when they get moved in
- Shampoo, Conditioner and Body Wash (Travel Size & Regular Size)
- Deodorant
- Men & Women Underwear (New only and medium & large sizes)
- Individual Wrapped Snacks without peanuts
- Chocolate bars
- Cleaning supplies- Mops, Mop Buckets, Brooms, Kitchen Size Trash Bags, Clorox Wipes, All Purpose Cleaner (Wipes and Spray), Disinfectant Spray, Dish Soap, Hand Soap
- Paper Towels & Toilet Paper
- Water bottles (Reusable, and Cases of Water)
- Backpacks for young adults
- Wallets

Thank you for your support of The PLACE!

Pastoral & Music Staff

Rev. Dr. Caryn Yoast, Interim Minister ~ interimpastor@firstchristiancos.org

Marsha Bishop, Board Moderator, is on call for all pastoral care ~
bishopmarsha@comcast.net or 719-359-3261

Dr. Zahari Metchkov, Organist and Concert Series Director ~ organist@firstchristiancos.org

Jolyne Antista, Music Director ~ musicdirector@firstchristiancos.org

Program Staff

Coordinator of Small Group Ministries ~ smallgroups@firstchristiancos.org

Amanda Brunette and Marissa Serna, Nursery Directors ~ nursery@firstchristiancos.org

Evelyn and Bob Ford, Sunday School Teachers/Thinkering Lab

Support Staff

Patty Markwell, Ministry Assistant & Communications ~ fcc@firstchristiancos.org
(Monday-Thursday 9:00-3:30 and Friday 9:00-12:00)

Julie Canales, Ministry Accountant ~ accountant@firstchristiancos.org

Josh Vigil, Custodian ~ custodian@firstchristiancos.org

(Monday-Friday 7:30-12:30, 1:00-4:00)

Jeff Bilyeu, Facilities Manager ~ facilities@firstchristiancos.org

Holly Vigil, Sunday Morning Host/Custodian ~ hospitality@firstchristiancos.org

Ray Killian, Building Security Assistant ~ security@firstchristiancos.org

Carol Wilson, Gardener, Organist emeritus ~ gardener@firstchristiancos.org

- **SEND A CHECK** (please specify fund, if any).
 - 16 E. Platte Ave, Colorado Springs 80903

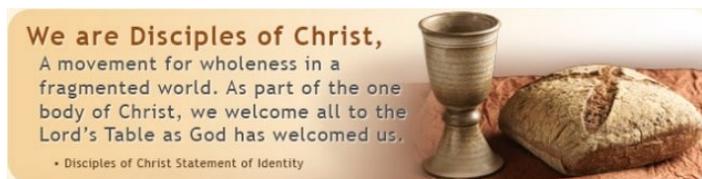


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 - Download “Church by Ministry One” App
 - Then search First Christian Church of Colorado Springs
 - Or enter

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- **TEXT TO GIVE**
 - 719-626-8633, text amount.
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 - Go to FirstChristianCOS.org, go to the bottom of the page, find the yellow donate button, enter amount and specify fund, if any.

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In a world that prefers black and white thinking and clear divisions, First Christian Church seeks to be a blessing to our community by empowering us all to find beauty, add color, and create connections. We invite all to experience the unfolding story of God's grace and love.