

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(Disciples of Christ)



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PRELUDE

Sonata V - Allegro
Carol Wilson, organ

Johann Sebastian Bach

WELCOME

Kai Brown

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Mara Rogers

One: We gather together today to change the world.

Many: We gather together today to change ourselves.

One: Let us worship the one who calls all of us by name!

*OPENING HYMN

Come Down, O Love Divine

Chalice Hymnal No. 582

Come down, O Love divine, seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardor glowing; O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear, and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming; and let thy glorious light
shine ever on my sight, and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling; for none can guess its grace,
till Love create a place wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Mara Rogers

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Laura Hatler

SCRIPTURE

Sharon Tausan

1 Samuel 3:1-21

New Revised Standard Version

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was.

Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him.

The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." Then the Lord said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. On that day I will

fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever."

Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the Lord; let him do what seems good to him."

As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the Lord. The Lord continued to appear at Shiloh, for the Lord revealed himself to Samuel at Shiloh by the word of the Lord.

SERMON

Words create Worlds

Jonathan Hall



ANTHEM

Psalm 91

Craig Courtney

Chancel Choir, directed by Kai Brown

You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,
say to the Lord, "My refuge, my fortress, my God in whom I trust."
He will deliver you from the fowler's snare,
and under His wings you will find refuge.
His faithfulness shall be your shield and rampart.
You will not fear the terror by night or the arrow that flies by day,
or the pestilence that stalks in darkness or ravages at midday.
A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand;
but you will not be harmed.
If you make the Most High your dwelling even the Lord,
who is my refuge, then no harm will befall you;
no scourge will approach your tent.
He will give His angels charge over you;
on their hands they will lift you up,
lest you strike your foot upon a stone.

ELDER'S REFLECTION ON STEWARDSHIP

Sharon Tausan

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

Laura Hatler

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

Here I Am, Lord

Chalice Hymnal No. 452

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin, My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

Here I am Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have born my peoples pain.
I have wept for love of them, they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak My word to them. Whom shall I send?

[Refrain]

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them, my hand will save
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give My life to them. Whom shall I send?

[Refrain}

SERVICE OF COMMUNION

Elder Prayers
Meditation Music

Come Down, O Love Divine
Handbell Choir

Jonathan Hall
Sharon Tausan, Cathy Liss
Bill Ingraham

*After the music has begun, please partake of communion at your leisure.

CALL TO OFFERING

Mara Rogers

*If you are with us in-person, please place offerings in the box at the back of the sanctuary
at the end of the service.

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

Jonathan Hall

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. Now that we are able to gather again, 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. Pastor Jonathan will respond to your message via Facebook, email, or phone call.

*CLOSING HYMN

Nearer, My God to Thee

Chalice Hymnal No. 577

Nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!
E'en though it be a cross that raiseth me,
still all my song shall be, nearer, my God, to thee;
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!

When like the wanderer, the sun gone down,
darkness be over me, my rest a stone;
then in my dreams I'd be nearer, my God, to thee;
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!

There let the way appear, steps unto heaven;
all that thou sendest me, in mercy given;
angels to beckon me nearer, my God, to thee;
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!

Then, with my waking thoughts bright with thy praise,
out of my stony griefs Bethel I'll raise;
so by my woes to be nearer, my God, to thee;
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!

Or if, on joyful wing cleaving the sky,
sun, moon, and stars forgot, upward I fly,
still all my song shall be, nearer, my God, to thee;
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!

BENEDICTION

Jonathan Hall

POSTLUDE

Sonata I – Allegro

J. S. Bach

*We invite you to stay for the postlude, if you wish.

Following the service, we encourage you to connect with others in the Fellowship Hall or outdoors.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Children & Youth

Youth Sunday school (6-12th grade) meets on Sunday mornings at **9:00 a.m.** in the youth lounge. We will have a zoom link available for youth who are unable to join in person.

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 teacher Amy Hartman for Sunday School. Parents may pick up their children upstairs after worship.

Lighthouse for youth meets on Tuesdays from **6:30-8:30 p.m.** in the youth lounge. This is a great opportunity for youth to just hang out together, socialize and play games. Contact Laura Hatler, our youth and family pastor, with any questions.

Discipleship & Christian Formation

The **Chapel Class** meets via Zoom on Sunday nights at 6:30 p.m. They are currently studying the Gospel of Luke. Contact Don Sarton, dsarton63@gmail.com or Cathy Liss, cathyliss1946@gmail.com.

The **Coffee & Conversation group**, led by Norman Heimer, meets on Sunday mornings from 9:00-9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. They have a weekly topic based on events in the world.

Our nursery is open for children through age 5. Masks will be required for those who haven't been vaccinated, including children 2 years and older. Masks will be provided for the children.

Mission & Outreach

Habitat for Humanity brings together volunteers from a variety of different backgrounds, beliefs, and faiths who put aside their differences and work together in unity to help build affordable homes in El Paso County. On Saturday, **November 13** and **December 4**, FCC needs **five volunteers** to continue work begun in July on homes at The Ridge at Sandcreek (Babcock and Galley Road), partnering with First Congregational Church. For more information, see our weekly e-newsletter, or contact Dave VanDerWege, 719.373.3943. Go to <https://tinyurl.com/hkn6vs> to sign up.



BRING A TURKEY TO CHURCH!

Please bring frozen turkeys to church on **Sunday, November 14**. The turkeys will be distributed to families from Mark Twain Elementary School to help provide a joyous Thanksgiving dinner for students and their families.

Upcoming Events

The Youth and Children will be helping to lead worship on **Sunday, October 24** as part of a celebration of Children's Sabbath.

WE NEED HELP - seven more vehicles are required to put on this event!! We would like to host a **Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 31**, in the church parking lot for our church family and the community from **1:00-3:00 p.m.** In order to be able to do this, we need volunteers to decorate the trunks of their cars and hand out candy. If you can commit to help, please sign up by contacting Laura Hatler ASAP!



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God Calls Samuel

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Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



Pray: Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

Lord whom we serve, Samuel did not recognize your voice when you called, but he eventually obeyed. Teach us to know your voice and to respond, "Here I am!" Amen.



Read: Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

¹⁰Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." (1 Samuel 3:10)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

Samuel didn't recognize the Lord's voice when the Lord called him. God had a difficult assignment for Samuel—the condemnation of his mentor, Eli.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

Tell of a time God called you to do something you were reluctant to do. (When was it hard to do the right thing?) How did you find the courage to do it?

How would your 11-year-old self have responded to a call by God?

For the littles: What can you do to serve God?



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God grant you courage to come when called. Amen.



Do: By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Compare a current news story in a variety of news outlets. Check the newspaper, TV networks, and social media. How is the story different depending on whose voice is speaking? Who do you believe? Why?

Go Deeper: Go to clergystuff.com/daily-devotions for devotions on the daily readings.

- Sunday, 1 Samuel 3:1-21, God Calls Samuel
- Monday, 1 Samuel 4:1-11, The Ark of God Captured
- Tuesday, 1 Samuel 5:1-12, Philistines and the Ark
- Wednesday, 1 Samuel 6:1-16, The Ark Returned
- Thursday, 1 Samuel 8:1-18, Israel Demands a King
- Friday, 1 Samuel 9:27-10:8, Samuel Anoints Saul as King
- Saturday, 1 Samuel 15:10-34, Saul Rejected as King

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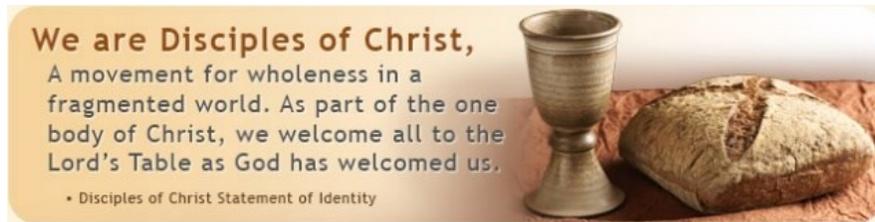
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In a world that prefers black and white thinking and clear divisions, First Christian Church seeks to be a blessing to our community by empowering us all to find beauty, add color, and create connections. We invite all to experience the unfolding story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