

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

First Sunday in Lent

February 26, 2023

The Community Gathers Before God

Greeting & Announcements

Rev. Caryn Yoast

Prelude

Dr. Zahari Metchkov

Lighting of the Candles

*Call to Worship

Marsha Bishop

Friends in Christ, Lent is a time to prepare and to renew our life. We mark this holy season by acknowledging our need for repentance,

AND FOR THE MERCY AND FORGIVENESS PROCLAIMED IN THE GOSPEL.

We are invited, in the name of Christ, to observe a holy Lent, by self-examination and penitence,

BY PRAYER AND FASTING, BY WORKS OF LOVE, AND BY READING AND MEDITATING ON THE WORD OF GOD.

Let us give thanks to God.

WE ARE NOT ALONE. THANKS BE TO GOD.

*Opening Hymn

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

#180

*Prayer of Invocation

Marsha Bishop

*Passing of the Peace

Children's Moment

Rev. Caryn Yoast

Prayers of the People

Rev. Caryn Yoast

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer (using "debts")

The Community Hears and Proclaims God's Word

First Lesson/Responsive Psalm

Psalm 51

p. 743CH/ Marsha Bishop

Anthem

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

Harold W. Friedell

Chancel Choir

Second Lesson

Mark 1:9-15

p. 34 NT

Sermon

Rev. Caryn Yoast

The Community Shares in Christ's Life

Communion Hymn

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

#419

Invitation to Communion

Rev. Caryn Yoast

Words of Institution

Elder Prayer of Thanksgiving

Don Metz

Communion Music

Dr. Zahari Metchkov

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

Marsha Bishop

Offertory Music

Dr. Zahari Metchkov

*Doxology

#47

*Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Caryn Yoast

The Community Departs for Ministry

*Silent Prayer for the World

*Closing Hymn

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

#628

*Carrying the Light to the World

Postlude

Dr. Zahari Metchkov

*Benediction

Rev. Caryn Yoast

*Those who are able, please stand.

Life of Our Church

As you leave our service this evening you will find a basket for a **free will offering**. This offering will go to: **Week of Compassion**

We hope you will join us **Thursday evenings during March at 5:30 pm** for our **Lenten Soup Suppers**.

- March 2 – Thursday Lenten Soup Supper 5:30pm (recurring every Thurs. in March)
- March 9 - Thursday Lenten Soup Supper 5:30pm
- March 11 - Bach Fest: American Guild of Organist members play works by J. S. Bach on the Letourneau Organ at First Christian Church
- March 12 – Bach Fest: Ensemble Concert American Guild of Organist members, soloists, and ensemble perform J. S. Bach Concertos and Cantatas by J. S. Bach
- March 16 - Thursday Lenten Soup Supper 5:30pm
- March 18 – Baby Shower for baby Violet Bustillos 10:30am
- March 19 – ALL Church Potluck 11:30am (recurring every month 😊)
- March 21 – Admin. Committee Meeting 5:30pm
- March 23 - Thursday Lenten Soup Supper 5:30pm
- March 27 – Ministry Board Meeting 6:00pm
- April 2 – Palm Sunday
- April 6 – Maundy Thursday service 6:30pm
- April 7 – Good Friday (church offices closed)
- April 9 – Easter Sunday

Please ensure all upcoming meetings are on (or removed from) the master church calendar by contacting the church office. ~ Thank you

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Effective immediately, FCC congregants are no longer allowed to park in the El Paso Club parking lot on Boulder. Please remember FCC has use of the Diocese parking lot across Cascade, Young Life parking lot Northwest corner of Boulder & Cascade. Meters on Platte and Cascade are free until 1pm on Sundays.

“Is it true? Is it kind? Is it necessary?”

*Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you,
O LORD, my rock and my redeemer. Psalm 19:14*

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Jolyne Antista, music director
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