

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
(Disciples of Christ)



March 20, 2022





First Christian Church March 20, 2022

*(If you're attending in person, pick up communion elements as you enter, and sign in via the burgundy folder.
If online or via phone, have communion elements ready, say "hello," and have prayer requests ready.)*

PRELUDE *Trio Sonata in G Major - Largo; Vivace; Adagio; Presto* Johann Sebastian Bach
Phyllis White, flute; Joyce Hanagan, oboe; Carol Wilson, harpsichord

WELCOME Jonathan Hall

*CALL TO WORSHIP Zoan Harclerode

ONE: Christ invites us to come to worship
MANY: To rest from the things that are troubling us,
ONE: To learn what Christ can teach of life,
MANY: To realize what we can offer to others,
ONE: And so to return into the world to serve.
MANY: Let us worship God

*OPENING HYMN *Gather Us In* Chalice Hymnal No. 284

Here in this place, the new light is streaming, shadows of doubt are vanished away.
See in this space our fears and our dreamings, brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken; gather us in; our spirits inflame.
Call to us now, and we shall awaken; we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young, our lives are a mystery; we are the old, who yearn for your face.
We have been sung throughout all of history, called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the right and the haughty; gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart so meek and so lowly; give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we receive new life in the waters; here we receive the bread of new birth;
here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion, give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING Zoan Harclerode

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Jonathan Hall

SCRIPTURE Sharon Tausan
John 18:12-27 New Revised Standard Version

So the soldiers, their officer, and the Jewish police arrested Jesus and bound him. First they took him to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it was better to have one person die for the people.

Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, but Peter was standing outside at the gate. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out, spoke to the woman who guarded the gate, and brought Peter in. The woman said to Peter, "You are not also one of this man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not." Now the slaves and the police had made a charcoal fire because it was cold, and they were standing around it and warming themselves. Peter also was standing with them and warming himself.

Then the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and about his teaching. Jesus answered, "I have spoken openly to the world; I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all the Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. Why do you ask me? Ask those who heard what I

said to them; they know what I said.” When he had said this, one of the police standing nearby struck Jesus on the face, saying, “Is that how you answer the high priest?” Jesus answered, “If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong. But if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?” Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They asked him, “You are not also one of his disciples, are you?” He denied it and said, “I am not.” One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, “Did I not see you in the garden with him?” Again Peter denied it, and at that moment the cock crowed.

ANTHEM

Lord, Work A Miracle In Me
Chancel Choir, directed by Jolyne Antista

Pepper Choplin

You turned the water into wine,
You opened the eyes of the blind.
You stilled the mighty winds and You calmed the angry sea.
Now Lord, work a miracle in me.

By Your hands the crowd was fed.
You spoke a word and raised the dead.
You saw a man in torment and set his spirit free.
Lord, work a miracle in me.

Change me, claim me as Your own.
Make my heart Your Spirit’s home.
Come, O Lord, swiftly come.
In my life let Your will be done.
Make my life a blessing so others can see
Your love, Your life, your miracle in me.

SERMON

The Easiness of Anger vs. the Difficulty of Discipleship

Jonathan Hall

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER

Jonathan Hall

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

Amazing Grace

Chalice Hymnal No. 546
(vs. 1, 2, 3)

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace first taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

SERVICE OF COMMUNION

Elder Prayers
Meditation Music

Toccata in E Minor – Adagio

Jonathan Hall
Sharon Tausan and Cathy Liss
J. S. Bach

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

CALL TO OFFERING

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.

Zoan Harclerode

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. 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 Pastor Jonathan will respond.

*CLOSING HYMN

Give Me A Clean Heart

Chalice Hymnal No. 515
(2x)

Give me a clean heart so I may serve thee,
Lord, fix my heart so that I may be used by thee.
For I'm not worthy of all thee blessings.
Give me a clean hart and I'll follow thee.

BENEDICTION

Jonathan Hall

POSTLUDE

Toccata in G Major – Allegro e presto

J. S. Bach

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

*Please stand if you are able.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



FCC will be **resuming our Chat & Coffee time of fellowship on Palm Sunday, April 10!** Want to help?! We are now accepting store-bought items to donate towards our Chat and Coffee needs. Please contact our hospitality host Holly Vigil, the church office, or Pastor Jonathan for more information.

Please fill out the emergency contact form that is available at the Information Desk, online in the weekly newsletter or the shortcut link below. The clergy and staff here at FCC would like to have contact information on whom to communicate with for updates and status reports after the occurrence of an emergency event. Online form link: shorturl.at/luKO6



Children & Youth

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 begin our partnership with the **Thinkering 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) meets on Sunday mornings at **9:00 a.m.** in the youth lounge. The Zoom link for youth who are unable to join in person is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86138335137>. The link may also be found in the weekly e-mail sent to families of children and youth.

Lighthouse is canceled until we find our new Youth and Family Pastor. Our search committee is actively receiving and reviewing applications.

Discipleship & Christian Formation

The **Chapel Class** will have two options: Sunday mornings in-person in the Chapel at 9:00 a.m., and the ongoing Zoom class on Sunday evenings with Don Sarton 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 with any questions.

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

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

Mission & Outreach



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 **Doris Farmer**. Please contact the church office if you need her mailing address. If you need cards, the church has some blank note cards that you may pick up at the Information Desk.

Do you like to cook? Do you like to play games, read, do art projects? Do you like to wash dishes? We have an opportunity for you! First Christian Church will be providing some meals for Family Promise the week of March 21. In addition to cooking and delivering meals to the Family Promise facility on South Nevada, we will also host the four families at our church for a night out on Friday, March 25. They will join us at church for a meal, fellowship, and play. First Christian Church has been partnering with Family Promise's Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) for over 15 years. This ministry enables families to escape homelessness one successful step at a time, working toward independence and a brighter future. If you would like to volunteer to help with this in any way, please contact Joan Arnold (719-339-0803, jarnold53@msn.com) or Cathy Liss (303-358-3662, cathyliss1946@gmail.com).



Easter is coming and FCC is going to have an **Eggstravaganza!** We need **Easter candy and Goldfish packets** to fill goody bags for the kids. These may be put in the basket on the information desk any time before April 10th. If you have any questions, you can contact Debbie Metz at debbiemetz@q.com or call (719)5911992.

Upcoming Events

If you'd like to learn to quilt or brush up on your skills, the **quilters group** meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. The next session will be on March 24.



Today at 3:00 p.m. we're presenting our annual **Bach Celebration Concert** after a hiatus of two years. The program will feature a concerto for two harpsichords, a prelude and fugue for organ, a gamba sonata, a toccata for harpsichord, a concerto for oboe d'amore, and chorales for audience singing. A free will offering will be taken. The use of masks is suggested for singing, but not required for attendance. The program will also be live-streamed on Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/firstchristiancos.org/>.

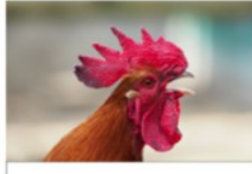


In honor of Women's History Month, next Sunday, March 27, we have planned a special worship service around the music of women composers in the anthem, service music and the hymns. Many of them had to share their music under pseudonyms or the names of their spouses. We hope that you will join your voice with ours!

It's EGGSTRAVAGANZA TIME! We are calling all children to join us on Saturday, April 16th, at 10:30 a.m. at the church to hunt for Easter Eggs and do some really fun crafts. This is for children of all ages, so don't forget to invite a friend or two! Weather permitting, the Easter egg hunt will be held outside on the church grounds. If weather becomes an issue, it will be moved indoors, so plan to attend regardless! This event is sponsored by your Mission and Outreach Committee.



- **SEND A CHECK** (please specify fund, if any).
 - 16 E. Platte Ave, Colorado Springs 80903
- **GIVE THROUGH OUR MINISTRY ONE APP**
 - Download "Church by Ministry One" App
 - Then search First Christian Church of Colorado Springs
Or enter <https://www.shelbygiving.com/app/giving/fcccos> into your search bar.
- **TEXT TO GIVE**
 - 719-626-8633, text amount.
- **PAYPAL**
 - Go to [FirstChristianCOS.org](https://www.FirstChristianCOS.org), go to the bottom of the page, find the yellow donate button, enter amount and specify fund, if any.



Peter's Denial

March 20, 2022

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



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

Faithful Lord, Peter denied knowing you when you needed the love and support of your disciples the most. Help us to show up when we are needed. Amen.



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

²⁶One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, "Did I not see you in the garden with him?" ²⁷Again Peter denied it, and at that moment the cock crowed. (John 18:26-27)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

Peter's courage sent him into the courtyard to witness the events of Jesus' arrest and conviction. Peter's fear made him deny knowing his Lord and friend.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

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

What lies are being told that are so subtle that our culture accepts them as truth? How might you uncover some of those lies for yourself? How might you change your mind about what you believe?

How did Peter feel when he realized what he had done? How would you feel?

For the littles: Who or what reminds you to do the things you're supposed to do?



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God walk with you, even in your darkest moments. Amen.



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

Make a list of people you avoid because you owe them an apology. Pick one person on the list and ask for their forgiveness.



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

Sunday, John 18:12-27, Peter's Denial
Monday, John 14:15-31, The Promise of the Holy Spirit
Tuesday, John 15:1-17, Jesus the True Vine
Wednesday, John 15:18-6:4a, The World's Hatred
Thursday, John 16:4b-15, The Work of the Spirit
Friday, John 16:16-24, Sorrow Will Turn into Joy
Saturday, John 16:25-33, Peace for the Disciples

New Revised Standard Version Bible, copyright © 1989, Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Used with permission. All rights reserved.

Copyright © 2021 Clergy Stuff. Used with Permission. Find more at www.ClergyStuff.com.

Pastoral & Music Staff

Jonathan Hall, Senior Pastor ~ seniorpastor@firstchristiancos.org
Pastor's Open-Door Hours - Monday 1:00-5:00 (feel free to stop by or contact him directly for another time)
Carol Wilson, Pastoral Visitor, Organist and Concert Series Director ~ organist@firstchristiancos.org
Jolyne Antista, Music Director ~ musicdirector@firstchristiancos.org

Program Staff

Marsha Bishop, 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)
Josh Vigil, Custodian ~ custodian@firstchristiancos.org
(Monday-Friday 7:30-12:30, 1:00-4:00)
Holly Vigil, Sunday Morning Host/Custodian ~ hospitality@firstchristiancos.org
Ray Killian, Building Security Assistant ~ security@firstchristiancos.org
Jeff Bilyeu, Facilities Manager ~ facilities@firstchristiancos.org
Diana Serna, Bookkeeper ~ accountant@firstchristiancos.org

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Disciples of Christ)

16 East Platte Avenue
Colorado Springs, CO 80903-1221
Phone (719) 633-8888
www.firstchristiancos.org
fcc@firstchristiancos.org
Instagram @firstchristiancos
Twitter @fcccos
facebook.com/firstchristiancos.org

We are Disciples of Christ,

A movement for wholeness in a fragmented world. As part of the one body of Christ, we welcome all to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us.

• Disciples of Christ Statement of Identity



FCC is a Green Chalice Church



To learn more, go to
<https://www.discipleshomemissions.org/missions-advocacy/green-chalice/>

FCC is Open & Affirming



To learn more, go to
<http://disciplesallianceq.org/open-affirming-ministries/>

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.