

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(Disciples of Christ)



September 11, 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

- Pick up communion elements in the narthex
- Connect with us via the burgundy folders in each pew
- Be ready to share your prayer requests silently during the pastoral prayer
- Please wear a mask while singing

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

Andante from Concerto in d minor
Dr. Zahari Metchkov

Allesandro Marcello/Bach

WELCOME

Rev. Marsha Bishop

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Marsha Bishop

LEADER: We gather as pilgrims on a journey of faith.

ALL: **We come seeking an awareness of God's presence as we travel on.**

LEADER: We come seeking light for our darkness, strength in our weakness.

ALL: **Shine in our hearts O God, with the light of your love.**

*OPENING HYMN

Ours the Journey

Chalice Hymnal No. 458

In the midst of new dimensions, in the face of changing ways,
Who will lead the pilgrim peoples wandering their sep'rate ways?

Refrain

God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar,
We your people, ours the journey now and ever more.

Through the flood of starving peoples, warring factions and despair,
Who will lift the olive branches? Who will light the flame of care?

Refrain

Though we reach the highest leavens, holding worlds at our command,
We are yet a desert people searching for the promised land.

Refrain

Should the threats of dire predictions cause us to withdraw in pain,
May your blazing phoenix spirit resurrect the church again.

Refrain

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Rev. Marsha Bishop

SECOND SUNDAY NOISY OFFERING for **Tennyson Center for Children**

SCRIPTURE

Debbie Metz

John 14:7-14

NRSV Updated Edition

If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know Him and have seen Him. Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

ANTHEM

O Love
Chancel Choir, directed by Jolyne Antista

Elaine Hagnberg

O Love, that will not let me go,
O Love, I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in Thy ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.

O Joy, that seeks me through the pain,
O Joy, I cannot close my heart to Thee;
I trace the rainbows through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain
That morn shall fearless be.

O Love, that will not let me go,
O Love, I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in Thy ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.

SERMON

Even Greater Things

Rev. Marsha Bishop

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Marsha Bishop

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

Be Known To Us in Breaking Bread

Chalice Hymnal No. 398

Be known to us in breaking bread, but do not then depart;
Savior, abide with us, and spread thy table in our heart.

There sup with us in love divine; thy body and thy blood,
that living bread, that heavenly wine, be our immortal food.

SERVICE OF COMMUNION

Elder Prayers

Meditation Music

Chorale Prelude on "Nun bitten wir"

Rev. Marsha Bishop
Debbie and Don Metz, Elders
Dietrich Buxtehude

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

CALL TO OFFERING

Rev. Marsha Bishop

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

Rev. Marsha Bishop

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

We Call Ourselves Disciples

Chalice Hymnal No. 357
(vs. 1, 3, 5)

We call ourselves disciples, as pilgrims on the way.
We seek the truth in wisdom, and beauty in each day.
As women, men and children, we serve, Christ's path to clear.
In joyful expectation we see God's reign draw near.

We're baptized in the Spirit, in waters God provides.
In Christ we rise to newness, for in him we have died.
Now dead to powers of evil, and free from hopeless fears,
We live with faith and purpose, creative through the years.

So now the vision brightens, the light of Christ burns still
In hearts of all disciples to be the church God wills.
From quiet meditation, and joyous hymns of praise,
We go to do God's mission! Christ, lead us all our days!

BENEDICTION

Rev. Marsha Bishop

POSTLUDE

Peace Piece

Bill Evans

*Please stand if you are able.

Announcements

Today's Noisy Offering for Tennyson Center for Children: Tennyson Center for Children has served Colorado's most neglected, abused, and traumatized children since 1904. They are known for their high standard of care across all programs and services. These services include an accredited, Therapeutic K-12 School and Day Treatment Program with a 4:1 student-to-staff ratio on campus and in-home and Community Programs in 18 counties across the state to provide preventive services and therapy to strengthen families with children aged 0 to adulthood. During the first half of FY21 (Oct 20 – Mar 21), 98% of families stayed together and 44% saw improved trauma symptoms across all Tennyson programs.

At Tennyson, the goal is to keep families strong and keep them together. An array of community services aims to do exactly that by creating access to therapy, skills building, and resource connection. Here in Colorado Springs, there is a Community Program based at First Christian Church with two therapists who work with families to provide these services. The Noisy Offering on September 11 will go to support these families in Colorado Springs. Please bring your loose change to put in the offering on Sunday or donate through the church website or app designating Tennyson Center as the recipient.

Interim Minister Called: The Pastoral Search Committee is very pleased to announce that we have called the Rev. Dr. Caryn Youst to be our Interim Minister. She comes to us highly recommended as someone who can lead us faithfully through this transition period with a focus on our mission and our place in this community connected to the changing world around us. We would ask that you keep Rev. Youst in your prayers as she transitions here to this new opportunity. She will be finishing up obligations and arriving about Oct. 25. In the meantime, we will be enjoying the chance to view the love of Christ through the sermons of visiting pastors who will fill our pulpit. This is a great opportunity for our congregation to learn from and listen to other gifted speakers. As the committee continues the process of searching and calling a new senior pastor we too ask for your prayers for inspired discernment in our search. We will be happy to answer questions to the best of our ability so please seek us out. Once again, the committee members are Matt Hesser, Don Metz, Donna McCoy, Arrow Campbell, Norm Heimer, and Nancy May, Chair, with Marsha Bishop ex officio.

Save the Date for these upcoming events!

- **September 18, 2022 at 2:30 p.m. First United Methodist Church** will host the **Chamber Orchestra's Organ Spectacular**; featuring Carol Wilson, Dr. Zahari Metchkov and Joe Galema.
- **On September 25 at 3:00 p.m. FCC concert series** presents the premier bell choir, **Pikes Peak Ringers** for an afternoon of enchanting music directed by Kevin McChesney, conductor. Admission: Free will offering, \$15 suggested donation. Contact: Zahari Metchkov, Series Director zmetchkov@yahoo.com, with any questions.



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.**

Garden Volunteers Needed: Due to health issues, we've lost three of our garden volunteers and are seriously short-handed. We need some energetic new 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.



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 **Wilma Brown**, who is **celebrating her 100th birthday on September 16.** Let's help celebrate her with a shower of cards. Please contact the church office if you need the mailing addresses

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 **in-person Chapel Class** will be **taking a break** in August and September and will resume in October. The **online group Chapel Class resumes TODAY.** Contact Don Sarton, dsarton63@gmail.com or Cathy Liss, cathyliss1946@gmail.com with any questions.

The **Coffee & Conversation group** resumed today. Please contact Norman Heimer if you have any questions.

Mission & Outreach



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.

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.



IHN/Family Promise is finally able to return to the church rotation of pre-Covid days. Our turn to host here at FCC will be the week of October 16. There will be many different opportunities to participate in this important ministry: setting up and tearing down beds, overnight hosting, meal prep, serving, and clean up, and just visiting with the 3 families we will be hosting for the week so that they feel welcome.

We will hold an **“Addie’s Kitchen”** after church on **October 2** to put together a few freezer meals for our hosting week. Please add these dates to your calendars and be in prayer about how you can participate. If you would like to contribute to the purchase of food, please send a check to FCC with Family Promise written on the memo line. In the coming weeks please watch for signup sheets in the fellowship hall. If you have questions, please contact Cathy Liss - cathyliss1946@gmail.com or 303-358-3662, or Joan Arnold - jarnold53@msn.com or 719-339-0803.





Join us for our **1st Annual Family Promise 5K Hustle Run/Walk** on September 17, at 9:00 a.m. We will run or walk at the park by 1800 Recreation Way.

This is a family event, and we hope to see you there! If you'd rather not register online, you can register the day of the event that morning. The walk begins for all ages at 9:00 a.m.

- Adult 5k - \$25.00
- Kids 15 yrs old and under 5k - \$15.00
- Family of Four: 2 adults and 2 children under the age of 15 yrs - \$65.00

If you'd rather send in a donation, you can mail a check to Family Promise of Colorado Springs, CO at 1647 S. Nevada Ave., CSCO 80905 or donate at <https://secure.usaepay.com/interface/epayform/8CYM34UES0slp684ch6V2E1oYh2u2YIk/>

Register online at: <https://www.runningguru.com/E1.asp?elD=98162>

Our goal is to raise \$20,000 to assist us in providing extra services and wraparound supports such as group therapy (both adults and children), classes in Good Tenancy, Financial Stability, Cooking and Meal Planning, creative writing, and fun activities such as roller skating, crafts, bowling, etc. We work hard to help our families realize that while life can be rough, there is great joy to be experienced!

You are invited to come join those of us that would like to do a walk to support Family Promise, to walk/run, only what we would enjoy, whether 1k or 5k, or somewhere in between - just not at the event site. Our goal is mostly to meet up & get to know people at our church. Contact Joan Arnold at jarnold53@msn.com or 719 339 0803 to make arrangements.

- **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/fccos> into your search bar.

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



Pastoral & Music Staff

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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



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<https://www.discipleshomeemissions.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.