**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

**(Disciples of Christ)**

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**September 18, 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 *Ricercare* Girolamo Frescobaldi

Dr. Zahari Metchkov

WELCOME Rev. Marsha Bishop

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Norman Heimer

ONE: The Lord Jesus wants us to learn His ways.

**ALL: From our childhood we have studied the ways of the Son of God.**

ONE: Many of us find following those ways every day difficult.

**ALL: And so we come this morning seeking guidance and encouragement.**

\*OPENING HYMN  ***Holy, Holy, Holy!*** ***Lord God Almighty*** Chalice Hymnal No. 4

(vs. 1, 3, 4)

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee,

Though the sinful human eye thy glory may not see;

Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,

Perfect in pow’r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!

All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea;

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!

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\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING Norman Heimer

SCRIPTURE Susan Rae Jensen

 **John 14:8-17**  NRSV Updated Edition

 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 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.

 “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

ANTHEM *If Ye Love Me*  Thomas Tallis

If you love me, keep my commandments,

And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter,

That He may abide with you forever,

Even the Spirit of truth.

SERMON *Jesus Presenters* Pastor Phillip Hayes

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER Pastor Phillip Hayes

 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  ***A Hymn of Joy We Sing*** Chalice Hymnal No. 404

A hymn of joy we sing around your table, Lord;

Again our grateful tribute bring, our solemn vows record.

Here do we see your face, and feel your presence here;

So may the savor of your grace in word and life appear.

In self-forgetting love be our communion shown,

Until we join the church above, and know as we are known.

SERVICE OF COMMUNION Pastor Phillip Hayes Elder Prayers Susan Rae Jensen and Karlene Baxster, Elders

Meditation Music    *Voiles* Claude Debussy

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

CALL TO OFFERING Norman Heimer

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, Rev. Marsha Bishop

 and PASSING OF THE PEACE

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  ***God Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*** Chalice Hymnal No. 439

God dismiss us with your blessing;

Fill our hearts with joy and peace.

Let us each, your love possessing,

triumph in redeeming grace.

O refresh us, O refresh us,

traveling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration

for your gospel’s joyful sound.

May the fruits of your salvation

in our hearts and lives abound;

ever faithful, ever faithful

to the truth may we be found.

BENEDICTION Pastor Phillip Hayes

POSTLUDE *Toccata in e minor* Johannes Pachelbel

\*Please stand if you are able.

***Announcements***

**This afternoon** at **2:30 p.m.** at First United Methodist Church, 420 N. Nevada Ave., Zahari Metchkov and Carol Wilson will be performing concertos with the Chamber Orchestra of the Springs’ **Organ Spectacular Concert**, directed by Thomas Wilson. Tickets available at the door.

**Save the Dates for these wonderful upcoming events!**

* **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 ztmetchkov@yahoo.com, with any questions.
* **October 9 at 3:00 p.m. FCC concert series** presents **Art Songs with Armando Contreras**, baritone and **Zahari Metchkov**, piano. The performance will include a performance of the complete *Dichterliebe* by Robert Schumann and more.

**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 October 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*.



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 **Jimmy Osborne,** who has been released from rehab and is now staying with his son James and wife Irena; and **Lynn Smith** whose husband’s memorial is to be held on September 22. Let's show support 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 **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) will be on beak until further notice

***Discipleship & Christian Formation***

The **in-person Chapel Class** will be **taking a brea**k and will resume in October. The **online group Chapel Class resumes TODAY**. If you have any questions, contact Don Sarton, dsarton63@gmail.com or Cathy Liss, cathyliss1946@gmail.com.

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

***Mission & Outreach***

**The Place (formerly Urban Peak):** The real-life challenges of youth experiencing homelessness can be overcome. That’s where **The Place** comes in – they offer 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:* Our shelter is a warm, safe option to a night on the streets. Open every day of the year, our 20-bed facility is the only licensed youth shelter in Colorado Springs. There we 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.

**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.

**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.

**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 Children’s Clothing Sheets

Baby Diapers New Toys Blankets

Baby and Adult Wipes Towels Comforters

New Underwear Hygiene Items Paper Products

New Socks Period Products School Supplies

Jeans-all sizes Coats-all sizes

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

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***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.

* **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, go to the bottom of the page, find the yellow donate button, enter amount and specify fund, if any.

**Pastoral & Music Staff**

Rev. 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

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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.