

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(Disciples of Christ)



September 25, 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

Ave Maria
Dr. Zahari Metchkov

Max Reger

WELCOME

Rev. Marsha Bishop

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Heather Alvarado

One: Holy God, in this precious hour, we pause,

Many: And gather to hear your word.

One: To do so, we break from our work responsibilities,

Many: And from our play fantasies.

One: We move from our fears that overwhelm,

Many: And our ambitions that are too strong.

One: Free us in these moments from every distraction,

Many: That we may focus to listen, that we may hear, that we may change. Amen

*OPENING HYMN

Open My Eyes, That I May See

Chalice Hymnal No. 586

Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, they will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear;
and while the wave-notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, they will to see.
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere;
open my heart and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, they will to see.
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Heather Alvarado

SCRIPTURE

Nancy Lingbloom
NRSV Updated Edition

Luke 16:19-31

There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames." But Abraham said, "Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us." He said, "Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house - for I have five brothers - that he may

warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.” Abraham replied, “They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.” He said, “No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.” He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

ANTHEM

No Man Is an Island

arr. Roy Ringwald

No man is an island, no man stands alone;
Each man's joy is joy to me, each man's grief is my own.
We need one another, so I will defend
Each man as my brother, Each man as my friend.
I saw the people gather, I heard the music start;
The song that they were singing is ringing in my heart.
No man is an island, no man stands alone;
Each man's joy is joy to me, each man's grief is my own.
We need one another, so I will defend
Each man as my brother, each man as my friend.
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SERMON

If It's Repeated It Must Be Important

Rev. Crystal Karr

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Crystal Karr

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

Come Share the Lord

Chalice Hymnal No. 408

We gather here in Jesus' name,
His love is burning in our hearts like living flame;
For through the loving Son the Father makes us one;
Come, take the bread, come, drink the wine, come, share the Lord.
No one is a stranger here, everyone belongs;
finding our forgiveness here, we in turn forgive all wrongs.

He joins us here, he breaks the bread,
The Lord who pours the cup is risen from the dead;
The one we love the most is now our gracious host;
Come, take the bread, come, drink the wine, come, share the Lord.
We are now a family of which the Lord is head;
though unseen he meets us here in the breaking of the bread.

We'll gather soon where angels sing;
We'll see the glory of our Lord and coming King;
Now we anticipate the feast for which we wait;
Come, take the bread, come, drink the wine, come, share the Lord.

SERVICE OF COMMUNION

Prayers

Meditation Music

Passacaglia

Rev. Marsha Bishop
Nancy and Jack Lingbloom, Elders

Andre Raison

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

CALL TO OFFERING

Heather Alvarado

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

Spirit

Chalice Hymnal No. 249

Refrain

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free,
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep,
and over the eons you called to each thing,
“Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings.”

Refrain

BENEDICTION

Rev. Crystal Karr

POSTLUDE

Regina coeli laetare

Orlando di Lasso/Franz Liszt

*Please stand if you are able.

Our guest speaker, Crystal Karr, loves to find the joy in the messy and muddy areas of life. She is dedicated to improving this crazy world we share for the betterment of all. She has a BA in Psychology from Ottawa University and a M. Div. from Saint Paul School of Theology in Kansas City, MO. Much of Crystal’s career has been rooted in the issues of domestic violence and child abuse. Crystal preaches on the side and is approved for ordination in the United Church of Christ. Crystal, aka Yeti, is a proud member of the Pikes Peak Roller Derby league. She is obsessed with skating, tattoos, and Colorado Hot Springs.

Call to Worship: Written by Walter Brueggemann

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Announcements

Save the Dates for these wonderful upcoming events!

- **Today 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. For any questions, contact Zahari Metchkov, Series Director zmetchkov@yahoo.com.
- **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. Free will offering.



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.**

Our **Interim Minister, Rev. Caryn Yoast**, will be arriving in three weeks to join us in worship and share her first sermon on October 16th. I hope we will all be in church that Sunday to hear and meet her. You will find that she is a very warm and charming person. And she will find a very busy church. After worship we will be preparing for our week of hosting Family Promise and IHN. We will be setting up cots and bedding to transform Sunday School classrooms into bedrooms for the families. This means we will need some healthy and reasonably strong people to help. No worries about stairs. Thankfully we have the elevator for those heavier loads. This promises to be an exciting and fun Sunday. We will have an official welcome party for Rev. Yoast in the near future.

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 **Carol Wilson's** husband **Wes**, who has been in the hospital; **Mary Morgan**, who is celebrating the birth of her newest great granddaughter; and **Betty Baker**, whose daughter Pamela Wyatt has been diagnosed with brain cancer as well as several other forms of cancer. 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 **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 beak until further notice

Discipleship & Christian Formation

The Chapel Class offers two options: the **in-person Chapel Class**, held on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. will be **taking a break** and will resume in October; the **ongoing Zoom class** has resumed on Sunday evenings with Don Sarton at 6:30 p.m. They are currently studying Paul's letters from the Book of Romans. 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.

Rebekah's Women's Bible Study: Please make note in your calendar that we will now meet on the **FIRST WEDNESDAY** of each month. Our next gathering will be in two weeks on Wednesday October 5 at 1:00 p.m. in the Mayall room. Please contact Nancy Lingbloom at 719-282-0384 with any questions.

Mission & Outreach

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.



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.

Urgent In-Kind Needs: In-kind donations are tangible needs of the youth served in our Outreach, Shelter and Housing programs. At the moment, the items listed below are urgent needs.



If you are able to support in this way, please contact the development office at 719-338-9257 to set up an appointment for drop off. We do not accept donations at the shelter.

- Walmart Gift Cards
- Grocery Store Gift Cards (King Soopers, Safeway, etc.) - \$50-\$60 gift cards help youth get staple items when they get moved in
- Shampoo, Conditioner and Body Wash (Travel Size & Regular Size)
- Deodorant
- Men's and Women's Underwear (New only and medium & large sizes)
- Individual wrapped snacks without peanuts
- Chocolate bars
- Cleaning supplies- Mops, Mop Buckets, Brooms, Kitchen Size Trash Bags, Clorox Wipes, All Purpose Cleaner (Wipes and Spray), Disinfectant Spray, Dish Soap, Hand Soap
- Paper Towels and Toilet Paper
- Water bottles (Reusable, and Cases of Water)
- Backpacks for young adults
- Wallets

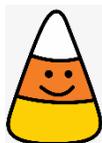
Thank you for your support of The PLACE!

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!**



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| 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.



October Collection for Mark Twain Elementary: October is almost here and so Halloween is not far off. We will once again **collect Halloween Candy** for the Mark Twain Elementary, Trunk or Treat again. They need to have it a bit early this year. so we will **need candy by October 13th**. Any candy received after this date will be given to other missions that we partner with.

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 three 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 Family Promise 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.

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.



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

Holly Vigil, Sunday Morning Host/Custodian ~ hospitality@firstchristiancos.org

Ray Killian, Building Security Assistant ~ security@firstchristiancos.org

Carol Wilson, Gardener, Organist emeritus ~ gardener@firstchristiancos.org

- **SEND A CHECK** (please specify fund, if any).
 - 16 E. Platte Ave, Colorado Springs 80903

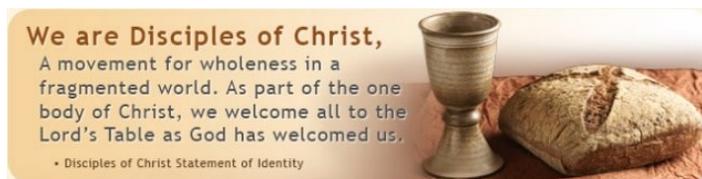


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 - Download “Church by Ministry One” App
 - Then search First Christian Church of Colorado Springs
 - Or enter

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- **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.

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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.