

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(Disciples of Christ)



September 4, 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

In a Landscape
Dr. Zahari Metchkov

John Cage

WELCOME

Rev. Joan Bell-Haynes

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Marsha Bishop

ONE: We are hungry, Gracious God! We come to worship today with different types of hunger for you.

ALL: Some of us sit down at the table eagerly, because we are hungry.

ONE: Some of us have come because we know we should eat, even though we don't feel like it.

ALL: Some of us are ravenous. And some of us have lost our appetite, and we don't even know why.

ONE: And yet You have drawn us to Your welcoming table, one and all, Your arms open to embrace us just as we are.

*OPENING HYMN

Wade in the Water

Chalice Hymnal No. 371

Refrain:

Wade in the water, (children,)
wade in the water, children,
children, wade in the water,
God's a-going to trouble the water.

See that host all dressed in white,
God's a-going to trouble the water;
the leader looks like the Israelite,
God's a-going to trouble the water.

Refrain

See that band all dressed in red,
God's a-going to trouble the water;
looks like the band that Moses led,
God's a-going to trouble the water.

Refrain

Look over yonder, what do I see?
God's a gonna trouble the water;
Holy Ghost a-coming on me,
God's a-going to trouble the water.

Refrain

If you don't believe I've been redeemed,
God's a-going to trouble the water;
just follow me down to Jordan's stream,
God's a-going to trouble the water.

Refrain

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Rev. Marsha Bishop

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Rev. Jonathan Hall
Rev. Floyd Davis

SCRIPTURE

John 8:1-11

NRSV Updated Edition

While Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. Early in the morning he came again to the temple. All the people came to him and he sat down and began to teach them. The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery; and making her stand before all of them, they said to him, 'Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. Now in the law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?' They said this to test him, so that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, 'Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.' And once again he bent down and wrote on the ground. When they heard it, they went away, one by one, beginning with the elders; and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. Jesus straightened up and said to her, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' She said, 'No one, sir.' And Jesus said, 'Neither do I condemn you. Go your way, and from now on do not sin again.'

SPECIAL MUSIC

Lord, God of Abraham from *Elijah*
Rick Bachmann, Bass

Felix Mendelssohn

Elijah is an oratorio by Felix Mendelssohn depicting events in the life of the Prophet, Elijah as told in books of Kings in the Old Testament. In this part of the oratorio, (1 Kings 18:36-37) Elijah has challenged the priests of Baal, in the presence of King Ahab and the people of Israel, to see whose god is the real God. In very dramatic choruses "Baal, we cry to thee: hear and answer us", and "Call him louder, he heareth not", the priests call upon their god, Baal, but received no fire in answer. After their failure, Elijah is now calling upon God to show Israel that He is the true God. (This aria is followed by another dramatic chorus "The fire descends from heaven", as God replies to Elijah's prayer by sending fire that consumes the offering, the altar and even the dust of the earth around it.)

SERMON

A Call To Be Stone Catchers

Rev. Joan Bell-Haynes

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. 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

I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table

Chalice Hymnal No. 424

I'm gonna eat at the welcome table,
I'm going to eat at the welcome table, Allelu.
I'm gonna eat at the welcome table,
I'm gonna eat at the welcome table, Allelu.

I'm gonna eat and drink with my Jesus,
I'm gonna eat and drink with my Jesus, Allelu.
I'm gonna eat and drink with my Jesus,
I'm gonna eat and drink with my Jesus, Allelu.

I'm gonna join with sisters, brothers,
I'm gonna join with sisters, brothers, Allelu.
I'm gonna join with sisters, brothers,
I'm gonna join with sisters, brothers, Allelu.

Here all the world will find a welcome,
Here all the world will find a welcome, Allelu.
Here all the world will find a welcome,
Here all the world will find a welcome, Allelu.

We're gonna feast on milk and honey,
We're gonna feast on milk and honey, Allelu.
We're gonna feast on milk and honey,
We're gonna feast on milk and honey, Allelu.

SERVICE OF COMMUNION

Elder Prayers
Meditation Music

I Hope You Dance
Ray Killian, baritone

Rev. Jonathan Hall
Betsy Straka and Steven Gray, Elders
Mark D. Sanders and Tia Sillers

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.

Rev. Marsha Bishop

OUR LIFE TOGETHER, INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND OFFERING,
and PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. 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 Rev. Marsha Bishop will respond.

*HYMN

To God Be the Glory

Chalice Hymnal No. 72
(vs. 1, 3)

To God be the glory, great things he hath done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life gate that all may go in.

Refrain

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
Oh, come to the Father, thru Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he hath done.

Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer, and higher, and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

Refrain

Rev. Dr. Jonathan B. Hall

CONGREGATION

1. I will separate myself from participation in the life of the congregation from which I am resigning during the interim period and for at least one year after the arrival of the new pastor.
2. I will be a true and loyal friend to my former congregation and to its minister by not making pastoral calls, hospital calls, or counseling with members, not presiding at weddings or funerals of former parishioners, and by declining all offices, positions and responsibilities in this, my former congregation, except at the invitation of the current minister.
3. I will confer only with the Regional Minister or the current minister of this congregation about any problems I perceive in the congregation, and not discuss them with members of the congregation or others.
4. I will communicate with the Regional Minister should confusion, conflict or other differences arise between myself and this congregation.
5. If at the end of one year after the arrival of the new pastor I wish to participate in this congregation, I will communicate such interests to the Regional Minister who will facilitate discussion of this possibility with the congregation and its pastor. If such participation is deemed appropriate, a "Covenant for a New Ministry When the Previous Minister is Remaining in the Community" will be established.
6. I reaffirm my vows as an ordained/licensed minister. Relying on the grace of God I also reaffirm my commitment to the "Ministerial Code of Ethics" of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

1. We accept that our former minister will separate him/herself from participation in the life of this congregation during the interim/transitional period and for at least one year after the arrival of the new pastor.
2. We will be true and loyal friends to our former minister by not asking him/her to make pastoral calls, hospital calls or to counsel with members. We will not ask him/her to preside at weddings or funerals of parishioners nor will we offer positions, offices and responsibilities in this congregation, except at the invitation of the current minister.
3. We will confer only with the Regional Minister or the current minister of this congregation about any problems we perceive in the congregation, and not discuss them with the former minister(s).
4. We will communicate with the Regional Minister should confusion, conflict or other differences arise between the former minister and this congregation.
5. If one year after the arrival of the new minister we wish our former minister to participate in this congregation, we will communicate such interests to the Regional Minister who will facilitate discussion of this possibility with the congregation and its new minister. If such participation is deemed appropriate, a "Covenant for a New Ministry When the Previous Minister is Remaining in the Community"* will be established.
6. Relying on the grace of God, we reaffirm our commitment to the "Congregational Code of Ethics" of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

FAREWELL LITURGY

Rev. Joan Bell-Haynes

INTRODUCTION

Rev. Bell-Haynes:

Our church family is constantly changing. Babies are born. Children grow up. People commit themselves to one another. Loved ones and friends come to the end of their lives. People move into Colorado Springs and the church. Others move away to new places and new opportunities. It is right and important that we recognize these times of passage, of endings and beginnings. Today we share the time of farewell with Jonathan Hall, who is leaving.

ENDING A MINISTRY

Rev. Bell-Haynes:

On November 13, 2017 this congregation called the Rev. Dr. Jonathan Hall to serve as pastor.

Jonathan: I thank First Christian Church, its members and friends for the love, kindness and support shown me the last five years. I am grateful for the ways my leadership has been accepted and for the good things we have accomplished together. I ask forgiveness for any mistakes I have made. As I leave, I carry with me all that I have learned here.

All: We receive your gratitude, offer forgiveness, and accept the fact that you now leave to minister elsewhere. We too ask forgiveness for any mistakes we have made. Your influence on our faith and faithfulness will not leave us at your departure.

Jonathan: I accept your gratitude, and forgive you, trusting that our time together and our parting are pleasing to God.

VOWS OF RELEASE

Rev. Bell-Haynes:

Do you, the member and friends of First Christian Church, release Pastor Jonathan from the duties of pastor?

All: We do, with the help of God.

Rev. Bell-Haynes:

Do you offer your encouragement for Pastor Jonathan's ministry soon to begin as Sr. Pastor at North Hollywood First Christian Church?

All: We do, with the help of God.

Rev. Bell-Haynes:

Do you, Jonathan Hall, release this congregation from turning to you and depending on you as pastor?

Jonathan: I do, with the help of God.

Rev. Bell-Haynes:

Do you offer your encouragement for the continued ministry here and for the relationship this congregation will develop another who will come to serve after you?

Jonathan: I do, with the help of God.

CLOSING PRAYER

Rev. Marsha Bishop:

Let us pray. O God, for remembered times when we, together, have shared the life of faith, we express our sincere gratitude. We thank you for the moments we have shared with Jonathan in worship, in learning, in service, and in Christian living. We pray that he will be aware of your Spirit's guidance as he moves to a new place. We ask these things in the sacred name of Jesus, the Christ.

All: God, whose everlasting love is trustworthy, help each of us to trust the future which rests in your care. The time we were together in your name saw our laughter and tears, our hopes and disappointments. Guide us as we hold these cherished memories but move in different directions, until that time to come when we are completely one with you and with each other. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray.

Rev. Marsha Bishop:

As a keepsake to remember us, we invite you to accept this candle, which we light and carry the light with you and light it again in your next place of ministry. Remember that God's light always burns within you. Go now, surrounded by our love and led by the promises of God, the presence of Jesus Christ, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

BENEDICTION

Rev. Joan Bell-Haynes

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Go Now In Peace

Chalice Hymnal No. 437
(2x)

Go now in peace,
go now in peace,
may the love of God
surround you everywhere,
everywhere you may go.

POSTLUDE

Basse et Dessus de Trompette

Louis-Nicolas Clérambault

*Please stand if you are able.



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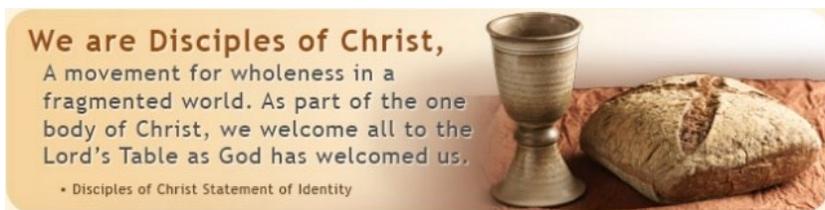
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In a world that prefers black and white thinking and clear divisions, First Christian Church seeks to be a blessing to our community by empowering us all to find beauty, add color, and create connections. We invite all to experience the unfolding story of God's grace and love