

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Lord's Day Celebration of Word and Table

Third Sunday of Easter
ThreeHouse Sunday

April 14, 2024



Last Sunday, we heard John's version of the Risen Christ's appearing to the disciples, so this week, we hear Luke's telling. Many parts are similar as the Risen Christ offers peace, and hands to be touched. Yet Luke's version is more centered in the tradition of early Christian worship as Jesus explains Scripture and eats among the disciples. In First John today, we hear the great declaration that we are God's children. This is not something we want to be but is who we are!



The Community Gathers Before God

Gathering Music Mary Jo Woody

Welcome & Announcements Jim Taylor

Call to Worship (*responsive*) Jim Taylor

L: The Risen Christ stands among us,

P: "Peace be with you."

L: The Risen Christ speaks in our midst,

P: Opening our minds to understand the Scriptures.

L: The Risen Christ offers us food,

P: In a glorious feast of life.

L: The Risen Christ is among us,

P: And to this we are witnesses. Alleluia!

(based on Luke 24:36-48)

Gathering Hymn # 226 – "He Lives!"

Easter Greeting (*responsive*) Pastor Bob Fread

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

P: Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Gathering Prayer



The Community Hears and Responds to God's Word

First Reading – I John 3:1-4 (page 990) Skyler Ramsey

Anthem

Gospel Reading – Luke 24:36-48 (page 861) Francis Dugbartey

Children's Sermon Rev. Dave Glenn-Burns

Presentation on ThreeHouse Rev. Dave Glenn-Burns & ThreeHouse Students

The Prayers

Call to Prayer (*sung*)

He is Lord, he is Lord! He is risen from the grave and he is Lord!

Every knee will bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

Words: Philippians 2:9-11 Music: HE IS LORD Traditional

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Our Prayer Concerns Linda Morgan

Silent Prayer

Prayers of the Community Pastor Bob



The Community Shares a Meal at Christ's Table

Hymn # 231 – "Sing of One Who Walks Beside Us" (vv. 1, 3)

Celebration of Holy Communion

Words of Institution Rev. Dave Glenn-Burns

Table Prayer over the Bread & Cup Linda Morgan

The Lord's Prayer (using "debts") Linda Morgan

Breaking of the Bread Pastor Bob

Sharing of Holy Communion

All are welcome to come forward to share Holy Communion.

Please place used cups in the basket before returning to your seat.

If unable to come forward, please raise your hand so Communion can be brought to you.

Communion Music Mary Jo Woody

Song of Thanksgiving *(sung)*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Music: LASST UNS ERFRUEN

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication *(in unison)*

Linda Morgan

Your children, YES! That is who we are, O God. In gratitude we respond to your teaching us through the Scriptures, sharing a meal with us and revealing your gift of life. As your beloved children, make us witnesses to everyone of your magnificent life and love. Amen.

The Community is Sent to Love and Serve

Blessing and Sending

Pastor Bob

Sending Hymn # 227 – “In the Garden” (vv. 1,3)

Departing Music

Mary Jo Woody



Welcome to worship at First Christian Church. If you are a visitor or guest, we especially welcome you and are glad you are here.

To assist everyone in their worship this morning, please be aware that large print bulletins and hymnals are available on the table by the entry doors. If you need hearing assistance, please see the sound booth attendant for a hearing device. Restrooms are located in the upstairs hallway by the elevator. Offering plates are not passed during the service, but those who wish to leave an offering may do so in an offering plate as you come forward to Communion. Please know that all are welcome to share Holy Communion, for Christ invites you and turns no one away. ***We want you to know God loves you and so do we!***



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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.”*