

Lord’s Day Celebration of Word and Table

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time January 21, 2024



All the baptized have a calling in God’s world. God calls not just pastors but also the youngest child, like Samuel. Last Sunday we heard God’s voice both at creation and Jesus’ baptism, but this Sunday God’s voice is heard in a call to service. In answering God’s call Samuel will grow to be priest and prophet.

This Sunday we also remember the modern-day prophet, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and his struggle for racial equality. Some of the music in today’s service are African-American spirituals, a genre of Christian music rooted in the deep Christian faith and hope for liberation and freedom by nineteenth century enslaved Africans in the United States.



The Community Gathers Before God

Gathering Music Linda Morgan

Welcome & Announcements Gery Deaver

Call to Worship (responsive) Gery Deaver

L: In the stillness of the night, God speaks and Samuel answers:
P: “Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.”
L: In the stillness of this sanctuary, God speaks and we answer:
P: “Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.”

(based on 1 Samuel 3:9)

Gathering Hymn # 350 – “I’ve Got Peace Like A River”

Gathering Prayer Pastor Bob Fread



The Community Hears and Responds to God’s Word

Scripture Reading – 1 Samuel 3:1-10 (page 215) Pastor Bob
assisted by Tim Jones and John Dib

Anthem “Stayed on Jesus” (African-American spiritual) Chancel Choir

Children’s Sermon

Sermon Pastor Bob

The Prayers

Call to Prayer (sung)
Someone’s praying, Lord, kum ba yah!
Someone’s praying, Lord, kum ba yah!
Someone’s praying, Lord, kum ba yah! O Lord, kum ba yah!
Words: African-American Spiritual Music: DESMOND African melody

Our Prayer Concerns Tim Jones

Silent Prayer

Prayers of the Community Pastor Bob



The Community Shares a Meal at Christ’s Table

Hymn # 425 – “Let Us Break Bread Together”

Celebration of Holy Communion
Words of Institution Pastor Bob
Table Prayer over the Bread & Cup Gary Chambers
The Lord’s Prayer (using “debts”) Gary Chambers
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 Linda Morgan

Song of Thanksgiving (sung)
Praise to the Lord! O let all of earth’s peoples and races,
all that hath life and breath, give thanks for manifold graces.
Let the Amen sound from God’s people again.
Gladly forever sing praises.
Words: Joachim Neander Music: LOBE DEN HERREN, Erneuerten Gesangbuch

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication *(in unison)*

Gary Chambers

God, your servants have heard your voice and responded in gratitude with these gifts and our lives. Take and use them that we may glorify you with all we are; through Christ the Lord. Amen.

The Community is Sent to Love and Serve

Blessing and Sending

Pastor Bob

Sending Hymn # 452 – *“Here I Am, Lord”*

Departing Music

Linda Morgan

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 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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we welcome all to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us."*