

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Welcome and thank you for joining us in worship.

**Please stand if able*

THEME: *The "Blessed" Community*

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS BEFORE GOD

GATHERING MUSIC "Fill the World With Love" Chancel Choir

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Matt Lavenz

SHARING OF PRAYER CONCERNS Matt Lavenz

*CALL TO WORSHIP Matt Lavenz

L/ Blessed are you . . . Blessed are you . . . Blessed are you.

P/ Blessed are those who mourn, blessed are those who seek righteousness, blessed are the merciful, blessed are the peacemakers.

L/ We gather seeking to be Jesus' "blessed" community.

**P/ Jesus come and teach us. Jesus come and feed us.
Form us into your "blessed" community of your church.**

(based on Matthew 5:1-10)

*GATHERING HYMN "Creator God, Creating Still" № 62

GREETING Pastor Bob

GATHERING PRAYER

THE COMMUNITY HEARS AND RESPONDS TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING (Page 926) 1 Corinthians 1:18, 23-31

ANTHEM "You Are My Hiding Place" Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE READING (Page 785) Matthew 5:1-12

ANTHEM Greenhouse Kids

*"I Will Make You Fishers of Men"
"This Is the Day"*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON Pastor Bob

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

THE COMMUNITY SHARES IN CHRIST'S LIFE

*HYMN "In Remembrance of Me"

№ 403

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION Pastor Bob

TABLE PRAYER OVER THE BREAD AND CUP Kathy Redding

THE LORD'S PRAYER (using "debts/debtors") Kathy Redding

BREAKING OF THE BREAD Pastor Bob

SHARING OF HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome to come forward to receive the communion elements.
Please deposit the cups in the basket before returning to your seat.

If you are unable to come forward, raise your hand and
the elements will be brought to you.

An offering tray is available for your convenience.

COMMUNION MUSIC "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart" Chancel Choir

*SONG OF THANKSGIVING "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Glory to God and praise and love

be ever, ever given

**By saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heaven.**

(Chalice Hymnal #5, vs. 4)

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION (in unison) Kathy Redding

**O God, as those called to be "blessed", we know the way to
this blessedness is in self-giving. As Christ gave of self on a
cross, we now give of ourselves through these gifts and our
lives to your service. This we give in Christ's name. Amen.**

THE COMMUNITY DEPARTS FOR MINISTRY AND SERVICE

BENEDICTION Pastor Bob

*HYMN "Blest Be the Tie that Binds"

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love:
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

**Before our God we come and pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
our comforts and our cares.**

**We share each other's woes, each other's burdens bear,
and often for each other flows a sympathizing tear.**

Words: John Fawcett Tune: DENNIS SM Johann Nageli

*DEPARTING MUSIC

Linda Morgan

THE WORD THIS WEEK

Scriptures to read and reflect upon this week:

Today (29) – Psalm 15	Thurs. (2) - 1 Corinthians 2:14-16
Mon. (30) – Deut. 30:15-20	Fri. (3) – 1 Corinthians 3:1-9
Tues. (31) – 2 Corinthians 2:1-5	Sat. (4) – 1 Corinthians 3:10-15
Wed. (1) – 2 Corinthians 2:6-13	Sun. (5) – 1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Scriptures for Next Sunday - Deuteronomy 30:15-20 &
1 Corinthians 3:1-9

PRAYER LIST UPDATES

Liz Bartholomew will have eye surgery on Monday, January 30
Brandon Johnson & Emily Kadlec's mother, Lisa McKinstry passed
away on Wednesday, January 25

UPPER MIDWEST REGIONAL PRAYER CALENDAR

Christian Church in North Carolina
Delta Christian Church, Delta, IA
Luther Christian Church, Pastor Gary Cummings, Maxwell, IA
Pastors: John Bolen, Connie Wacht, Darla Ewalt, Micheal Carlson

(To have someone added to the Prayer List, please call the church office by Thursday at 10 AM, talk to the Lay Leader prior to worship or use the Communication Card. The complete Weekly Prayer List is emailed on Mondays to the Prayer Chain. To receive the Prayer Chain email, please notify the office or note it on the communication card.)

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

Large print bulletins and hymnals located by sanctuary doors
Hearing assistance equipment in sanctuary sound room
Church School on upper level for children
Restrooms located in upstairs hallway by the elevator

FIND US ONLINE

www.CedarFallsDisciples.org
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*"We are Disciples of Christ,
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."*



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January 29, 2023
Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

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Volunteers are needed for Greeters and Communion Prep. Please sign up in the narthex or contact the office.

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Meal: Baked Potato Bar

Greenhouse: Peter in Prison

Youth: Prep for Souper Bowl of Caring

FIRST CHRISTIAN STAFF

MINISTERS: EVERY MEMBER

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№ 62 “Creator God, Creating Still”

1. Creator God, creating still, by will and word and deed,
create a new humanity to meet the present need.
2. Redeemer God, redeeming still, with overflowing grace,
pour out your love on us, through us, make this a holy place.
3. Sustainer God, sustaining still, with strength for every day,
empower us now to do your will. Correct us when we stray.
4. Great Trinity, for this new day we need your presence still.
Create, redeem, sustain us now to do your work and will.

№ 403 “In Remembrance of Me”

1. In remembrance of me, eat this bread.
In remembrance of me, drink this wine.
In remembrance of me, pray for the time
when God’s own will is done.
2. In remembrance of me, heal the sick.
In remembrance of me, feed the poor.
In remembrance of me, open the door and
let your neighbor in, let them in.

Take, eat, and be comforted; drink and remember too.
That this is my body and precious blood
shed for you, shed for you.
In remembrance of me, search for truth.
In remembrance of me, always love.
In remembrance of me, don’t look above,
but in your heart look for God.