

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Lord's Day Celebration of Word and Table

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 27, 2024



Like Bartimaeus, we are all blind to the truth, unable to see Jesus as messiah unless our eyes are opened. But Jesus of Nazareth, Son of David, the teacher, has mercy on us and makes us into followers who can see in him the truth of God, and we follow him to his cross and resurrection.



The Community Gathers Before God

As the Gathering Music begins, please create a quiet and respectful atmosphere so that everyone may prepare for worship. Also, please silence any phones or electronic devices.

Gathering Music

“Ashgrove”

Bell Solo Tami Kofron

Piano Jill Hulse

Welcome & Announcements

Kathy Redding

Call to Worship

Kathy Redding

L: Sing aloud with gladness and raise your hearts!

P: **We proclaim, give praise and shout “Lord, save your people!”**

L: We gather from the farthest parts of the earth,

P: **With the blind and lame, the children and those giving birth, we lift up**

God’s praise!

(based on Jeremiah 31:7,8)

Gathering Hymn # 65 – “A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

Gathering Prayer

Pastor Bob



The Community Hears and Responds to God’s Word

First Reading – Jeremiah 31:7-9 (page 641)

Kathy Redding

Anthem

“Grazioso”

Bell Solo Tami Kofron

Piano Jill Hulse

Gospel Reading – Mark 10:46-52 (page 823)

Pastor Bob

Children’s Sermon

Sermon

Pastor Bob

The Prayers

Call to Prayer # 305 (sung)

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your spirit in this place;

Lord, listen to your children praying,

send us love, send us power, send us grace.

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Our Prayer Concerns

Gary Chambers

Silent Prayer

Prayers of the Community

Pastor Bob



The Community Shares a Meal at Christ’s Table

Hymn # 404 – “A Hymn of Joy We Sing” (v. 1,2)

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

Jill Hulse

Song of Thanksgiving (sung)

Glory to God and praise and love be ever, ever given

by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.

Words: Charles Wesley Music: Carl G. Glasner AZMON

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication (*in unison*)

Gary Chambers

Lord God, we have been open to your grace offered in this meal. Now open our eyes and hearts to your love beyond measure, that we may take that love to share with all the hurting, broken and forgotten around us. May they know through us, your saving and redeeming love; through Christ the Lord. Amen.

Community is Sent to Love and Serve

Blessing and Sending

Pastor Bob

Sending Hymn – “*O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*”

**O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer’s praise!
The glories of my God and Lord, the triumphs of Christ’s grace**

**Christ speaks and listening to that voice, new life the dead receive;
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.**

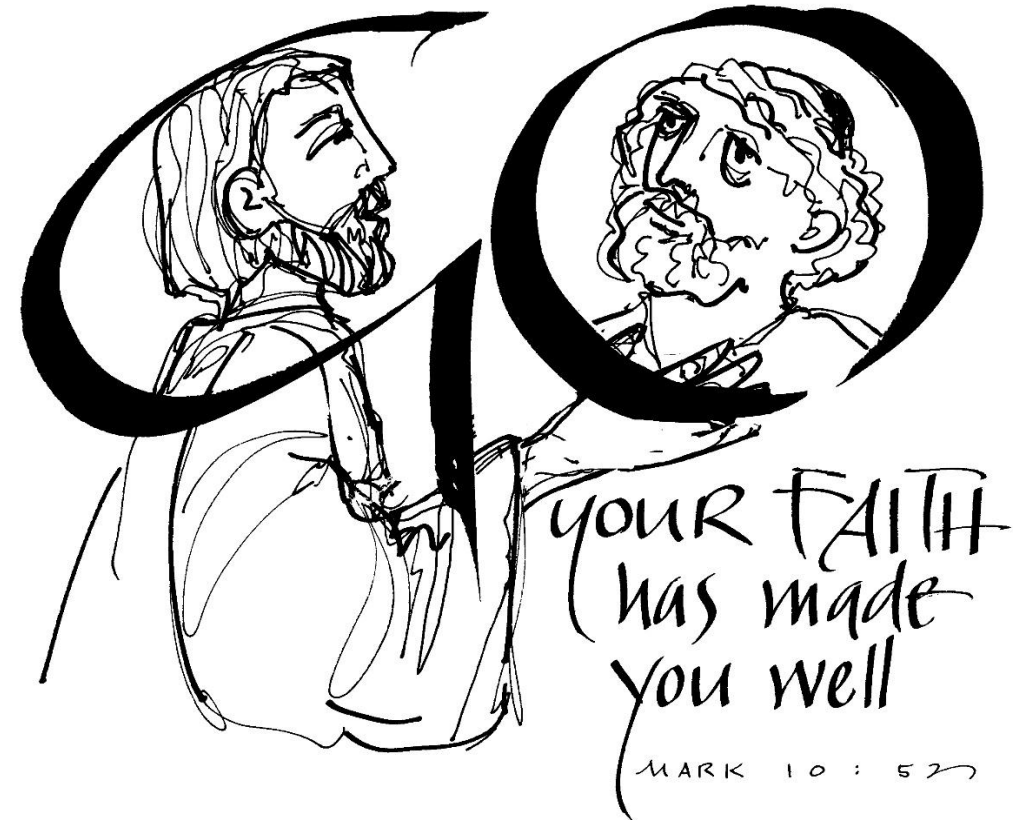
**Hear Christ, you deaf, give praise, you dumb, your loosened tongues employ;
You blind, behold your Savior come and leap, you lame, for joy.**

**Jesus the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;
‘tis music in the sinner ears, ‘tis life, and health, and peace.**

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Departing Music

Jill Hulse



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. The restrooms are 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.”*