



January 21, 2024

9:30 a.m.

**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)**



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# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Sunday, January 21, 2024

## Joys and Concerns

Shawn Quick, Elder

*In order to respect privacy, joys and concerns will be discussed before the public livestream. Please fill out a prayer request form and place in the offering tray during communion.*

## Welcome and Announcements

Diana Rich, Elder

*If you are joining Sunday worship via Facebook Live, let us know you are tuning in by leaving a comment on the live stream video or visit [fccbutler.org](http://fccbutler.org) and click the Register Attendance button.*

## WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

### Prelude

Mary Coffman, Accompanist

*Bringing the Light of Christ into the Sanctuary*

### \*Call to worship (please rise as able)

Diana Rich & Congregation

L: There is a name by which we all are saved:

**P: Let us sing praises to Jesus, our Savior.**

L: There is a name by which we all come to know God's love:

**P: Let us return our love and devotion to Jesus, our Redeemer.**

L: At the name of Jesus, let our knees bow and our tongues confess:

**P: Jesus, who was sent to us out of the Father's great love;**

**Jesus, whose power was demonstrated on the Cross;**

**Jesus Christ is Lord of all.**

### \*Opening Hymn

CH #33 (All)

"How Great Thou Art"

### \*Invocation

Diana Rich & Congregation

**Lord Jesus, are here today to learn more about you; to meet you at your Table where we break bread and share the cup of blessing; to share our joys and our needs with you and with one another. May these acts of worship be pleasing to you, small though they might be. May all the little things we do in faithfulness to you be blessed and increased, so that they might be signs of the Reign of God, which you proclaimed by your life, death, and resurrection. Amen**

### Prayer Hymn

CH #64 (All)

"We Sing Your Mighty Power"

**\* Please rise as able**

## Silent Meditation

### Pastoral Prayer - "The Lord's Prayer"

Shawn Quick

**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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

## Musical Interlude

Mary Coffman

### Responsive Reading

Diana Rich & Congregation

Psalm 126 (NRSV)

L: When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,  
we were like those who dream.

**P: Then our mouth was filled with laughter,  
and our tongue with shouts of joy;**

L: then it was said among the nations,  
"The LORD has done great things for them."

**P: The LORD has done great things for us,  
and we rejoiced.**

L: Restore our fortunes, O LORD,  
like the watercourses in the Negeb.

May those who sow in tears  
reap with shouts of joy.

**P: Those who go out weeping,  
bearing the seed for sowing,  
shall come home with shouts of joy,  
carrying their sheaves.**

## Special Music

Adult Choir

"There Is a Redeemer"

## Scripture

Lyssa Lile

*Mark 4:26-34*

## Message

Shawn Quick

"Lazy Gardening"

## Invitation to Discipleship

Shawn Quick

### \*Invitation Hymn

CH #339 (All)

"Just As I Am"

