



**April 7, 2024**

**9:30 a.m.**

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



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# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Sunday, April 7, 2024

## Joys and Concerns

Sharla Hulsey

*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

Don Malan, 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.*

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

### WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

## Prelude

Mary Coffman, Accompanist

*Bringing the Light of Christ into the Sanctuary*

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

Don Malan & Congregation

L: The Lord is risen!

**P: He is risen indeed!**

L: Grace and peace to you in fullest measure.

**P: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in great mercy gave us new birth into a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead!**

## \*Opening Hymn

CH #225 (All)

“I Know That My Redeemer Liveth”

## \*Invocation

Don Malan & Congregation

**Living God, we worship you today with joy in our hearts and thanksgiving on our lips. When the powers of evil had done their worst, crucifying your Son, and burying him in death, you raised him to life again: an act of power, giving hope to the world.**

**Lord Jesus, we rejoice that death could not keep you in its grip; that you were raised to life, alive for evermore. You greeted your friends, and now you stand among us in your risen power.**

**Spirit of God, you are always giving life to the people of God, giving birth to children of God. Remodel us in the image of Jesus; fill us with his love and enable us with his risen power, that we might be faithful to his way, and that you might use us in the redeeming of your world. Amen.**

## Prayer Hymn

CH #231 (All)

“Sing of One Who Walks Beside Us”

## Silent Meditation

## Pastoral Prayer - “The Lord’s Prayer”

Sharla Hulsey

**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

Don Malan & Congregation

Psalm 47:1, 5-7 (*United Methodist Hymnal*)

L: Clap your hands, all peoples!

**P: Shout to God with loud songs of joy!**

L: God has gone up with a shout,

**P: the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.**

L: Sing praises to God, sing praises!

**P: Sing praises to our Ruler, sing praises!**

L: For God is the Ruler of all the earth;

**P: sing praises with a psalm!**

## Special Music

“Your Still, Small Voice”

Adult Choir

## Scripture

*Acts 1:1-14*

Jennifer Schmehl

## Message

“... to the ends of the earth”

Sharla Hulsey

## Invitation to Discipleship

Sharla Hulsey

## \*Invitation Hymn

“My Jesus, I Love Thee”

CH #349 (All)

## Musical Interlude

Mary Coffman

## Offering Meditation

Diana Rich

## Tithes & Offerings

*Offering trays will be passed in the pews.*

Diaconate

\*Doxology CH #47  
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*Prayer of Dedication Don Malan

Call to Communion Sharla Hulsey

Communion Hymn CH #234 (1,2,4)  
“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

Words of Institution Sharla Hulsey

Communion Prayer Don Malan

Distribution of the Elements Diaconate  
*Everyone is welcome at Christ’s Table. Those who are comfortable doing so, please come forward down the center aisle to partake at the table. Deacons will serve those who remain seated.*

**WE DEPART TO SERVE**

\*Benediction Sharla Hulsey  
*Taking the Light of Christ into the World*

\*Closing Hymn CH #226 (refrain)  
“He Lives!”

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **OUTREACH MISSION**  
This April, we will be supporting the Community Food Pantry with donations of *personnel hygiene products*. Examples: Individual toothbrushes/toothpaste, deodorant, bar soap/bodywash, shampoo/conditioner, denture products, disposable razors. Bring donations to the church throughout the month. Thank you!
- **KETCH-UP CAMPAIGN**  
The Stewardship Committee started a “Ketch-up” campaign to help replenish the FCC reserve fund. The goal is \$20,000. Please note on your donation that it is for the “Ketch-Up” campaign.
- **No choir practice on April 10<sup>th</sup>, practice will resume on April 17 @ 7 p.m.**
- **ELDERS MEETING** - Sunday, April 14 after worship
- **COMMUNITY CAFÉ** - Tuesday, April 16 @ 5:30 p.m.

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**THIS WEEK’S EVENTS**

Sunday, Apr. 7:	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Life Group
Wednesday, Apr. 10:	6:00 p.m.	Youth Group
Friday, Apr. 12:	9 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Son Shine Ladies

**NEXT WEEK’S EVENTS**

Sunday, Apr. 14:	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Life Group <b>Elders Meeting</b>
Tuesday, Apr. 16:	5:30 p.m.	<b>Community Café</b>
Wednesday, Apr. 17:	6:00 p.m.	Youth Group
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
Friday, Apr. 19:	9 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Son Shine Ladies

\* Please rise as able

**SERVING TODAY**

**Pastor:** Sharla Hulsey

**Elder:** Don Malan

**Deacons:** Judy Daniel,  
Sally Bremer

**Greeter:** Judy Taylor

**Scripture Reader:** Jennifer Schmehl

**Choir Director:** Carol Ann Winburn

**Accompanist:** Mary Coffman