



May 5, 2024

9:30 a.m.

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



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# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Sunday, May 5, 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

Shawn Quick, 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 & Lynda Perkins

*Bringing the Light of Christ into the Sanctuary*

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

Shawn Quick & Congregation

L: Beloved, let us love one another,  
because love is from God;

**P: everyone who loves is born of God  
and knows God.**

L: God's love was revealed among us in this way:

**P: God sent his only Son into the world  
so that we might live through him.**

L: We love because he first loved us.

**P: Beloved, let us love one another.**

## \*Opening Hymn

CH #93 (All)

“Praise Him! Praise Him!”

## \*Invocation

Shawn Quick & Congregation

**God of love,  
take hold of us in this act of worship,  
and do not let us go until we have been blessed by a vision of love,  
infinitely generous, gentle and forgiving;  
simple, wholesome, mysterious, profound;  
in which all are accepted and no one rejected;  
love that never ends.**

**Living God, Love itself,  
live in our hearts now and forever. Amen.**

## Prayer Hymn

CH #102 (All)

“Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”

## 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

Shawn Quick & Congregation

Psalm 71:1-3, 5-6, 16 (*JPS Translation*)

L: I seek refuge in You, O LORD;  
may I never be disappointed.

**P: As You are beneficent, save me and rescue me;  
incline Your ear to me and deliver me.**

L: Be a sheltering rock for me to which I may always repair;  
decree my deliverance,  
for You are my rock and my fortress.

**P: You are my hope,  
O Lord God,  
my trust from my youth.**

L: While yet unborn, I depended on You;  
in the womb of my mother, You were my support;  
I sing Your praises always.

**P: I come with praise of Your mighty acts, O Lord God;  
I celebrate Your beneficence, yours alone.**

## Special Music

Adult Choir

“The Gift of Love”

## Scripture

Shawn Quick

*1 Corinthians 13:1-13*

## Message

Sharla Hulsey

“What’s Love Got to Do with It?”

## Invitation to Discipleship

Sharla Hulsey

## \*Invitation Hymn

CH #517 (1,2,4)

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Musical Interlude Mary Coffman

Offering Meditation Diana Rich

Tithes & Offerings Diaconate  
*Offering trays will be passed in the pews.*

\*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 Shawn Quick

Call to Communion Sharla Hulsey

Communion Hymn CH #402 (All)  
“According to Thy Gracious Word”

Words of Institution Sharla Hulsey

Communion Prayer Shawn Quick

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 #530 (verse 3 w/repeat)  
“I’ve Got Love Like an Ocean”

\* Please rise as able

**SERVING TODAY**

**Pastor:** Sharla Hulsey

**Greeter:** Bob Thomas

**Elder:** Shawn Quick

**Scripture Reader:** Shawn Quick

**Deacons:** Steve Hedrick,  
Bob Thomas

**Choir Director:** Carol Ann Winburn  
**Accompanist:** Mary Coffman

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

• **OUTREACH MISSION**

This May, we will be supporting the Community Food Pantry with donations of *lunch type food items*. Examples: canned tuna/chicken, peanut butter, jelly, ramen, canned soup, and canned pasta. 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.

• **FELLOWSHIP TACO BAR** - Today after worship

• **DISCIPLES WOMEN** - Tuesday, May 7 @ 6:30 p.m.

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**THIS WEEK’S EVENTS**

Sunday, May 5:	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:30 a.m.	<b>Fellowship Taco Bar</b>
Tuesday, May 7:	6:30 p.m.	<b>Disciples Women</b>
Wednesday, May 8:	6:00 p.m.	Youth Group
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
Friday, May 10:	9 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Son Shine Ladies

**NEXT WEEK’S EVENTS**

Sunday, May 12:	9:30 a.m.	Worship
<i>(Mother’s Day)</i>	10:30 a.m.	Life Group
Wednesday, May 15:	6:00 p.m.	Youth Group
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
Friday, May 17:	9 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Son Shine Ladies