



June 9, 2024 9:30 a.m.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)



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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Sunday, June 9, 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

Chuck Lewis, 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 and click the Register Attendance button.

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)

Chuck Lewis & Congregation

L: O Lord, open our lips;

P: and our mouths shall sing forth your praise.

L: Praise the LORD.

P: The LORD's Name be praised.

*Opening Hymn

CH #622 (All)

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

*Invocation

Chuck Lewis & Congregation

O God, we are seeking you in this time and place set aside for you.

Turn toward us and hear our prayers. Send your Holy Spirit to open our minds and hearts to hear and understand your Word, and to guide us as we put them into practice in our lives. Through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Prayer Hymn

CH #602 (1,3,4)

"O Master, Let Me Walk with 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

Chuck Lewis & Congregation

Isaiah 58:3, 5-9 (NRSV)

L: "Why do we fast, but you do not see?"

P: Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?"

L: Is such the fast that I choose,
a day to humble oneself?

**P: Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?**

L: Will you call this a fast,
a day acceptable to the LORD?

**P: Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?**

L: Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
and bring the homeless poor into your house;

**P: when you see the naked, to cover them,
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?**

L: Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;

**P: your vindicator shall go before you,
the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.**

L: Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;

P: you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

Special Music

Adult Choir

"I Worship You, Almighty God"

Phyllis McBrayer, soloist

Scripture

Matthew 6:16-18; Acts 13:1-3

Carol Lewis

Message

"Hangry"

Sharla Hulsey

Invitation to Discipleship

Sharla Hulsey

*Invitation Hymn

CH #628 (All)

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

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

Call to Communion

Sharla Hulsey

Communion Hymn

CH #676 (All)

“O God of Love, O Power of Peace”

Words of Institution

Sharla Hulsey

Communion Prayer

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 #344 (1,4)

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

* Please rise as able

SERVING TODAY

Pastor: Sharla Hulsey

Greeter: Peggy Thomas

Elder: Chuck Lewis

Scripture Reader: Carol Lewis

Deacons: Don Cole,
Gary Coffman

Choir Director: Carol Ann Winburn
Accompanist: Mary Coffman

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• **OUTREACH MISSION**

This June, we will be supporting the Carpenter’s Cup and the Bates County Health Center with donations for the Back to School Project. Our contributions will be crayons, colored pencils, Kleenex, and backpacks. 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.

• **VBS** – Tuesday, June 11 @ 4:30 p.m.

• **COMMUNITY CAFÉ** – Tuesday, June 18 @ 5:30 p.m.

• **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

◦ Wednesday, July 17 & Thursday, July 18 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

THIS WEEK’S EVENTS

Sunday, June 9:	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Life Group
Tuesday, June 11:	4:30 p.m.	VBS Meeting
Wednesday, June 12:	7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
Friday, June 14:	9 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Son Shine Ladies

NEXT WEEK’S EVENTS

Sunday, June 16:	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Life Group
Tuesday, June 18:	5:30 p.m.	Community Café
Wednesday, June 19:	7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
Friday, June 21:	9 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Son Shine Ladies

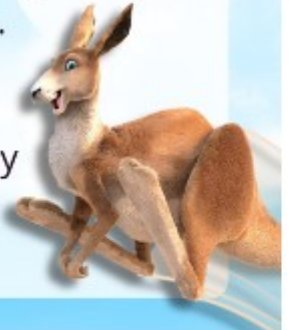
PRACTICING THE DISCIPLINE OF FASTING

*Fasting from all food for extended periods of time is not a discipline for everyone. For some, going without food can be dangerous. **If you want to attempt a total fast, please check with your health-care professionals to make sure you can do so safely.** There are, however, other ways to fast.*

- ◆ *Skip one meal:* Forego lunch (or whichever other meal you choose) and spend the time in prayer. You may decide to donate what you would have spent on that meal to an organization helping people who are food insecure (like the food pantry). **Again, this may not be safe for a person whose blood sugar levels are not stable or who has other health conditions, so if you're not sure, don't do this.**
- ◆ *Say "no" to fast food:* This is probably an easy one for a lot of us, especially as prices go up. If you're used to hitting a drive-thru for a quick meal while you're on the go, think ahead and pack something homemade instead.
- ◆ *Fast from convenience foods:* Skip the microwaveable meals and prepare something from scratch. Instead of buying a package of cookies, make your own. You'll find it's easier and healthier than you might think.
- ◆ *Have a meatless meal:* People around the world eat vegetarian diets for a variety of reasons, including religious practices (even some Christians, such as Seventh-Day Adventists, have historically advocated abstaining from meat) and poverty—there are places in the world where subsistence farmers' land is being repurposed for raising livestock, whose meat those subsistence farmers cannot afford. There are many delicious vegetarian recipes out there; try one of them instead of your usual meat-and-potatoes fare.
- ◆ *Non-food fast:* Abstain for a day from social media, from your smartphone, from TV, whatever seems to occupy more of your time than it should. Spend the time with loved ones, or in quiet and prayer. Do you spend too much money on things you don't need? Fast from that. Resolve not to spend any money on anything other than essentials for a period of time (and no, Sharla, another pair of shoes doesn't count as "essential" when you've already got dozens!).
- ◆ *Attitude adjustment:* Fast from gossip. If you're with someone else who is saying negative things about someone, find something positive to say in response. Try not to be cranky with others—especially service workers, who endure quite a bit of mistreatment.
- ◆ *Silence:* Just don't talk for a time. Don't talk to yourself, and speak to others only as you must. (Let them know ahead of time, though, so they don't think you're giving them the "silent treatment" out of anger.)

PRAY FOR OUR VBS

"Dear God, thank you for going before us as we prepare for VBS. Help us meet any need of supplies, decorations, and volunteers we may have. Provide the opportunity for families far and wide to attend VBS. Thank you for the opportunity to pour into the lives of these kids in deep and meaningful ways. We pray that above all else you are glorified in our VBS."



Dates: Wednesday, July 17 & Thursday, July 18

Time: 5:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m.