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



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# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Sunday, September 22, 2024

## Joys and Concerns

Sharla Hulsey

*In order to respect privacy, joys and concerns will be discussed before the public livestream. If you need to add someone, please fill out a prayer request form and place in the offering tray as it is passed.*

## Welcome and Announcements

John Daniel, 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

*Bringing the Light of Christ into the Sanctuary*

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

John Daniel & Congregation

L: It is good to give thanks to the LORD,

**P: to sing praises to your Name, O Most High;**

L: to declare your steadfast love in the morning,

**P: and your faithfulness by night.**

L: For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work;

**P: at the works of your hands I sing for joy.**

### \*Opening Hymn

Chalice Hymnal #552 (vv. 1, 2, 4)

*"Standing on the Promises"*

### \*Invocation

John Daniel & Congregation

**By the power of your Holy Spirit, O God, turn us from the dead-end street of self-sufficiency, and place us on the narrow, yet fruitful, path of trust in your steadfast love and faithfulness, which have turned hopelessness into new life again and again for those who believe in your promises. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, in whom you have given us hope even in the face of death's dark door. Amen.**

### Prayer Hymn

CH #566 (vv. 1, 2)

*"Be Still, My Soul"*

### 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

John Daniel & Congregation

Psalm 27:1, 4-5, 13-14 (*Chalice Hymnal*)

L: The LORD is my light and my salvation;  
whom shall I fear?

**P: The LORD is the stronghold of my life;  
of whom shall I be afraid?**

L: One thing I asked of the LORD,  
that will I seek after:

**P: to live in the house of the LORD  
all the days of my life,**

L: to behold the beauty of the LORD,

**P: and to inquire in God's temple.**

L: God will hide me in a shelter  
in the day of trouble;

**P: God will conceal me under the cover of a tent;  
and will set me high on a rock.**

L: I believe that I shall see the goodness of the LORD  
in the land of the living.

**P: Wait for the LORD;  
be strong, and let your heart take courage.  
Wait for the LORD!**

## Special Music

Adult Choir

*"It Is Good to Sing Thy Praise"*

## Scripture

Chuck Lewis

*Genesis 15:1-18*

## Message

Sharla Hulsey

*"I meant what I said."*

## Invitation to Discipleship

Sharla Hulsey

## \*Invitation Hymn

CH #564 (vv. 1, 2)

*"He Touched Me"*

<u>Musical Interlude</u>	Mary Coffman
<u>Offering Meditation</u>	Diana Rich
<u>Tithes &amp; Offerings</u> <i>Offering trays will be passed in the pews.</i>	Diaconate
* <u>Doxology</u> <b>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.</b>	CH #47
* <u>Prayer of Dedication</u>	John Daniel
<u>Call to Communion</u>	Sharla Hulsey
<u>Communion Hymn</u> <i>"It Is Well with My Soul"</i>	CH #561 (vv. 1, 3, 4)
<u>Words of Institution</u>	Sharla Hulsey
<u>Communion Prayer</u>	John Daniel
<u>Distribution of the Elements</u> <i>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.</i>	Diaconate

**WE DEPART TO SERVE**

* <u>Benediction</u> <i>Taking the Light of Christ into the World</i>	Sharla Hulsey
* <u>Closing Hymn</u> <i>"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"</i>	CH #86 (refrain)

\* Please rise as able

**SERVING TODAY**

<b>Pastor:</b> Sharla Hulsey	<b>Greeter:</b> Peggy Thomas
<b>Elder:</b> John Daniel	<b>Scripture Reader:</b> Chuck Lewis
<b>Deacons:</b> Judy Daniel, Sally Bremer	<b>Choir Director:</b> Carol Ann Winburn
	<b>Accompanist:</b> Mary Coffman

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **OUTREACH MISSION** - The Outreach Department invites us to continue supporting the Community Food Pantry with our donations. This month, let's focus on bringing paper products, like Kleenex, paper towels, and toilet paper. Bring your donations to the church throughout this month. Thank you!
- **KETCH-UP CAMPAIGN** - The Stewardship Committee started a "Ketch-up" campaign to help replenish the FCC reserve fund. Please note on your donation that it is for the "Ketch-Up" campaign.
- **FELLOWSHIP POTLUCK** - Join us for a Potluck! Come and enjoy great food and great company! Sunday, September 22 after Worship (approx. 10:45 a.m.) in the FCC Fellowship Hall.
- **DISCIPLES WOMEN** - Tuesday, October 1 @ 6:30 p.m.
- **COLE HAYRIDE & WEENIE ROAST** - Saturday, October 5 @ 5 p.m. Join us for a night of fellowship and fun at the home of Don and Debbie Cole. Bring a lawn chair, and a covered dish to share. Don't miss out on this chance to make memories with your church family!
- **NOMINATING COMMITTEE** - The members of the Nominating Committee are as follows: Chuck Lewis, Jennifer Schmehl, Don Malan, Gary Coffman, Carol Roberts (chair), John Daniel, Lyssa Lile, and Carol Lewis.

**THIS WEEK'S EVENTS**

Sunday, Sept. 22:	9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Worship <b>Fellowship Potluck</b>
Wednesday, Sept. 25:	6 p.m. 7 p.m.	Youth Group Choir Practice
Friday, Sept. 27:	9 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Son Shine Ladies

**NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS**

Sunday, Sept. 29:	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Worship Life Group
Tuesday, Oct. 1:	6:30 p.m.	<b>Disciples Women</b>
Wednesday, Oct. 2:	6 p.m. 7 p.m.	Youth Group Choir Practice
Friday, Oct. 4:	9 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Son Shine Ladies
Saturday, Oct. 5:	5 p.m.	<b>Cole Hayride &amp; Weenie Roast</b>