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



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# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Sunday, March 16, 2025

## Joys and Concerns

Rev. 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

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.*

## WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

### Prelude

Mary Coffman

*Bringing the Light of Christ into the Sanctuary*

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

Shawn Quick & Congregation

L: Give praise to God and rejoice in God's love.

**P: Like a hen with her brood beneath her wings,  
God gathers us together!**

L: Rejoice in God's presence and sing songs of praise to God's name.

**P: We seek God's will and pray that we may walk safely in his path.**

L: Let everyone thank the LORD for his many benefits.

**P: Blessed are you, LORD our God,  
and blessed is the One who comes in your name.**

### \*Opening Hymn

CH #16 (all)

*"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"*

### \*Invocation

Shawn Quick & Congregation

**Lord God, your ways are holy and good and your love is strong and true. You are swift to answer those who trust in you—those who walk in your ways and who make your living word their daily hope. Bless, we pray, our gathering today. Touch our hearts and our minds with the fire of your Holy Spirit. Grant that our praise may be more than words, our prayer more than speech, our songs more than mere harmony. Teach us and comfort us, strengthen us and lead us, that we might draw closer to you. We ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.**

### Lenten Reading

Carol Hedrick

*"Atarah - Woman with Scarf"*  
from *"Thy Kingdom Come"* by Tracy Wells

## Prayer Hymn

CH #214 (vv. 1, 2, 4)

*"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"*

## 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 122:1-3, 6-9 (NRSV)

L: I was glad when they said to me,

**P: "Let us go to the house of the LORD!"**

L: Our feet are standing  
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

**P: Jerusalem—built as a city  
that is bound firmly together.**

L: Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:

**P: "May they prosper who love you.  
Peace be within your walls,  
and security within your towers."**

L: For the sake of my relatives and friends  
I will say, "Peace be within you."

**P: For the sake of the house of the LORD our God,  
I will seek your good.**

## Special Music

Adult Choir

*"What Wondrous Love Is This"*

## Scripture

Shawn Quick

*Luke 13:1-9, 31-35*

## Message

Sharla Hulsey

*"Turn Right"*

## Invitation to Discipleship

Sharla Hulsey

## \*Invitation Hymn

CH #564 (vv. 1, 2)

*"He Touched Me"*

## 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 #545 (all)  
*"He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought"*

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 #550 (v. 1)  
*"There's Within My Heart a Melody"*

**SERVING TODAY**

**Pastor:** Sharla Hulsey

**Elder:** Shawn Quick

**Deacons:** Carol Hedrick,  
Gary Coffman

**Greeter:** Peggy Thomas

**Scripture Reader:** Shawn Quick

**Choir Director:** Carol Ann Winburn

**Accompanist:** Mary Coffman

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **OUTREACH MISSION** - We're thrilled to announce a new fundraiser to help send our kids to church camp this year! We will be using a *Cash Calendar* to raise the funds needed for this amazing opportunity. Look for the calendar in the church foyer or reach out to the church office for more details and to get involved.
- **KETCH-UP CAMPAIGN**  
Campaign Goal: \$20,000 Amount Raised: \$7,436
- **NEWSLETTERS** - Regular attendees who do not normally receive our newsletter through email can pick up a copy in the alphabetized mail holder in the foyer.
- **BOARD MEETING** - Today after Worship
- **COMMUNITY CAFÉ** - Tuesday, March 18 at 5:30 p.m.
- **CHOIR PRACTICE**  
Wednesday, March 19 @ 7:30 p.m. and Tuesday, March 25 @ 7 p.m.
- **VBS MEETING** - Monday, March 31 @ 6 p.m.
- **FAITH ADVENTURES CAMP RALLY** - Sunday, April 27 from 3pm to 6pm at Camp Galilee, El Dorado Springs. Deadline to sign up is April 13.

**THIS WEEK'S EVENTS**

Sunday, Mar. 16:	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:30 a.m.	<b>Board Meeting</b>
Tuesday, Mar. 18:	5:30 p.m.	<b>Community Café</b>
Wednesday, Mar. 19:	6 p.m.	Youth Group
	6 p.m.	<b>Lenten Service @ Church of the Nazarene</b>
	7:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Friday, Mar. 21:	9 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Son Shine Ladies

**NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS**

Sunday, Mar. 23:	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Life Group
Tuesday, Mar. 25:	7 p.m.	Choir Practice
Wednesday, Mar. 26:	6 p.m.	Youth Group
	6 p.m.	<b>Lenten Service @ FCC</b>
Friday, Mar. 28:	9 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Son Shine Ladies