



March 30, 2025

9:30 a.m.

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



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# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Sunday, March 30, 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

Phyllis McBrayer, 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)

Phyllis McBrayer & Congregation

L: I know that my Redeemer lives,

**P: and that at the last he will stand upon the earth.**

L: Remember that God is our rock;

**P: the Most High God is our redeemer.**

L: We hope in God,

**P: for we shall again praise him,  
our help and our God.**

## \*Opening Hymn

CH #72 (all)

*"To God Be the Glory"*

## \*Invocation

Phyllis McBrayer & Congregation

**God of radiance and glory: you give life to all things and call us to life everlasting. Show us the treasure of your grace, so that we may take hold of the life that really is life; through Christ Jesus, Lord of lords. Amen.**

## Lenten Reading

Owen Cunningham-Arnold

*"The Convict - with a Spike"*

from *"Thy Kingdom Come"* by Tracy Wells

## Prayer Hymn

CH #194 (vv. 1, 3, 4)

*"Tis Midnight, and on Olive's Brow"*

## 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

Phyllis McBrayer & Congregation

Psalm 41:1-3, 13 (United Methodist Hymnal)

**L: Blessed are those who consider the poor!**

**The Lord delivers them in the day of trouble;**

**P: the Lord protects them and keeps them alive;**

**they are called blessed in the land;**

**you do not give them up to the will of their enemies.**

**L: The Lord sustains them on their sickbed;**

**in their illness you heal all their infirmities.**

**P: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,**

**from everlasting to everlasting!**

**Amen and Amen.**

## Special Music

Adult Choir

*"Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross"*

## Scripture

Judy Daniel

*Luke 16:19-31*

## Message

Sharla Hulsey

*"Open My Eyes, That I May See"*

## Invitation to Discipleship

Sharla Hulsey

## \*Invitation Hymn

CH #588 (vv. 1, 2, 4)

*"Have Thine Own Way, Lord"*

## Musical Interlude

Mary Coffman

\* Please rise as able

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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

Phyllis McBrayer

Call to Communion

Sharla Hulsey

Communion Hymn

CH #601 (vv. 1, 3, 4)

*"I Am Thine, O Lord"*

Words of Institution

Sharla Hulsey

Communion Prayer

Phyllis McBrayer

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 (vv. 1, 4)

*"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"*

*\* Please rise as able*

**SERVING TODAY**

**Pastor:** Sharla Hulsey

**Greeter:** Bob Thomas

**Elder:** Phyllis McBrayer

**Scripture Reader:** Judy Daniel

**Deacons:** Jennifer Schmehl,

**Choir Director:** Carol Ann Winburn

Don Cole

**Accompanist:** Mary Coffman

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **OUTREACH MISSION** - We will be using a *Cash Calendar* to raise the funds needed to send our kids to church camp this year. 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: \$7,536
- **SPRING SPAGHETTI SPECTACULAR** - Today from 11am to 1pm at the St. Matthew Lutheran Church. Drive Thru Only. \$10 meal includes: spaghetti with meatballs, homemade garlic bread, and homemade dessert.
- **VBS MEETING** - Monday, March 31 at 6 p.m.
- **DISCIPLES WOMEN** - Tuesday, April 1 at 6:30 p.m.
- **CHOIR PRACTICE** - Wed. April 2 at 7:30pm; Tues. April 8 at 7pm; Tues. April 15 at 7pm.
- **MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE** - Thursday, April 17 at 6:30pm at FCC.
- **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. 30:	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Life Group
Monday, Mar. 31:	6 p.m.	VBS Meeting
Tuesday, Apr. 1:	6:30 p.m.	Disciples Women
Wednesday, Apr. 2:	6 p.m.	Youth Group
	6 p.m.	Lenten Service @ OSUMC
	7:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Friday, Apr. 4:	9 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Son Shine Ladies

**NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS**

Sunday, Apr. 6:	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Life Group
Tuesday, Apr. 8:	7 p.m.	Choir Practice
Wednesday, Apr. 9:	6 p.m.	Youth Group
	6 p.m.	Lenten Service @ FCC
Friday, Apr. 11:	9 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Son Shine Ladies