



April 27, 2025

9:30 a.m.

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



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# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Sunday, April 27, 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

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.*

## WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

### Prelude

Mary Coffman

*Bringing the Light of Christ into the Sanctuary*

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

Chuck Lewis & Congregation

(by Edward Young, adapted by William Billings)

L: The Lord is risen!

P: **The Lord is risen indeed! Hallelujah!**

L: Now is Christ risen from the dead,

and become the first fruits of them that slept.

P: **Hallelujah!**

L: Hear, O ye nations; hear it, O ye dead.

P: **He burst the bars of death**

**and triumphed over the grave! Hallelujah!**

### \*Opening Hymn

CH #218 (all)

*"Thine Is the Glory"*

### \*Invocation

Chuck Lewis & Congregation

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, risen from death, we praise you for changed lives and new hopes at Easter: You came to Mary in the garden, and turned her tears into joy. You came to the disciples by the lakeside, and turned their failure into faith. You came to the disciples on the Emmaus road, and turned their despair into hope. You come to us in our unworthiness and shame, and turn our weakness into triumph. For your love and your mercy, we give you thanks, O Lord.**

**Lord Jesus, wherever there are tears, or fear, or failure, or despair, or weakness: come, reveal to us your love, your mercy, and your risen power; for the glory of your name. Alleluia! Amen.**

*\*Please rise as able*

## Prayer Hymn

CH #227 (all)

*"In the Garden"*

## 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

Psalm 30:2-6, 12-13 (JPS Translation)

L: I extol You, O LORD,

for You have lifted me up,

and not let my enemies rejoice over me.

P: **O LORD, my God,**

**I cried out to You,**

**and You healed me.**

L: O LORD, you brought me up from Sheol,

preserved me from going down into the Pit.

P: **O you faithful of the LORD, sing to Him,**

**and praise His holy Name.**

L: For He is angry but a moment,

and when He is pleased there is life.

P: **Weeping may linger for the night;**

**but at dawn there are shouts of joy.**

L: You turned my lament into dancing,

You undid my sackcloth and girded me with joy,

that my whole being might sing hymns to You endlessly;

P: **O LORD my God, I will praise you forever.**

## Special Music

Adult Choir

*"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus" - CH #233*

## Scripture

Carol Lewis

*Luke 24:13-35*

## Message

Sharla Hulsey

*"There was something in our eyes."*

*\*Please rise as able*

<u>Invitation to Discipleship</u>	Sharla Hulsey
* <u>Invitation Hymn</u> "Sing of One Who Walks Beside Us"	CH #231 (all)
<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> 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.	CH #47
* <u>Prayer of Dedication</u>	Chuck Lewis
<u>Call to Communion</u>	Sharla Hulsey
<u>Communion Hymn</u> "He Lives!"	CH #226 (all)
<u>Words of Institution</u>	Sharla Hulsey
<u>Communion Prayer</u>	Chuck Lewis
<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 Know That My Redeemer Liveth"	CH #225 (v. 1)
	<i>*Please rise as able</i>

**SERVING TODAY**

<b>Pastor:</b> Sharla Hulsey	<b>Greeter:</b> Carol Hedrick
<b>Elder:</b> Chuck Lewis	<b>Scripture Reader:</b> Carol Hedrick
<b>Deacons:</b> Carol Hedrick, Gary Coffman	<b>Choir Director:</b> Carol Ann Winburn <b>Accompanist:</b> Mary Coffman

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **OUTREACH MISSION** - The Outreach Department is excited to announce a Non-Essential Grocery & Household Item Collection for the month of May! If you're able to contribute, here are some examples of what we're looking for: Salt & Pepper, Spices, Maple Syrup, Soy Sauce, Vegetable Oil, Vinegar, Baking Soda, Baking Powder, Dry Yeast, Breadcrumbs, Dish Soap, Sponges, Steel Wool Pads, Aluminum Foil, Ziploc Bags, Chapstick, Q-Tips, Cotton Balls, Band-Aids, First Aid Cream
- **KETCH-UP CAMPAIGN**  
Campaign Goal: \$20,000; Amount Raised: \$10,536
- **BOARD MEETING** - Today after worship
- **FAITH ADVENTURES CAMP RALLY** - Today from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- **VBS MEETING** - Monday, April 28 at 6 p.m.
- **Graduation Recognition & Celebration for Owen**  
We are excited to recognize and celebrate a special milestone in the life of Owen Cunningham-Arnold! Recognition will be during worship service on Sunday, May 4 @ 9:30 a.m. Immediately following the service, please join us for a celebration lunch in Owen's honor!
- **Disciples Women** - Tuesday, May 6 at 6:30 p.m.

**THIS WEEK'S EVENTS**

Sunday, Apr. 27:	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:30 a.m.	<b>Board Meeting</b>
	3 p.m.—6 p.m.	<b>Camp Rally</b>
Monday, Apr. 28:	6 p.m.	<b>VBS Meeting</b>
Wednesday, Apr. 30:	6 p.m.	Youth Group
	7 p.m.	Choir Practice
Friday, May 2:	9 a.m.—12 p.m.	Son Shine Ladies

**NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS**

Sunday, May 4:	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:30 a.m.	<b>Graduate Recognition Celebration Lunch</b>
Tuesday, May 6:	6:30 p.m.	<b>Disciples Women</b>
Wednesday, May 7:	6 p.m.	Youth Group
	7 p.m.	Choir Practice
Friday, May 9:	9 a.m.—12 p.m.	Son Shine Ladies