



May 4, 2025

9:30 a.m.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)



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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Sunday, May 4, 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.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Phyllis McBrayer

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: Grace and peace to you who have gathered in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

P: **We come to worship Christ our Savior, whose reign has no end.**

L: Let us gather to receive power to serve Christ in the world.

P: **To Jesus Christ be glory and dominion forever and ever.**

*Opening Hymn

CH #222 (all)

"Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"

*Invocation

Shawn Quick & Congregation

Mighty God, we give you thanks for putting all things in place: for Christ, whose name is above every name; for the church, Christ's body remaining here on earth to continue his ministry; for the Spirit, who empowers and enables that ministry. As we worship you today, grant us your wisdom, so that we might see with focused and clear eyes what you call us to do, how we are to serve Christ not only in this hour but in the days to come. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

2025 Graduate Recognition

Owen Cunningham-Arnold

Prayer Hymn

CH #224 (all)

"Christ Arose!"

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 43:3-5 (*United Methodist Hymnal*)

L: O send out your light and your truth;
let them lead me,

P: **let them bring me to your holy hill
and to your dwelling!**

L: Then I will go to the altar of God,
to God my exceeding joy;

P: **and I will praise you with the lyre,
O God, my God.**

L: Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you disquieted within me?

P: **Hope in God, whom again I shall praise,
my help and my God.**

Special Music

Adult Choir

"On Eagle's Wings"

Scripture

Shawn Quick

Revelation 2:1-7

Message

Sharla Hulsey

"Talk About the Passion"

Invitation to Discipleship

Sharla Hulsey

*Invitation Hymn

CH #349 (all)

"My Jesus, I Love Thee"

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 Shawn Quick

Call to Communion Sharla Hulsey

Communion Hymn CH #233 (all)
"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

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 #225 (v. 1)
"I Know That My Redeemer Liveth"

**Please rise as able*

SERVING TODAY

Pastor: Sharla Hulsey **Greeter:** Don Malan
Elder: Shawn Quick **Scripture Reader:** Shawn Quick
Deacons: Kathy Wood, **Choir Director:** Carol Ann Winburn
Everett McBrayer **Accompanist:** Mary Coffman

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **OUTREACH MISSION** - The Outreach Department is collecting Non-Essential Grocery & Household Items 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: \$10,549
- **Disciples Women** - Tuesday, May 6 at 6:30 p.m.
- **Board Meeting** - Sunday, May 18 after worship
- **VBS Meeting** - Monday, May 19 at 6 p.m.
- **Community Café** - Tuesday, May 20 at 5:30 p.m.
- **Endowment Trustees Meeting** - Wednesday, May 21 at 5:30 p.m.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, May 4:	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Celebration Lunch
Tuesday, May 6:	6:30 p.m.	Disciples Women
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

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, May 11:	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Life Group
Wednesday, May 14:	6 p.m.	Youth Group
	7 p.m.	Choir Practice
Friday, May 16:	9 a.m.—12 p.m.	Son Shine Ladies