

August 17, 2025

9:30 a.m.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)



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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY Sunday, August 17, 2025

Joys and Concerns

<u>Prelude</u>

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

Diana Rich, 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

Bringing the Light of Christ into the Sanctuary

Mary Coffman

*Call to worship (please rise as able)

Diana Rich & Congregation

- L: People of God, look about and see the faces of those we know and love:
- P: neighbors and friends, sisters and brothers—a community of kindred hearts.
- L: People of God, look about and see the faces of those we hardly know:
- P: strangers, sojourners, forgotten friends—people who need an outstretched hand.
- L: People of God, look about and see all the images of God assembled here.
- P: In me, in you, in each of us, God's Spirit shines for all to see.
- L: People of God, gathered in Christ's transforming presence:
- P: Let us worship together.

*Opening Hymn

CH #86 (all)

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

*Invocation Diana Rich & Congregation

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden:

Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts

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by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

Diana Rich & Congregation

Psalm 51:10-15 (United Methodist Hymnal)

- L: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.
- P: Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your holy Spirit from me.
- L: Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.
- P: Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.
- L: Deliver me from death, O God, God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.
- P: O LORD, open my lips, and my mouth shall show forth your praise.

Special Music

Don Malan, Diana Rich,

"God Will Take Care of You"

Mary Coffman, & Lynda Perkins

<u>Scripture</u>

Lyssa Lile

John 7:53-8:11

<u>Message</u>

Sharla Hulsey

"Put your rocks down."

*Please rise as able *Please rise as able

<u>Invitation to Discipleship</u> Sharla Hulsey

*Invitation Hymn CH #339 (vv. 1, 3, 4)

"Just as I Am, Without One Plea"

<u>Musical Interlude</u> Mary Coffman

Offering Meditation Don Malan

<u>Tithes & Offerings</u> 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 Diana Rich

<u>Call to Communion</u> Sharla Hulsey

Communion Hymn CH #408 (all)

"Come, Share the Lord"

Words of Institution Sharla Hulsey

Communion Prayer Diana Rich

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 #117 (twice)

"He Is Lord"

*Please rise as able

SERVING TODAY

Pastor: Sharla Hulsey Greeter: Lile family

Elder: Diana Rich Scripture Reader: Lyssa Lile

Deacons: Derek Lile. Choir Director: Carol Ann Winburn

Peggy Thomas Accompanist: Mary Coffman

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Outreach Mission Throughout August, we invite donations of kid-friendly, nutritious, easy-to-pack foods that help children start the year nourished and ready to learn. A donation bin is available in the church foyer. Suggested items include: granola bars, rice cakes, pretzels, fruit cups and applesauce pouches, crackers with peanut butter or cheese filling, canned chicken or tuna, peanut butter and jelly (plastic jars, please), and juice boxes or pouches.
- BOARD MEETING Today after Worship
- Community Café Tuesday, August 19 @ 5:30 p.m.
- Pastoral Support Meeting Wednesday, August 27 @ 5:00 p.m.
- <u>Disciples Women</u> All women are invited to a salad dinner and meeting on *Tuesday, September 2 at 6:30 p.m.* in the Fellowship Hall. Our group promotes spiritual enrichment through Bible study, fellowship, and missions. Feel free to bring your favorite salad to share. We hope to see you there!
- Youth Group Wednesday, September 3 at 6:00 p.m. Open to youth in grades 3-12.
- CHOIR PRACTICE Wednesday, September 3 at 7:00 p.m.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, Aug. 17: 9:30 a.m. Worship

10:30 a.m. Board Meeting

Tuesday, Aug. 19: 5:30 p.m. Community Café

Friday, August 22: 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Son Shine Ladies

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, Aug. 24: 9:30 a.m. Worship

10:30 a.m. Life Group

Wednesday, Aug. 27: 5 p.m. Pastoral Support Meeting

Friday, August 29: 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Son Shine Ladies