



September 21, 2025

9:30 a.m.

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



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## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Sunday, September 21, 2025

### Joys and Concerns

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: Your righteousness, O God, reaches to the heavens:

**P: you have done great things; who is like you, O God?**

L: You strengthen me more and more;

**P: you enfold and comfort me.**

L: My lips will shout for joy

when I sing praises to you;

**P: and so will my soul, which you have redeemed.**

### \*Opening Hymn

CH #64 (all)

*"We Sing Your Mighty Power, O God"*

### \*Invocation

Shawn Quick & Congregation

Most holy God, your majesty is exceeded only by your love:

grant us, in this our worship of you,

penitence in the presence of your holiness,

reverence at the thought of your majesty,

and confidence in the knowledge of your love;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Prayer Hymn

CH #585 (all)

*"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"*

### 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 139:1-3, 7-10 (*Chalice Hymnal*)

L: O God, you have searched me and known me.

**P: You know when I sit down and when I rise up;  
you discern my thoughts from far away.**

L: You search out my path and my lying down,

**P: and are acquainted with all my ways.**

L: Where can I go from your spirit?

Or where can I flee from your presence?

**P: If I ascend to heaven, you are there;  
if I make my bed among the dead, you are there.**

L: If I take the wings of the morning

and settle and the farthest limits of the sea,

**P: even there your hand shall lead me,**

**and your right hand shall hold me fast.**

### Special Music

Adult Choir with soloists

*"The Gift of Love"*

Lynda Perkins and Sharla Hulsey

### Scripture

Carol Hedrick

*Genesis 28:10-19a*

### Message

Sharla Hulsey

*"Every round goes higher, higher"*

### Invitation to Discipleship

Sharla Hulsey

### \*Invitation Hymn

CH #588 (vv. 1, 3, 4)

*"Have Thine Own Way, Lord!"*

### Musical Interlude

Mary Coffman

### Offering Meditation

Diana Rich

### Tithes & Offerings

Diaconate

*Offering trays will be passed in the pews.*

*\*Please rise as able*

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\*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 #452 (vv. 1, 3)

*"Here I Am, Lord"*

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 #344 (vv. 1, 4)

*"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"*

*\*Please rise as able*

**SERVING TODAY**

**Pastor:** Sharla Hulsey

**Greeter:** Carol Hedrick

**Elder:** Shawn Quick

**Scripture Reader:** Carol Hedrick

**Deacons:** Judy Colburn,  
Steve Hedrick

**Choir Director:** Carol Ann Winburn  
**Accompanist:** Mary Coffman

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **OUTREACH MISSION** - With cooler weather and germ season on the horizon, we're taking September to restock essential supplies for the church. We're collecting: Kleenex, paper towels, 6" foam plates, napkins, Lysol spray, hand sanitizer, AA and AAA batteries. Donations can be placed in the collection bin located in the church foyer.
- **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** - Diana Rich, Financial Secretary for the Board, is looking for volunteers to help count the Sunday offering. She'll provide training. If interested, contact her or the church office.
- **BOARD MEETING** - *Today after worship*
- **REFRESHMENTS** - *Sunday, September 28* - Sharla Hulsey

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**THIS WEEK'S EVENTS**

Sunday, Sept. 21:	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Life Group <b>Board Meeting</b>
Wednesday, Sept. 24:	6 p.m.	Youth Group
	7 p.m.	Choir Practice
Friday, Sept. 26:	9 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Son Shine Ladies

**NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS**

Sunday, Sept. 28:	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Life Group
Wednesday, Oct. 1:	6 p.m.	Youth Group
	7 p.m.	Choir Practice
Friday, Oct. 3:	9 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Son Shine Ladies