



October 5, 2025

9:30 a.m.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)



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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Sunday, October 5, 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

Don Malan, 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)

Don Malan & Congregation

L: The Lord is here.

P: God's Spirit is with us.

L: Holy God,

Holy and Life-giving One,

Holy and Guiding One,

P: Abide in us.

*Opening Hymn

CH #25 (vv. 1, 3, 5)

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

*Invocation

Don Malan & Congregation

Eternally present God,

you journey with us through wilderness and through desert.

No matter the circumstance

the signs of your presence are always with us:

sometimes in fire and cloud,

sometimes in bread from heaven and water from a rock.

As we your people gather in praise and prayer,

reveal yourself to us in cross and candle, Bible and pulpit.

Above all, make yourself known to us through Christ

in the breaking of bread.

We wait for you in glad reverence and expectant awe. Amen.

**Please rise as able*

Prayer Hymn

CH #572 (vv. 1, 2, 4)

"Take Time to Be Holy"

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

Don Malan & Congregation

Psalm 145:13b-19 (*United Methodist Hymnal*)

L: The LORD is faithful in all his words,
and gracious in all his deeds.

P: The LORD upholds all who are falling,
and raises up all who are bowed down.

L: The eyes of all look to you,

P: and you give them their food in due season.

L: You open your hand,

P: you satisfy the desire of every living thing.

L: All the LORD's ways are just,

P: all the LORD's doings are kind.

L: The LORD is near to all who call,

P: to all who call upon the LORD in truth.

L: The LORD fulfills the desire of all the faithful,

P: and hears their cry and saves them.

Special Music

Adult Choir

"O Magnify the Lord"

Scripture

Shawn Quick

Exodus 16:1-18

Message

Sharla Hulsey

"We don't know where our next meal is coming from!"

Invitation to Discipleship

Sharla Hulsey

*Invitation Hymn

CH #614 (vv. 1, 2, 4)

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

**Please rise as able*

Musical Interlude

Mary Coffman

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

Don Malan

Call to Communion

Sharla Hulsey

Communion Hymn

CH #558 (all)

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

Words of Institution

Sharla Hulsey

Communion Prayer

Don Malan

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 #439 (v. 1)

"God, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"

**Please rise as able*

SERVING TODAY

Pastor: Sharla Hulsey

Greeter: Peggy Thomas

Elder: Don Malan

Scripture Reader: Shawn Quick

Deacons: Carol Lewis,
Bob Thomas

Choir Director: Carol Ann Winburn

Accompanist: Mary Coffman

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **OUTREACH MISSION** - Our October Outreach Mission is a Canned Food Drive to support the local food pantry. We are collecting non-perishable canned items including soups, stews, vegetables, fruits, beans, chili, canned meats (such as tuna or chicken), and pasta meals like ravioli or spaghetti. Donations can be placed in the collection bins located in the church foyer. Please remember to check expiration dates—only unexpired items can be accepted.
- **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.
- **REFRESHMENTS** - *Sunday, October*
- **DISCIPLES WOMEN** - *Tuesday, October 7 @ 6 p.m.*
- **NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEETING** - *Wednesday, October 8 @ 6 p.m.*
- **FELLOWSHIP LUNCH** - *Sunday, October 12 after Worship*
- **ANNUAL COLE HAYRIDE** - *Saturday, October 18 @ 5 p.m.*
Join us for a night of fellowship and fun at the home of Don and Debbie Cole, located at 1434 NW CR 9001, Butler, MO. Bring a lawn chair and a covered dish to share. Don't miss out on this chance to make memories with your church family!

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, Oct. 5:	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Life Group
Tuesday, Oct. 7:	6 p.m.	Disciples Women
Wednesday, Oct. 8:	6 p.m.	Nominating Committee
		Youth Group
	7 p.m.	Choir Practice
Friday, Oct. 10:	9 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Son Shine Ladies

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, Oct. 12:	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Lunch
Wednesday, Oct. 15:	6 p.m.	Youth Group
	7 p.m.	Choir Practice
Friday, Oct. 17:	9 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Son Shine Ladies
Saturday, Oct. 18:	5 p.m.	3rd Annual Cole Hayride & Weenie Roast

2025 Reconciliation Ministry SPECIAL OFFERING

Sunday, September 28th - Sunday, October 5th



Beyond Brokenness - Building Beloved Community

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people’s sins against them. And he committed to us the message of reconciliation.

We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us.

We implore you on Christ’s behalf:
Be reconciled to God.”

2 Corinthians 5:17-20



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Beyond Brokenness - Building Beloved Community

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Paul’s words in 2 Corinthians 5 are nothing short of revolutionary. *He invites us to see the world no longer “from a human point of view,” but through the lens of God’s new creation. In Christ, the old order—built on rivalry, suspicion, and estrangement—has been decisively overturned. This is not a private, inward experience alone; it is the launching of a new social reality in which divisions are healed and relationships restored. God’s reconciling work is about transforming the way we live together here and now. To belong to Christ is to belong to this ministry—a vocation in which our every word, every action, is shaped by the message that God has already made peace with the world through Jesus.*

And because God has entrusted to us this ministry of reconciliation, the Church becomes the main organization of God’s new creation in a fragmented world. We are living signs that a different way is possible, and indeed, is already underway. In a culture built on lines and labels, we step beyond boundaries to form alliances built on the teachings of Jesus Christ. Our special offering today is not just a donation—it is a declaration that we stand with God’s reconciling mission, confident that the same love that raised Jesus from the dead can raise up a new creation among us.

The Reconciliation Ministry Special Offering is received each year in congregations on the last Sunday in September and the first Sunday in October (in solidarity with World Communion Sunday). Half of each gift remains in the region from which it is sent.

Funds generated by this special emphasis are used throughout the year to provide education, programming, and service through grants to:

- 1. to General Ministries working across the whole church to move beyond brokenness.*
- 2. to congregations, camps, and conferences that receive a grant from their region that are actively developing and implementing programs that dismantle racism and build beloved community.*

This year, you’re invited to make a gift to the 2025 Reconciliation Ministry Special Offering and to also consider making a gift to the April Johnson named fund in tribute to her recently culminated 17 years of faithful service as Executive Director of Reconciliation Ministry. With your vital support, leaders and congregations are being equipped to witness to God’s reconciling love in this time and this season.

Thank you for being an ambassador of reconciliation through your generosity.



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