



March 29, 2026

9:30 a.m.

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



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## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY - Sunday, March 29, 2026

### Joys and Concerns

Sharla Hulsey

*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

Phyllis McBrayer, 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

Lynda Perkins & Mary Coffman

*"In the Garden" - Bringing the Light of Christ into the Sanctuary*

#### Introit

Choir

*"We Are Here, Lord"*

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

Phyllis McBrayer & Congregation

L: Cry out, people of faith!

Rejoice and praise God!

P: Hosanna! God saves!

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord—  
the King of Israel!**

L: Cry out, people of faith,  
for your Savior draws near to Jerusalem.

P: Hosanna! God saves!

**Look, your king is coming,  
sitting on a donkey's colt!**

L: Let us praise the God who loves us,  
sharing Christ's sufferings,  
and facing with courage our path of faith.

P: Hosanna! God saves!

**Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!**

**Blessed is Jesus Christ, who did not turn back for fear of the cross.**

#### \*Opening Hymn

CH #192 (all)

*"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"*

#### \*Invocation

Phyllis McBrayer & Congregation

**God of the Suffering Servant, like the crowds who welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem, we offer you our songs, our praise, and our adoration. But we**

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*\*Please rise as able*

also worship this morning fearful of what this holy week might reveal to us about ourselves—about our failure to recognize the Truth in a dying Lord; about our continued misunderstanding of who Jesus is and what he came to earth to do; about our tendency to turn away when walking with Jesus becomes difficult or uncomfortable. Open our ears to your true teaching, and our hearts to your grace, which convicts us and then redeems us. In Jesus' name. Amen.

#### Lenten Monologue

Chuck Lewis

*"Peter, the Denial"*

from *"Cries of Faith"* by Jeffrey B. Snyder

#### Lenten Candle Extinguishing

Sharla Hulsey

#### 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

Phyllis McBrayer & Congregation

Psalm 118:1, 19-20, 25-26 (NRSV)

L: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

**P: his steadfast love endures forever!**

L: Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

**P: This is the gate of the Lord;  
the righteous shall enter through it.**

L: Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!

O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!

**P: Blessed is the one who comes in the Name of the Lord.**

**We bless you from the house of the Lord.**

#### Special Music

Choir

*"The King of Glory!"*

*\*Please rise as able*

Scripture

*John 11:45 – 12:19*

Message

*“Death by Expediency”*

Invitation to Discipleship

\*Invitation Hymn

*“Tell Me the Stories of Jesus”*

Musical Interlude

Offering Meditation

Tithes & Offerings

*Offering trays will be passed in the pews.*

\*Doxology

**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

Call to Communion

Communion Hymn

*“Ride On, Ride On, in Majesty”*

Words of Institution

Communion Prayer

Distribution of the Elements

*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

*Taking the Light of Christ into the World*

\*Closing Hymn

*“Go in Peace”*

Shawn Quick

Sharla Hulsey

Sharla Hulsey  
CH #190 (all)

Mary Coffman  
Diana Rich  
Diaconate

CH #47

Sharla Hulsey  
CH #191 (all)

Sharla Hulsey

Diaconate

Sharla Hulsey

CH #445

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- OUTREACH MISSION - The April outreach project will support Faith Adventures; the camp ministry held at Camp Galilee. All funds collected through our Cash Calendar will go directly toward the camp’s expenses and ongoing ministry needs. The Cash Calendar is easy to participate in: each day in April has a designated dollar amount, and you’re invited to give that amount for that day—or any combination of days.
- PRAYER ON THE SQUARE - The Butler Ministerial Alliance is hosting a brief service and prayer walk, *Today @ 4 p.m.* Meet at the gazebo on the square. No politics. No divisions. Just brothers and sisters in Christ praying for their neighbors and community.
- VBS PLANNING MEETING - *Monday, March 30 @ 1 p.m.*
- GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE - *Friday, April 3 @ 6 p.m.* at OSUMC
- EASTER BREAKFAST - *Sunday, April 5 @ 8:30 a.m.* Come celebrate the Resurrection. We’ll be serving biscuits and gravy, egg casseroles, and a baked French toast dish.
- DISCIPLES WOMEN - *Tuesday, April 7 @ 6 p.m.*

**THIS WEEK’S EVENTS**

Sunday, Mar. 29:	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Life Group
	4 p.m.	Prayer on the Square
Monday, Mar. 30:	1 p.m.	VBS Meeting
Wednesday, Apr. 1:	5 p.m.	Youth Group
	6 p.m.	Choir Practice
Friday, Apr. 3:	6 p.m.	Good Friday Service @ OSUMC

**NEXT WEEK’S EVENTS**

Sunday, Apr. 5:	8:30 a.m.	Easter Breakfast
	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Life Group
Tuesday, Apr. 7:	6 p.m.	Disciples Women
Wednesday, Apr. 8:	5 p.m.	Youth Group
	6 p.m.	Choir Practice

**Serving Today**

**Pastor:** Sharla Hulsey

**Elder:** Phyllis McBrayer

**Deacons:** Gary Coffman,  
Judy Colburn

**Greeter:** Carol Roberts

**Scripture Reader:** Shawn Quick

**Choir Director:** Carol Ann Winburn

**Accompanist:** Mary Coffman



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Supporting general ministries  
of the Christian Church  
(Disciples of Christ).  
Received in most congregations  
**Sunday, March 29**  
**& April 5, 2026**  
or two alternative Sundays in  
your congregation

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**"Mary Magdalene went, telling the news to the disciples: "I saw the Master!" And she told them everything he said to her."  
(John 20:18)**

**This day**, was unlike any other day. **This day**, on the first day of the week, the grief, expectations, and questions of Mary Magdalene and Simon Peter were disrupted by resurrection. **This day**, the followers of Jesus discovered that Jesus was risen. At the tomb they found a teacher and a teaching that changed the world. **This day**, love provided limitless answers and a new world became possible. **This is the day that the Lord has made.**

*Peter and the other Disciple ran to the tomb looking for Jesus, and love answered. Mary Magdalene went looking for Jesus in the midst of her sorrow, uncertainty, and longing, and love answered.*

First, in ways they could not comprehend, and then by giving them an encounter and an answer to share. Through the Easter Offering, the church responds to God's love made known in the resurrection by sharing in God's answers to the needs of the world.

**Love answers congregations and communities in the midst of transition through our gifts:**

- On days and seasons when Congregations and Regions raise up new leaders, our gifts provide education, mentors, and support.
- On days and seasons when health and social service ministries are needed most, our gifts provide housing, medical, and mental health resources.
- On days and seasons when conflict is present internationally and climate challenges compound our concerns, our gifts enable global mission partners to respond with care.

**Love provides more than one answer and an encounter with the risen Christ through our gifts:**

- To support chaplains serving hospitals, schools, and in the military
- To equip ministers and elders, and to multiply new worshipping communities gathering in diverse languages and styles
- To sustain the church and our witness in the world through stewardship education

Your gift supports ministries that embody resurrection hope and God's limitless love **on this day and every day** throughout the year.

**The Easter Offering supports these general ministries of The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ):**

Center for Faith and Giving, Obra Hispana, Communication Ministries, Christian Unity and Interfaith Ministry, Disciples of Christ Historical Society, Disciples Home Missions, Disciples Women, Disciples Overseas Ministries (Global Ministries), Higher Education and Leadership Ministries, National Benevolent Association, National Convocation, New Church Ministry, North American Pacific/Asian Disciples, Office of the General Minister and President, and Treasury Services.

Please give generously to the Easter Offering on Sunday, **March 29** and **April 5** or two alternative Sundays in your congregation using the giving envelopes or online at [disciplesmissionfund.org/give](https://disciplesmissionfund.org/give).



# Easter Sunday Breakfast

All are welcome to celebrate  
the Resurrection

**Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> April, 8:30am**

First Christian Church  
11 W Pine St., Butler

Join us for a warm meal, friendly faces, and a beautiful start to Easter Sunday. We'll be serving biscuits and gravy, egg casseroles, and a baked French toast dish.