



August 16, 2026

9:30 a.m.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)



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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Joys and Concerns

Rev. 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

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

Prelude

Mary Coffman

Bringing the Light of Christ into the Sanctuary

*Call to Worship (please rise as able)

Diana Rich & Congregation

L: O give thanks to God, who is good,
whose steadfast love endures forever.

P: We thank you, O God, for your steadfast love,
for your wonderful works to humankind;

L: For you satisfy the thirsty,
and fill the hungry with good things.

P: Fill our hearts with wisdom
so that we may ponder the majesty of your loving deeds.

*Opening Hymn

CH #464 (vv. 1, 3, 5)

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

*Invocation

Diana Rich & Congregation

Eternal God, we rejoice as we come to worship you today. We come with our ears and our hearts open to hear your Word; we come in the hope that your Spirit will empower us to be doers of your Word throughout our week. Make our time here today, and our lives tomorrow, witness to your grace and your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer Hymn

CH #557 (all)

"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

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 1 (New International Version, 2011 Revision)

L: Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked
or stand in the way that sinners take
or sit in the company of mockers,

P: but whose delight is in the law of the Lord,
and who meditates on his law day and night.

L: That person is like a tree planted by streams of water,
which yields its fruit in season
and whose leaf does not wither—

P: whatever they do prospers.

L: Not so the wicked!

P: They are like chaff that the wind blows away.

L: Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

P: For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.

Special Music

Sharla Hulsey

"I See the Morning Breakin'" with dulcimer accompaniment

Scripture

Carol Hedrick

Matthew 7:13-14

Message

Sharla Hulsey

"Broad is the road that leads to death..."

Invitation to Discipleship

Sharla Hulsey

*Invitation Hymn

CH #545 (all)

"He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought!"

Musical Interlude

Mary Coffman

**Please rise as able*

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Offering Meditation

Don Malan

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

Diana Rich

Call to Communion

Sharla Hulsey

Communion Hymn

CH #400 (vv. 1, 2, 4)

"When You Do This, Remember Me"

Words of Institution

Sharla Hulsey

Communion Prayer

Diana Rich

Musical Interlude

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 #344 (vv. 1, 4)

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

**Please rise as able*

SERVING TODAY

Preaching: Rev. Sharla Hulsey

Elder: Diana Rich **Deacons:** Bob Thomas and Jennifer Schmehl

Greeter: Peggy Thomas **Scripture Reader:** Carol Hedrick

Choir Director: Carol Ann Winburn **Accompanist:** Mary Coffman; Don Malan

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **AUGUST OUTREACH MISSION** - We are supporting our local school to provide back-to-school essentials for students and classrooms. We are collecting donations of Kleenex, Clorox wipes, Ziploc baggies (all sizes), wired headphones or earbuds (no Bluetooth), and \$10 or \$20 gift cards to help purchase additional needed items. Donations may be placed in the collection bin in the foyer.
- **BOARD MEETING** - *Today after Worship*
- **COMMUNITY CAFÉ** - *Tuesday, August 18 at 5:30 p.m.* The menu is sack lunches. A signup sheet is available.
- **KENYA PROGRAM & ICE CREAM SOCIAL** - Disciples Christian Church invites the community to a Kenya Program & Ice Cream Social on *Sunday, August 30, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. at 125 N. Prewitt, Nevada.* Pastor Lizzy Wolf of First Christian Church, Harrisonville, will share highlights from her recent Kenya mission trip. Homemade ice cream and sweet treats will follow. A freewill offering will support the Kenya Well Project.
- **YOUTH GROUP** - begins on *Sunday, August 30* and will meet every Sunday at 6:00 p.m. Open to all students in 3rd through 12th grade.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

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| ▪ Sunday, August 16: | 9:30 a.m. | Worship |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Board Mtg. |
| ▪ Tuesday, August 18: | 5:30 p.m. | Community Café |

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

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| ▪ Sunday, August 23: | 9:30 a.m. | Worship |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Life Group |