

**First Christian Church  
(Disciples of Christ)**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**April 28, 2024**

***The Community Gathers Before God***

Prelude *Toccata and Pastorale* Susan Doherty  
by Johann Pachelbel

Lighting of the Candles

Welcome Donna McCoy

\*Call to Worship Donna McCoy

There are times in our lives when following Christ seems almost too difficult.  
**Yet he has promised to be with us, guiding and supporting us.**  
Our fears and doubts crowd out his call.  
**Lord, come to us and lead us, for we are weak and fearful.**  
Lord, take our hands and walk with us.  
**Bring the brightness of your love to us.**  
Help us see your face, O Lord.  
**For we are ready to receive your healing love.**

\*Opening Hymn *Love Devine, All Loves Exceling* #517

\*Prayer of Invocation Donna McCoy  
Announcements, Joys and Concerns Rev. Monica Banks

\*Passing of the Peace  
*Through the Act of passing the peace of Christ, we offer our sincere desire to love our neighbor.*

Children's Moment Dale and Derek Katzenmeyer

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer (using "debts") Rev. Monica Banks

***The Community Hears and Proclaims God's Word***

Hebrew Scripture Reading Psalm 22: 25-31 Donna McCoy

Anthem *Ticket to the Promised Land* Chancel Choir  
Spiritual Arr. by John Carter Stevie Astley, Director

Gospel Scripture Reading John 15:1-8 Donna McCoy  
Sermon "Leaving but Staying" Rev. Monica Banks

***The Community Shares in Christ's Life***

Communion Hymn *Come to the Table of Grace* (see insert)  
Invitation to Communion Rev. Monica Banks

Words of Institution

Elder Prayer of Thanksgiving Joan Arnold

Communion Music *Aria da Chiesa* Susan Doherty  
by Giambattista Martini

Partaking of the Bread and Cup  
*The table of the Lord is open to any and all who would come. The Lord is host; he invites and welcomes everyone to share in his supper. Please partake of the bread and cup as you receive it.*

Invitation to Offering Donna McCoy  
Offertory Music *Goodness of God* Stevie Astley, Soloist  
by Bethel Music & Jenn Johnson Susan Doherty

\*Doxology #47

\*Prayer of Dedication Donna McCoy

***The Community Departs for Ministry***

Invitation to Discipleship

\*Closing Hymn *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* #73

\*Carrying the Light to the World

\*Benediction Rev. Monica Banks

Postlude *Lord God of Hosts* Susan Doherty  
by Thomas Morleyey

\*Those who are able, please stand.

## Life of Our Church

- April 29 – Pastor’s Baptism class, 4pm via Zoom, contact office if interested in joining
- May 1 –
  - Rebekah’s Bible Study, 1pm
  - Personnel Committee mtg, 1pm
  - Missions and Outreach Meeting, 5pm
- May 2 –
  - Chancel Choir rehearsal, 6:30pm
  - Sketch Club, 4-8pm
- May 5 – Baptism Sunday
- May 6 – widowSpeak, 10am
- May 9 – FCC 146<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- May 12 – Installation Sunday for Pastor Monica. Dale Matherly, CRMR Regional Interim Minister visiting. Rev. Steve Sherman officiating.
  - Brunch-themed Potluck after worship service in fellowship hall.
- May 14 – Elder Meeting, 5pm
- May 19 – Graduation Sunday
- May 27 –
  - Church offices closed in observance of Memorial Day
  - Ministry Board Meeting, 6pm
- June 4 – Betty Baker memorial service
- June 8 – Pride Fest

- ❖ Our **Nursery** is open for children through the age of 4.
- ❖ **Children’s Sunday School** is open from age 5 through grade 3.

\* **Conversations That Matter** – on hold until after Pastor Monica arrives.

Thank you to all who have volunteered Friday for the funeral & reception, Saturday with Pastor Monica & Ryan’s move and Sunday with the welcome potluck after worship service !!

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Colorado Springs, Colorado**



**Rev. Monica Banks, pastor  
Susan Doherty, organist**

517 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

1. Love di-vine, all loves ex-cel-ling, joy of heaven, to earth come down;  
 2. Breathe, O breathe thy lov-ing Spir-it in-to ev-ery trou-bled breast;  
 3. Come, al-might-y to de-liv-er, let us all thy life re-ceive;  
 4. Fin-ish, then, thy new cre-a-tion; pure and spot-less let us be,

fix in us thy hum-ble dwell-ing, all thy faith-ful mer-cies crown;  
 let us all in thee in-her-it, let us find thy prom-ised rest;  
 sud-den-ly re-turn and nev-er, nev-er-more thy tem-ples leave.  
 let us see thy great sal-va-tion per-fect-ly re-stored in thee;

Je-sus, thou art all com-pas-sion, pure, un-bound-ed love thou art;  
 take a-way our love of sin-ning; al-pha and o-me-ga be;  
 Thee we would be al-ways bless-ing, serve thee as thy hosts a-bove,  
 changed from glo-ry in-to glo-ry, till in heaven we take our place,

vis-it us with thy sal-va-tion, en-ter ev-ery trem-bling heart.  
 end of faith, as its be-gin-ning, set our hearts at lib-er-ty.  
 pray, and praise thee with-out ceas-ing, glo-ry in thy per-fect love.  
 till we cast our crowns be-fore thee, lost in won-der, love, and praise.

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1743  
 MUSIC: John Zundel, 1870

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### Come to the Table of Grace

*J = ♩ (♩ = ♩)*

Come to the ta-ble of \*grace.

Come to the ta-ble of \*grace.

This is God's ta-ble, it's not yours or mine.

Come to the ta-ble of \*grace.

\*Additional stanzas:  
 2 peace; 3 love; 4 joy; 5 hope

Suggested use: communion

WORDS and MUSIC: Barbara Hamm

TABLE OF GRACE

# 47 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise  
 God, all crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye  
 heaven - ly hosts: Cre - a - tor, Christ, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

WORDS: Thomas Ken, 1674, alt.  
 MUSIC: Louis Bourgeois, 1551

OLD HUNDREDTH  
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Alt. tune: OLD HUNDREDTH (altered rhythm)

# There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

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1. There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy like the wide-ness of the sea;  
 2. There is wel-come for the sin-ner, and more grac - es for the good!  
 3. For the love of God is broad-er than the meas-ure of our mind;  
 4. If our love were but more sim-ple, we should rest up-on God's word;  
 there's a kind-ness in God's jus-tice, which is more than lib - er - ty.  
 There is mer - cy with the Sav - ior; there is heal - ing in his blood.  
 and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.  
 and our lives would be il - lu - mined by the pres - ence of our Lord.

WORDS: Frederick W. Faber, 1854  
 MUSIC: Lizzie S. Tourjee, 1877; harm. Charles H. Webb, 1988

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