



**First Christian Church  
(Disciples of Christ)  
Tenth Sunday of Pentecost  
August 1, 2010**

PRELUDE (8:15) *What God Ordains is Good* Johann Pachelbel  
(11:00) Tsuruoka Junior Orchestra

WELCOME Chuck Blaisdell

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Katie Kjeldsen-Tullis, Worship Leader  
Leader: The grace of Christ Jesus be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**  
Leader: Before time existed and the universe began its long unfolding, God was God. When the stars were finding their places, and planets their orbits, God was God.

**People: When the earth took shape and life came in splendid profusion, God was God. When Abraham and Sarah began their journey of faith, God was God.**  
Leader: When Jesus came among us, bearing and living the Gospel of peace, God was God. When tomorrow we look back and remember today, we can say, God was God.

**People: For God was before the beginning, will be after the end, and fills every present moment with presence and purpose and power. Therefore let us praise!**

\*OPENING HYMN *Praise to the Lord* No. 10

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE  
Leader: Merciful God, the story of Jacob shows your willingness to enter into the messiness of our human struggles - into fractured relationships, family differences, and unreconciled situations with people we care about.

**People: But sometimes instead of welcoming that good news, we do not want to loosen our grip on our hurts and resentments, on our fears and anxieties.**  
Leader: For we know that our lives will be both transformed and dislocated by the steady nudge upon them of your call to justice, mercy and peace. Help us to wrestle against all that would conflict with these.

**People: And help us to welcome the transformation you offer and to be patient with the dislocations that it brings. Unclench our hands, O Lord, and open us to the power of you Holy Spirit.**  
Leader: Hear the Good News: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away. For we have been reconciled through Christ in whom we are blessed and forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

\*GLORIA PATRI No. 620  
*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen, Amen.*

CHILDREN'S SERMON Amanda Harders

MOMENT WITH GOD

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 32:22-32 RSV

The same night [Jacob] arose and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. And Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched the hollow of his thigh; and Jacob's thigh was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then he said, "Your name shall no more be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Tell me, I pray, your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the name of the place Penuel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his thigh. Therefore to this day the Israelites do not eat the sinew of the hip which is upon the hollow of the thigh, because he touched the hollow of Jacob's thigh on the sinew of the hip."

ANTHEM (8:15) Chancel Choir  
SPECIAL MUSIC (11:00) Tsuruoka-Amarume Youth Choir

SERMON Chuck Blaisdell  
Our First Families of Faith: Stories from the Book of Genesis VIII. *It's Quiet Out There....*

\*PRAYER HYMN *Come, O Thou Traveler* words on insert

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER  
*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 sins,  
As we forgive those who sin against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil,  
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
And the glory forever. Amen.*

SERVICE OF COMMUNION  
\*Communion Hymn *He Touched Me* No. 314  
Invitation and Words of Institution

Communion Prayers Alan Pollard & Chris Straka  
Holy Communion  
*This is Christ's table, a sign of God's unconditional love.  
All who would know that love through Jesus Christ are  
welcome to join in this symbolic meal. Eat the bread as it is  
passed to you; take a cup and drink when you are moved to  
do so. Return the empty cup to the holder in front of you.  
(We use non-alcoholic grape juice.)*  
Communion Music *Diferencias* Antonio de Cabezon

SHARING OUR GIFTS  
Offering Invitation Katie Kjeldsen-Tullis  
Offering  
Offertory (8:15) *What God Ordains is Good* Paul Manz  
(11:00) Tsuruoka-Amarume Youth Choir  
\*Doxology No. 623  
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*  
\*Offertory prayer

IN THE LIFE OF OUR CONGREGATION  
\*HYMN OF INVITATION insert, *Chalice Hymnal*  
*This Is a Day of New Beginnings*

\*BENEDICTION  
POSTLUDE (8:15) *Praise to the Lord* Larry Visser  
(11:00) Tsuruoka Junior Orchestra

Part of today's liturgy adapted from the Revs. Moira Laidlaw & Richard Fairchild.

***Please join us for Chat 'n' Coffee following the 8:15 service and between Sunday School and 11:00 worship.***

**[Thank you for turning off your cell phones.]**

***How does one become a member of First Christian Church?*** Typically, folks will have had a conversation with the pastor about the congregation, its wider church family, and the beliefs and practices of First Christian Church and the wider movement of which it is a part (although such a conversation is **NOT** required - some folks simply feel moved to join this church family at the end of worship). Each Sunday morning at the close of service, those who wish to join are invited to come forward during the singing of the final hymn, and the pastor and elders (our elected spiritual leaders of the congregation) will welcome them into membership. (If you prefer, you may also join by talking with the pastor.) You may join by transferring your membership from a sister congregation, or by affirming or re-affirming your faith in Christ. First Christian Church practices baptism by immersion, but we acknowledge and celebrate any form of baptism. If you were baptized as an infant, you do not need to be "re-baptized".

**To keep in our prayers:**

Marge Hale, who broke her leg; Jan Haley's mother, who broke her arm; Bill and Vi Vanderwege; Bill May; Pauline Allen; Ivagene Mikesell and her daughter Cindy, who is struggling with cancer; Larry Bishop for medical procedures; all of our homebound members; those serving in our armed forces; our nation's leadership; our Regional Minister, José Morales, and Regional Leaders in our wider denominational church family.

**Calendar for the week**

<i>Monday</i>	6:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast
	6:00 p.m.	General Board Meeting
<i>Tuesday</i>	9:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
	9:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting
<i>Thursday</i>	11:00 a.m.	Slimnastics and Tai Chi
<i>Friday</i>	6:00 p.m.	Parents' Night Out

**Announcements**

From Pastor Chuck – "Thank you, thank you, thank you for a wonderful celebration last Sunday of my 25<sup>th</sup> ordination anniversary. I am truly blessed. For your many prayers, your cards, and your good words I am very grateful. Thank you to Barbara for all her love and support and partnership in ministry (and for procuring all those old photos!). Thank you to each of you who had a hand in last Sunday's celebration. It was a delight and an honor."

From Carol Wilson - "Thank you so much for the gracious recognition on the 18<sup>th</sup> of my 21 years here at FCC. I am so aware of all the love and care and support that all of you have given me. My time here has been such a wonderful learning and growing experience, enabling me to discern and learn to use my gifts and to share my love of music in worship. Thank you also for your amazing generosity in the love offering."

Everyone is invited to join us for the **All-Church Picnic** to be held at **Bear Creek Park next Sunday** following the 11:00 worship service. The church will provide hamburgers, hotdogs, buns, drinks and table service, so please bring a side dish to share. Look for a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall. If you'd like to help with set-up, grilling, tear-down, cleanup, or other tasks, please call 633-8888 or fcc@firstchristiancos.org.

**Some thoughts on "forgiveness"** – "There are acts that are inexcusable. There are behaviors that are not to be condoned. But we shouldn't use this truth to keep us angry or fearful. Anger and revenge are destructive. We were born to be creative.... To forgive is not an act of kindness toward the person who has wronged you. Forgiveness is an act of kindness toward yourself. It is not about what your offender deserves; it is about what you deserve. We all deserve a life without fear and anger. We have greater things than anger to feel. And to forgive is to rid yourself of anger, fear and obsession. Imagine the relief of not feeling those things. Just imagine how much energy you would have for creative endeavors if you were not obsessed."  
-- Rabbi Karyn Kedar

**FCC Christian Education Program**

**Nursery** is provided during the worship services and Sunday School for children through age five. Pat O'Donnell is our Nursery Director.



**Children's Choir/Sunday School** (9:30) for ALL children. Meet in the Sanctuary, then go to class in R. 200.



**Children's Church** for children age five through 5<sup>th</sup> grade is held during the 11:00 worship service following the Children's Sermon. Marsha Bishop is Team leader for Children's Church.

**Youth** activities, for grades 6-12, are under the direction of the Youth Leadership Team, led by Nate Thrasher. Sunday School is held in the Youth Lounge at 9:30. During the school year, the youth meet for *Faith and Friends* from 5-7 p.m. on Sunday evenings and Lighthouse (Teen Tuesday) activities occur Tuesdays from 6-9 p.m.

**Adult Learning Opportunities (9:30 a.m.)**

**Chapel Class**, led by Gene Brink, is discussing our beliefs on the significant issues of our faith. (*Chapel, at far end of north hallway, 1<sup>st</sup> floor*)

**Seekers Class**, led by Bruce Smith, is studying Lee Strobel's book *The Case for Christ*, which examines the claims of Christ, reaching the verdict that Jesus IS God's unique son. (*I Do classroom – end of south hallway*)

**Potpourri/Hope Class** - After taking a break for the rest of the summer, the class will resume in September, led by LuJean Baxter on the topic of Christ's parting words as found in Matthew 28. October's topic will be a study of Joseph, led by Barbara Blaisdell.

**Church Staff**

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| <b>Chuck Blaisdell</b>                                     | <b>Senior Pastor</b>                              |
| Office hours 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Mon-Wed, other by appt. |   |
| <b>Ray Killian</b>   | <b>Director of Music, Children's Ministry</b>     |
| Office hours 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Mon-Wed, other by appt. |   |
| <b>Carol Wilson</b>  | <b>Organist, Pastoral Visitor, Concert Series</b> |
| <b>Nate Thrasher</b>                                       | <b>Youth Ministry Team Leader</b>                 |
| <b>Kathe Petersen</b>                                      | <b>Administrative Assistant</b>                   |
| 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., M-Th; 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Fri         |   |
| <b>Diana Serna</b>   | <b>Bookkeeper/Wedding Coordinator</b>             |
| 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. M, T, W                                |   |
| <b>Laura Patino</b>  | <b>Custodian</b>                                  |
| 7:15 a.m.-3:15 p.m. M-Th; Sunday a.m.                      |   |

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Christian Education at 9:30 a.m.



Vision after the Sermon - Jacob Wrestling with the Angel, Paul Gauguin

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