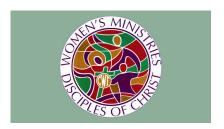
DON'T FORGET

Faith In Justice - Monday @ 2pm Personnel - Monday @ 6pm Christian Ed - Tuesday @ 1:15pm Personal Safety - Thursday @ 5pm MLT - Saturday @ 10:30am



Disciple Women Tuesday @ 12pm meeting at Avanti's Please sign up, so we can make

a reservation!



Check out our full calendar of events here



Please always check with the church office if you are wanting to use the church building. Thank you!

The Ministry of **Paying Attention**

Listening to Women's Stories

Mother's Day is a celebration but for many, it's also complicated. Not everyone has a happy memory of motherhood, and not every woman has had her voice valued in church or community spaces.

In Scripture, women were central to Jesus' ministry:

• He listened to the woman at the well

- He received anointing from a woman others
- He entrusted the news of the resurrection to Mary Magdalene

These were not just private moments, they were acts of justice. To listen deeply, especially to stories that are uncomfortable, overlooked, or inconvenient, is a sacred act.

This week's practice: **Honoring Voices, Not Just Roles**

Try one (or more) of these:

- Read a book, blog, or devotional written by a woman of faith, especially one outside your usual
- Amplify a voice: Share a quote, post, or teaching
- Amplify a voice. Share a quote, post, of teaching by a woman who's inspired you.
 Pray with a woman's story from Scripture: Mary, Deborah, Hagar, Ruth, or the woman at the well.
 Make space: If you're leading a group, intentionally invite a woman's insight or leadership.

The goal this week isn't to extract someone's story. It's to step back, make room, and honor what's already being said, especially by those too often talked over.

> To all who mother in any form through birth, adoption, fostering, mentoring, caregiving, or presence — your care is sacred. Your story matters. We honor you today.



May 11, 2025 10:30am

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Today's Meditation

Doubt is not the opposite of faith; it is one element of faith

-Paul Tillich

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†Fellowship of the Church

(Please sign in online or on the red pad in your pew)

Mother's Day Tribute

Music for Meditation

A Poem for Mother's Day - Stairs
Please use the music and the moment of silence to prepare
your hearts and minds for worship.

A Moment of Silence

†Opening Hymn

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

†Call to Worship

Leader: God has brought us together this day in this

place.

People: We come joyfully to worship the Lord our God.

Leader: Let us open our hearts to receive all God's blessings.

People: May God shower blessings upon us so that we may bless God and others through our life and service.

†Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray together...

All: Generous God, we thank you for your presence with us in all of life. As we gather this morning we are reminded of the many times we have doubted and feared. Today banish our fears with the memory of the resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ. Remind us again that through all our troubles, and doubts that your power, mercy, and love are with us. We pray this in the name of the one who taught us to pray. . . Our Father...

†Vision Response

For the Healing of the Nations vs 4

Scripture Reading John 20:24-29

This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Emily Williams

Special Music Jubilate Ringers Ring Joyous with the Sound! Douglas E. Wagner

Sermon Hank Anderson

The Waiting: A Post-Resurrection Tour VIP Access

†Hymn of Commitment #578

I Need Thee Every Hour vss 1,3,4

A Time of Prayer

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Communion Hymn #461

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

The Lord's Supper

All: Here we celebrate that all people are welcome at this table of God's grace.

Peace Unending - Becket

Offering Statement

Tithes & Offerings

If you are able, please come forward at this time to place your offering in the plate in front of the communion table.

Children's Song Medley - Hayes/Wagner

†Doxology #46

†Dedication of Offering

+Benediction

+Congregational Response #635

Faith of Our Fathers vs 3

Postlude

#668

Postlude on "Italian Hymn" - Giardini/Broughton

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First Christian Church Peoria, as an open and affirming church, believes that all people are sacred creations of a loving God. We affirm the diversity that exists among us. We strive to answer the call of Christ by extending his love, compassion, and acceptance to all. In that spirit we open our family of faith to people of every religious background, sexual orientation, family structure, physical and mental ability, race, socio-economic status, age, and gender identity. We welcome all people to participate fully in the life and ministry of First Christian Church

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