

Opening Song **"Here We Gather as God's People"** #294

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the candles & bringing in the elements

✠ **Praise Song** **"Seek Ye First"** #354

✠ **Call to Worship & Unison Prayer**

Praise Song **"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"** #491 *Majesty*

Children's Time

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Hymn **"Wade in the Water"** #371

Scripture **Matthew 14:22-33** #15

Sermon **"Eyes Upon Jesus"**

Hymn **"Here, Savior, We Would Come"** #363

Offering and Communion Invitation/Prayer

Communion Hymn **"I Come with Joy"** #420 *vs1&2*

Words of Institution

✠ **Blessing**

Extinguish candles & take the light out into the world

✠ **Closing Song** **"O Christ, the Way, the Truth"**
#432 *v 1*

Call to Worship:

Leader: Welcome to worship this day.

People: Thank you. We're glad to be here.

Leader: Some have come seeking; some have come struggling.

People: Lord, be with each one of us today. Feed our hearts and souls with your transforming love.

Leader: God is truly with you all today, guiding, lifting, feeding, restoring your souls.

People: Praise be to God who continually abides with us.

Unison Prayer

Lord, we come to you this day, seeking your healing and restoring love. Give us courage to reach out to you in the good and easy times as well as in the times of strain and stress. Open our hearts to receive your message of peace and hope. In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.

✠ - **Indicates to stand if you are able.**

Here at First Christian Church, we practice an open Communion Table where everyone is welcome. Please come forward to receive your communion elements. Upon return to your seat we will partake of the Lord's Supper together.

Please sign the pew register, pass it to your neighbor and return it to the center aisle.

Bibles and Hymnals are in the pew racks.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Today, August 9th: Wedding Shower Luncheon following the church service.

Thursday, August 13th: Members' Breakfast 9am at the Red Pride Café.

Sunday, August 16th: Josh Patty, Regional Minister for the Upper Midwest Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will be visiting.

Sunday, August 30th: Ecumenical Service
Details coming soon!



Please join us in Congratulating Jacey Thomas on her upcoming wedding at a luncheon after church today! If you would like to bring a gift, the couple would prefer gift cards or cash, as they both have established households to combine. Hope to see you there. *Generic cards are available for use in the Narthex.

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August 9, 2026
Pastor Alan Berneman
"Eyes Upon Jesus"

A graphic with the text "FOCUS ON ME, NOT THE STORM." in a colorful, hand-drawn style. The words are in various colors (orange, blue, green, red) and some letters have small 'x' marks. Below the main text, "Matthew 14:22-33" is written in a smaller, cursive font.

FOCUS ON ME,
NOT THE STORM.
Matthew 14:22-33



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