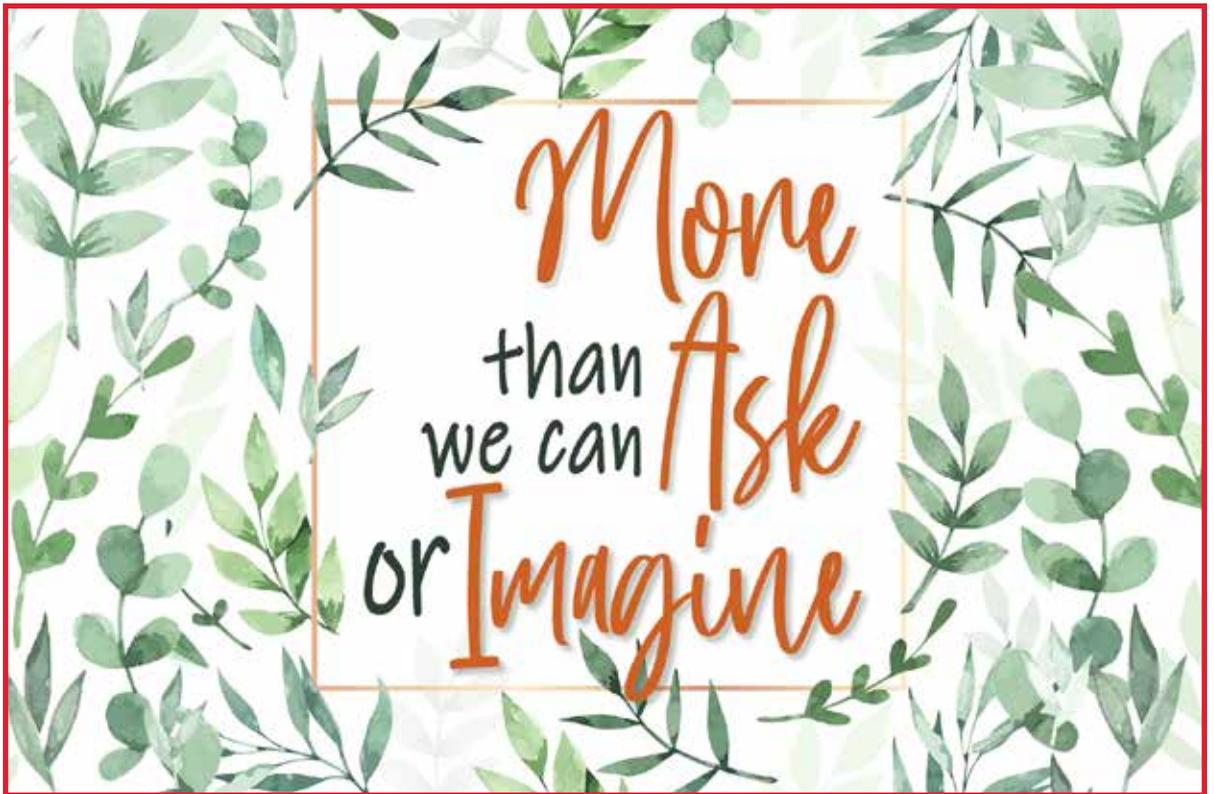




First Christian Church Disciples of Christ

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July 25, 2021 — 10:00 a.m.
The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome to this house of worship for all people!

Please check in at fccbrla.org/sunday or on our Facebook page, then silence your cell phone.

WELCOMING GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude

Dr. João Casarotti

Words of Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Dr. David Chisham

Call to Worship

Charlene Landry

Leader: This is the hour to bend our knee before God.
We come to offer our best to our Provider.

People: **We gather before God, who see us as we are.
We open our hearts to the One who knows us well.**

Leader: We come, hungry for what God will give.
We come in faith, know that God does more than we ask or imagine.

People: **We come to be strengthened in our innermost being.
To God be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus
to all generations, forever and ever!**

Hymn of Praise

How Great Thou Art, vv. 1, 3, 4

Chalice Hymnal #33

GOD SPEAKS TO US

Prayer of Illumination and Lord's Prayer

Charlene Landry

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Adapted Scripture Reading

Psalm 145:10-18

Layne Chisham

Children's Sermon

Dr. Carol Madere

COMMUNITY PRAYER AND GATHERING AT THE TABLE

Prayer Hymn	<i>In This Very Room</i>	Chalice Hymnal #295
Pastoral Prayers		Chris Culp
Communion Hymn	<i>Here is Bread</i>	lyrics on screen
Invitation to the Table		Rev. Dr. David Chisham
Communion Prayer		David Brian
Words of Institution		Rev. Dr. David Chisham
Music & Meditation		

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Hymn	<i>Ancient Words</i>	lyrics on screens
Scripture Reading	John 6:1-21	David Brian
Scripture Reading	Ephesians 3:14-21	Rev. Dr. David Chisham
Sermon	<i>More Than We Can Ask or Imagine</i> "Ephesians: Life Shaped by Worship"	Rev. Dr. David Chisham
Hymn Response	<i>Great is Thy Faithfulness</i>	Chalice Hymnal #86

COMMISSIONING TO GOD'S WORK

Invitation to Join in Fellowship, Share Offerings, and Closing Announcements		
* Hymn Refrain	<i>Peace Be Upon You</i>	Chalice Hymnal #441
* Benediction		
Postlude		Dr. João Casarotti

This Week at First Christian Church:

- **Adult Bible Study** is in the library and via Zoom, immediately following this service, at about 11:15 a.m.
- **Wednesday Bible study** is held in the library and via Zoom, at **1:00 p.m.** The reminder and Zoom link go out by email on Wednesday mornings. Contact the church office (churchoffice@fccbrrla.org) if you need the link.
- **Chancel Choir**, under the direction of Aaron Turnipseed, MMA, meets in the sanctuary at **7:00 p.m.** All interested singers are welcome!
- **Farewell Brunch - Sunday, August 8 following the 10:00 service - *Laissez les bons temps rouler*** as we offer our best wishes to the Chisham family as they begin their next chapter at First Christian Church, Midland, Texas! We ask all members of our congregation to bring their favorite brunch item to share, in the way of breakfast casseroles, finger sandwiches, fruits and veggies, and, of course, pastries and sweets. The church will provide coffee, water, juice, milk, and paper products. Please contact Vicki Krupala (jvkrupala@cox.net) or 225-328-2461 to offer assistance with set-up on Saturday, August 7, or brunch needs on August 8.

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To our Visitors — Welcome to First Christian Church. To help your experience with us be as wonderful as possible, please allow us to share a few things with you.

Communion — The Disciples of Christ welcome all to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us. You do not need to be a member to receive communion. If you desire to take communion, **please collect a pre-packaged communion kit from one of the entrance tables**, and hold it with you until we partake, together, during the service.

Offerings — Your offering for the mission and work of the church can be placed in one of the offering plates near each entrance to the building. To donate online, please visit our website at fccbrrla.org/giving, or via PayPal at paypal.me/fccbrrla or text **fccbrrla** followed by the amount you wish to give, to **73256 (e.g. "fccbrrla \$15")**

Joining the Church — If you have not been baptized or made an adult profession of faith, please speak with the pastor. If you are already a baptized member of another church, please contact the church office about initiating a letter of transfer.

Children — We have children's books, coloring sheets tied to the theme of the day, crayons, and colored pencils in the bookshelf on the east side of the foyer. **Our nursery is scheduled to reopen on Sunday, August 1!** If you need some wiggle space this morning, please feel free to use the library (SW corner of sanctuary), where the livestream is also available.

Check-in — Whether a first-time visitor, or returning member, please check in by aiming your smart phone at the QR code in the corner, below; or, on our Facebook page: [fccbrrla](https://www.facebook.com/fccbrrla).

Restrooms — The men's room is in the southwest corner of the sanctuary and the women's room is in the southeast corner.

We thank you for being here today, and are grateful for your presence.

Rev. Dr. David Chisham, *Senior Minister*

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Church office hours: Monday-Thursday, 9 am until 3 pm

