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(Disciples of Christ)

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Welcome Visitors! We are excited that you have chosen to worship with us today; all are welcome and beloved—all races, gender identities, sexual orientations, socio-economic statuses, *everyone*.

I. Prelude – (Nancy Thompson)

II. Ringing of the Bell

III. Welcome and Announcements (Amber McGill)

- Today – Fellowship following service.
- Monday – 7 p.m. Faith in Films, “Dead Man Walking”, Room 6
- Wednesday – 7 p.m. Faith in Films discussion, Room 6
- Please see the back of your bulletins for the full calendar.
- Offerings may be put in the offering plate which is near the bulletins near the entrance of the sanctuary.

IV. Opening Hymn – CH #2 “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” (Nancy Thompson)

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee,
Op'ning to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
Drive our fear and doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day!

All Thy works with joy surround Thee,
Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee,
Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain
Call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living,
Ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother,
All who live in love are Thine;
Teach us how to love each other,
Lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the happy chorus,
Stars of morning take your part;
Love divine is reigning o'er us,
Binding those of tender heart
Ever singing, move we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us Sunward
In the triumph song of life.

V. Call to Worship (Amber McGill)

Gracious God,
We celebrate with thanksgiving your acts of creation,
Your making all humanity in your own image,
And your presence throughout the world in all of life.

**We thank you for the gift of redemption in Jesus
of Nazareth
In whom “the Word became flesh and dwelt
among us,
Full of grace and truth.”**

We rejoice that you have never, in any time or place,
been without witness.
We take joy in making known your deeds throughout
the earth
And your transforming power in Jesus Christ.

**Be with your church in every time and place as
we seek
To be faithful in witness to your power and love.
Give us strength to challenge all attempts
To deprive persons of their humanity.
Encourage us to support all who suffer on behalf
of justice and freedom.
May your church always witness to the gospel's
declaration
Of the uniqueness and value of all persons as
your children.**

We bless you for your everlasting love that impels us
To share the good news of Jesus Christ,
To witness to the ultimate hope for the world
In the fulfillment of your will on earth, and
To prepare the way for Christ
To be known deeply in each individual life.

**We pray in Christ Jesus that the church may
forever bring praise to you.**

**Work your power in us to do far more than we
dare ask or think. Amen.**

VI. Children Fourth Grade and Under Dismissed for Sunday School

VII. Laughing Bird Psalm 4 (Amber McGill)

O God who always does what is right,
answer me when I cry for help.
You gave me breathing space last time I was in a tight
spot;
be generous to me again, and hear my prayer.

How long will these people get away with it,
dragging my name through the mud?
How long will they go on spinning their propaganda
and manufacturing lies and deceit?

When will they wake up to the fact that you, LORD,
have singled out those who are faithful for your
special care.

You hear, LORD, when we cry out to you.

No matter how much pressure anyone is under,
there is still no excuse for doing the wrong thing by
others.

Help us instead to quieten our minds down,
to meditate on the truth
and get a good night's sleep.

We put our trust in you alone, LORD,
and offer you all we have in gratitude.

Cynics whinge that they never see any goodies from
you, LORD,
and that you never seem to smile on them.

But as for me, you have filled my heart with joy,
and I'd take that any day,
over all the goodies their money can buy.

I can go to bed with a clear conscience
and sleep in peace,
for you, and you alone, LORD,
are my security, day and night.

VIII. Luke 24:36-48 (NRSV) (Amber McGill)

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

IX. Sermon – “Eating With Ghosts” (Rev. Jesse Kearns)

X. Song Invitation – CH #295 “In This Very Room” (Nancy Thompson)

In this very room,
there’s quite enough love for one like me,
And in this very room
there’s quite enough joy for one like me;

And there’s quite enough hope,
and quite enough pow’r
To chase away any gloom,
For Jesus, Lord Jesus, is in this very room.

In this very room
there’s quite enough love for all of us,
And in this very room
there’s quite enough joy for all of us;

And there’s quite enough hope,
and quite enough pow’r
To chase away any gloom,
For Jesus, Lord Jesus, is in this very room.

In this very room
there’s quite enough love for all the world,
And in this very room
there’s quite enough joy for all the world;

And there's quite enough hope,
and quite enough pow'r
To chase away any gloom,
For Jesus, Lord Jesus, is in this very room.

XI. Moments for Mission: Georgia Nelson

XII. Prayers of the People

XIII. Communion Song CH #430 "Lo, I am with You" (Nancy Thompson)

Lo, I am with you to the end of the world.
Lo, I am with you to the end of the world.
Lo, I am with you, Lo, I am with you,
Lo, I am with you to the end of the world.

Lo, I am with you in the breaking of bread
Lo, I am with you in the breaking of bread
Lo, I am with you, Lo, I am with you,
Lo, I am with you in the breaking of bread

Lo, I am with you in the drinking of wine
Lo, I am with you in the drinking of wine
Lo, I am with you, Lo, I am with you,
Lo, I am with you in the drinking of wine.

XIV. Institution of Communion (Dave Hoppe, elder)

XV. Partaking Communion Together

XVI. Blessing/Benediction (Rev. Jesse Kearns)

XVII. Postlude – (Nancy Thompson)

Attendance for April 7th, 2024

Sanctuary: 42 Online: 15 Total: 57

Credits

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This Sunday

- 8:30 a.m. Sacred Grounds Adult Faith Formation Christian Education, Room 6 and on [Zoom](#)
- 10:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary and Worship Streamed Live on [Zoom](#) and [Facebook](#)
- Fellowship, Koinonia Hall
- 1:00 p.m. Iglesia de Cristo Agua Viva, Sanctuary

Monday

- 7:00 p.m. Faith in Films, Room 6

Tuesday

- 11:30 a.m. Music Practice, Room 4
- 1:00 p.m. String Ensemble, Chapel
- 2:00 p.m. WICS (All women welcome!), Bethany
- 7:00 p.m. Elders meeting, Zoom

Wednesday

- 6:00 p.m. BSA Scouts, Koinonia Hall and Fireside
- 7:00 p.m. Faith in Films, Room 6

Thursday

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Breakfast, Cozy Diner
- 6:30 p.m. Bible Study, Room 6 and on [Zoom](#)

Friday—Church Office Closed (Briony taking a vacation day)

- 3:00 p.m. Crafting Companions, Room 6

Next Sunday

- 8:30 a.m. Sacred Grounds Adult Faith Formation Christian Education, Room 6 and on [Zoom](#)
- 10:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary and Worship Streamed Live on [Zoom](#) and [Facebook](#)
- Fellowship, Koinonia Hall
- 1:00 p.m. Iglesia de Cristo Agua Viva, Sanctuary

Some FAQs for Visitors

- **What is Communion?** Communion is a part of each Sunday morning where we remember the last meal that Jesus ate with the disciples by eating bread and drinking grape juice.
- **May I receive Communion?** Yes! Everyone is invited to receive -- we have no barrier to participating in communion.
- **What’s a “Doxology”?** Some Sundays we will sing a “doxology” (literally “saying of glory”) after we receive the offering. It is a prayer written in 1674 and is popular in Protestant Churches -- plus, we love the words.
- **Do we say the Lord’s Prayer together?** We do pray the Lord’s Prayer together occasionally on Sunday mornings during the prayer time.
- **What else should I know?** We’d love to share more of our loving and inclusive community with you. At FCC, you’ll find all generations worshipping together and participating in church activities. We have activities for kids and youth, and we love to share in community together.
- **Visit our website to donate online, subscribe to our mailing lists, and learn more about us!** www.fccchico.com
- **Masks:** Masks are recommended but not required. Adult and child size masks are available in the Sanctuary as well as hand sanitizer.