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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 (Tom Shifflet)

- Today – Fellowship following service.
- **No Bible Study this week**
- 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 #484 “We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations” (Nancy Thompson)

We’ve a story to tell to the nations,
that shall turn their hearts to the right,
a story of truth and mercy,
a story of peace and light,
a story of peace and light.

For the darkness shall turn to dawning,
and the dawning to noonday bright;
and Christ’s great kingdom shall come on earth,
the kingdom of love and light.

We've a song to be sung to the nations,
that shall lift their hearts to the Lord;
a song that shall conquer evil
and shatter the spear and sword,
and shatter the spear and sword.

For the darkness shall turn to dawning,
and the dawning to noonday bright;
and Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth,
the kingdom of love and light.

We've a message to give to the nations,
that the Lord who reigneth above
hath sent us the Son to save us,
and show us that God is love,
and show us that God is love.

For the darkness shall turn to dawning,
and the dawning to noonday bright;
and Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth,
the kingdom of love and light.

We've a Savior to show to the nations,
who the path of sorrow hath trod,
that all of the world's great peoples
might come to the truth of God,
might come to the truth of God

For the darkness shall turn to dawning,
and the dawning to noonday bright;
and Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth,
the kingdom of love and light.

V. Call to Worship "Let the Day Come, Lord" CH 710 (Tom Shifflet)

Come, Lord Jesus, come!
Let the day come, Lord
When our world's misery will find your mercy.
Let the day come
When our poverty will find your riches

**Let the day come
When our path will find the way to your house.
Let the day come
When our tears will find your smile.**

Let the day come
When our joy will find your heaven.
Let the day come
When your church will find the kingdom.

**May you be blest, Father, for that day
When our eyes will find your face!
Throughout all the time our lives
You have not ceased to come before us
In your Son Jesus Christ,
Our Savior and our brother.
Come, Lord Jesus, come!**

VI. Children Fourth Grade and Under Dismissed for Sunday School

VII. Laughing Bird Psalm 22:25-31 (Tom Shifflet)

Whenever people gather to worship,
my heart overflows and I sing your praises.
Out in the open for all to see
I'll do all that I promised.

At your table, God, the needy will feast;
those who hunger for you will be fed till they burst
with praise!
They will be able to live it up, now and forever!

In every corner of the earth people will wake up to
themselves
and turn back to you, LORD.
Every race, nation, tribe and family
will offer themselves to you in worship,
for you have the last word on everything;
what you say goes.

Even the dead will bow down to you, LORD;
those who are trampled in the dust will look to you in
hope,
and I will live for you and you alone.

Our kids and their kids will serve you, LORD;
as we pass the message down from one generation to
the next.

People not even born yet will hear the story;
they will be told of what you have done to set us free.

VIII. Acts 8:26-40(NRSV) (Tom Shifflet)

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." The eunuch asked

Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

IX. Sermon – "Follow the Verbs" (Rev. Jesse Kearns)

X. Song Invitation – CH #480 "I Love to Tell the Story" (Nancy Thompson)

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;
It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat
What seems, each time
I tell it, more wonderfully sweet.
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
The message of salvation from God's own holy Word

I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
Seem hungering and thirsting
To hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory,
I sing the new, new song,
'Twill be the old, old story
That I have loved so long.

I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

XI. Moments for Mission:

XII. Prayers of the People

XIII. Communion Song CH #386 “We Come as Guests Invited” (Nancy Thompson)

We come as guests invited
when Jesus bids us dine
His friends on earth united
to share the bread and wine;
The bread of life is broken,
the wine is freely poured
For us, in solemn token
of Christ our dying Lord.

We eat and drink, receiving
from Christ the grace we need,
and in our hearts believing
on him by faith we feed;
with wonder and thanksgiving
for love that knows no end,
we find in Jesus living
our ever-present friend.

One bread is ours for sharing,
one single, fruitful vine,
our fellowship declaring
renewed in bread and wine:
renewed, sustained, and given
by token, sign, and word,
the pledge and seal of heaven,
the love of Christ our Lord.

XIV. Institution of Communion (Joe Rogers, elder)

XV. Partaking Communion Together

XVI. Blessing/Benediction (Rev. Jesse Kearns)

XVII. Postlude – (Nancy Thompson)

- **May Caller** The May edition of our monthly newsletter, the Caller, is available in the Sanctuary near the bulletins or online at <https://www.fccchico.com/the-caller-newsletter.html>.
- **Upper Room Devotionals for May and June** are on the tables near the bulletins in the Sanctuary.
- **Pentecost in the Park is May 21st:** We will be celebrating Pentecost at Wildwood Park on May 21st, at 10:00 a.m.! Sing-along led by Good Country and the Upbeats, as well as worship and a barbeque potluck.

Attendance for April 21st, 2024

Sanctuary: 39 Online: 13 Total: 52

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April 28th-May 5th, 2024

CALENDAR

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

Tuesday

- Noon Music Practice, Room 4 (Music Room)
- 1:00 p.m. String Ensemble, Chapel

Wednesday

- 6:00 p.m. BSA Scouts, Koinonia Hall and Fireside

Thursday

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Breakfast, Cozy Diner
- **No Bible Study this week**

Friday

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

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- 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.
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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.