

Here's My Heart



April 7th, 2024—Second Sunday of Easter
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First Christian Church Chico



(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 “Return to You” (Sanctified Art)

II. Ringing of the Bell

III. Welcome and Announcements – (Dave Hoppe)

- Today – Fellowship following service in Koinonia Hall.
- Tuesday – 9:30 a.m. Koinonia Crafters, Fireside
- Saturday – 9:00 a.m. All Church Work Day
- Please see the back of your bulletins for the calendar.
- Offerings may be put in the offering plate which is near the bulletins near the entrance of the sanctuary.

IV. Call to Worship – (Dave Hoppe)

Jesus said,

“Follow me.”

Jesus said,

“Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”

Jesus said,

“Forgive seventy times seven.”

Jesus said,

“Feed my sheep.”

In response, we say:

“Here’s my heart.

Take and seal it.

Seal it for thy courts above.”¹

Let us worship God with all our hearts.

V. Opening Hymn – CH #226 “He Lives!” (Joshua Hegg)

I serve a risen Savior, he’s in the world today;
I know that he is living, whatever others say.
I see his hand of mercy, I hear his voice of cheer,
And just the time I need him, he’s always near.

He lives! He lives! Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me
Along life’s narrow way.
He lives! He lives! Salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know he lives?
He lives within my heart.

In all the world around me I see his loving care,
And though my heart grows weary, I never will
despair.
I know that he is leading through all the stormy blast;
The day of his appearing will come at last.

He lives! He lives! Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me
Along life’s narrow way.
He lives! He lives! Salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know he lives?
He lives within my heart.

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and
sing
Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King!
The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who
find;
None other is so loving, so good and kind.

He lives! He lives! Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me
Along life’s narrow way.
He lives! He lives! Salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know he lives?
He lives within my heart.

VI. Call to Confession

For the last seven weeks we have been following the
life and faith of Peter.
Despite being one of Jesus’ most loyal disciples, Peter
still made mistakes.
He was faithful and messy, humble and afraid, loving
and cautious.

Friends, we’re a lot like Peter.
Despite our faith, we make mistakes.
Despite our belief, we carry unbelief.
Despite our love, we can cause hurt.
So like Peter, let us return to God in prayer,
confessing the truth of our lives.

God's grace does not stop with that humble yet fearful disciple.

God's grace reaches all the way to us. Let us pray:

VII. Prayer of Confession

Gracious God,

Like Peter, we crawl out of the boat only to sink.

You tell us your truth and we push it away.

We ask about forgiveness and are surprised by abundance.

We profess our faith and deny it three times.

We run to the empty tomb and leave in silence.

Over and over again, we find ourselves wandering along the journey of faith.

Tether us to your heart. Forgive our surprise, our denial, and our limited imagination.

Call us out of the boat once more. We are eager to return to you. With humble hearts we pray, amen.

VIII. Words of Forgiveness

Friends, the first time that Peter saw Jesus after the crucifixion, Jesus asked him three times, "Do you love me?" This repetition was not because Jesus doubted Peter's word. This repetition was Jesus offering Peter grace.

You see, the last time Jesus and Peter were together, Peter said three times, "I do not know that man." So when Jesus returned, he asked Peter, "Do you love me?" And in that moment, he allowed Peter to turn his denials into love.

Friends, the grace of our God knows no end. When we stumble, when we fall, when we deny God or cause harm, Jesus meets us where we are and offers us a second chance. So rest in this good news. Does God love you? Yes, yes, yes. God loves you.

We are forgiven. Thanks be to God for a love that never ends.

IX. Affirmation of Faith

We believe in a God who shows up in our lives—surprising and catching us off-guard in the best of ways.

We believe in a God who cares for God's people—a shepherd who longs for her sheep to be fed and tended.

We believe in a God who took on flesh—a God whose love changed the world as we know it.

**We believe that this here-and-now God invites us
out of the boat,
calling ordinary people like Peter, like us, into a
life of service and community.**

**And so we give our hearts. We give our whole
hearts and nothing less. Amen.**

**X. Children Fourth Grade and Under Dismissed
for Sunday School**

**XI. Scripture Reading John 21:1-19 (NRSV) (Dave
Hoppe)**

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so

many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to

him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.” (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, “Follow me.”

XII. Sermon – “Here’s My Heart” (Rev. Jesse Kearns)

XIII. Hymn of Invitation – CH #477 “Pass It On” (Joshua Hegg)

It only takes a spark
To get a fire going
And soon all those around will warm up to its
glowing;
That’s how it is with God’s love,
Once you’ve experienced it:
You spread God’s love to everyone,
You want to pass it on.

What a wondrous time is spring
When all the trees are budding,
The birds begin to sing,
The flowers start their blooming;

That’s how it is with God’s love,
Once you’ve experienced it:
You want to sing, it’s fresh like spring,
You want to pass it on.

I wish for you, my friend,
This happiness that I’ve found--
On God you can depend,
It matters not where you’re bound;
I’ll shout it from the mountain top (Praise God!)
I want my world to know:
The Lord of love has come to me,
I want to pass it on.

XIV. Moments for Mission: All Church Work Day (Barbara Poetker and Judy Brillhart)

XV. Prayers of the People

XVI. Communion Song – CP #161 “Here Is Bread” (Joshua Hegg)

Here is bread, here is wine. Christ is with us; he is
with us.
Break the bread, taste the wine; Christ is with us here.
In this bread there is healing, in this cup is life forever.
In this moment, by the Spirit, Christ is with us here.

Attendance for March 31st, 2024

Sanctuary: 63 Online: 14 Total: 77

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Here is grace, here is peace. Christ is with us; he is with us.

Know his grace, find his peace; feast on Jesus here. In this bread there is healing, in this cup is life forever.

In this moment, by the Spirit, Christ is with us here.

Here we are, joined in one. Christ is with us; he is with us.

We'll proclaim till he comes, Jesus crucified. In this bread there is healing, in this cup is life forever.

In this moment, by the Spirit, Christ is with us here.

XVII. Institution of Communion (Gary Cantwell, elder)

XVIII. Partaking Communion Together

XIX. Blessing/Benediction

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

- 9:30 a.m. Koinonia Krafters, Fireside
- 11:30 a.m. Music Practice, Room 4 (new time)
- 1:00 p.m. String Ensemble, Chapel

Wednesday

- 11:30 a.m. Chico Area Interfaith Council, Fireside
- 6:00 p.m. BSA Scouts, Koinonia Hall and Fireside

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

Saturday

- 9:00 a.m. All Church Work Day!

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.