



April 9th, 2023—Easter Sunday
Rev. Jesse Kearns, Pastor

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 – (Nancy Thompson)

II. Baptismal Service for Bryce Jones

III. Welcome and Announcements (Barbara Poetker)

- Today – Fellowship, hosted by the elders, following service. After Fellowship will be an egg hunt for the children
- Monday – OFFICE CLOSED
- Tuesday – 9:30 a.m. Koinonia Krafters in Fireside Room; 11:30 a.m. Music jam in Room 4.
- Wednesday – 6:00 p.m. Scouts, K-Hall and Fireside.
- Thursday – 8:30 p.m. Worship team meeting at Cozy Diner.
- Sunday - 8:30 a.m. Sacred Grounds; 10:00 a.m. Worship in sanctuary, Zoom and FaceBook Live; Fellowship in Fireside following the service.
- Offerings may be put in the collection plate which is near the bulletins near the entrance of the sanctuary

IV. Opening Hymn – CH #224 “Christ Arose” (Nancy Thompson)

Low in the grave he lay,
Jesus my Savior,
waiting the coming day,
Jesus my Lord!

Up from the grave he arose, (he arose)
with a mighty triumph o'er his foes; (o'er his foes)
he arose a victor from the dark domain,
and he lives forever with his saints to reign.
He arose! (he arose) He arose! (he arose) Hallelujah!
Christ arose!

Vainly they watch his bed,
Jesus my Savior;
vainly they seal the dead,
Jesus my Lord!

Up from the grave he arose, (he arose)
with a mighty triumph o'er his foes; (o'er his foes)
he arose a victor from the dark domain,
and he lives forever with his saints to reign.
He arose! (he arose) He arose! (he arose) Hallelujah!
Christ arose!

Death cannot keep its prey,
Jesus my Savior;
he tore the bars away--
Jesus my Lord!

Up from the grave he arose, (he arose)
with a mighty triumph o'er his foes; (o'er his foes)
he arose a victor from the dark domain,
and he lives forever with his saints to reign.
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V. Call to Worship – (Barbara Poetker)

What are you looking for?
The light before dawn.

What are you looking for?
A reason to hope.

What are you looking for?
Joy after grief and flowers after winter.

What are you looking for?
A place to belong.

What are you looking for?
We are looking for the Messiah.

Good news! Come in. Love is alive!
Surely God is in this place.

VI. Children Fourth Grade and Under Dismissed for Sunday School

VII. Call to Confession and Prayer of Forgiveness

Merciful God, we don't always recognize Christ,
even when we are looking directly
at your Incarnate Love.

**We cling to our assumptions
about how life on earth should unfold,
forgetting that life in your realm
shatters those expectations.**

Forgive us when we go through our daily routine,
forgetting to look for the Risen One.

**Forgive us when coming to worship
is more about seeing our friends
than it is about encountering you
and your Risen Christ.**

Open our eyes and our hearts, O God,
to the full awareness of your presence with us,
in each and every moment of our lives.

**We pray in the name of the Christ who is alive!
Alleluia and amen.**

The testimony of all the prophets is united
in this message of good news:
Everyone who believes in Jesus Christ
receives forgiveness of sins through his name.
Rejoice, for your sins are already forgiven!

VIII. John 20:1-18 NRSV – (Barbara Poetker)

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still
dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that

the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she
ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple,
the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, ‘They
have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not
know where they have laid him.’ Then Peter and the
other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The
two were running together, but the other disciple
outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent
down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying
there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came,
following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the
linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had
been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen
wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the
other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went
in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not
understand the scripture, that he must rise from the
dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she
wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she
saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of
Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at
the feet. They said to her, ‘Woman, why are you
weeping?’ She said to them, ‘They have taken away
my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid
him.’ When she had said this, she turned round and
saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it
was Jesus. Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, why are you
weeping? Whom are you looking for?’ Supposing him

to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

IX. Sermon - "Who Are You Looking For?" (Jesse Kearns)

X. Song of Invitation – CH #226 "He Lives!" (Nancy Thompson)

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) 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) 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.

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Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me
Along life's narrow way.
He lives, (he lives) He lives (he lives)
Salvation to impart!
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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.

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XI. An Affirmation of Faith

We believe in resurrection—
**mysterious, beyond our understanding, and yet,
like tulips after the snow: real.**

We believe in Easter morning—
**in the promise of a God who would roll back
every stone to return to us.**

We believe in Jesus—
**who calls us by name and asks,
“Who are you looking for?”**

So we look— for justice, for mercy, for God in our
midst.
**And as we look, we sing, “Alleluia!”
Amen.**

XII. Prayers of the People (Mary Kearns)

XIII. Communion Song CH #227 “In the Garden” (Nancy Thompson)

I come to the garden alone,
while the dew is still on the roses;
and the voice I hear falling on my ear,
the Son of God discloses.

And he walks with me, and he talks with me,
and he tells me I am his own,
and the joy we share, as we tarry there,
none other has ever known.

He speaks, and the sound of his voice,
is so sweet the birds hush their singing,
and the melody that he gave to me
within my heart is ringing. [Refrain]

And he walks with me, and he talks with me,
and he tells me I am his own,
and the joy we share, as we tarry there,
none other has ever known.

I’d stay in the garden with him
though the night around me be falling,
but he bids me go; through the voice of woe
his voice to me is calling.

And he walks with me, and he talks with me,
and he tells me I am his own,
and the joy we share, as we tarry there,
none other has ever known.

XIV. Institution of Communion (Georgia Nelson and Kevin Zeitler, elders)

XV. Partaking Communion Together

XVI. Blessing/Benediction

XVII. Postlude – (Nancy Thompson)

Boy Scout Troop 2 Chico “Steak and Prawn Dinner”: A Fundraising Event April 15, 2023

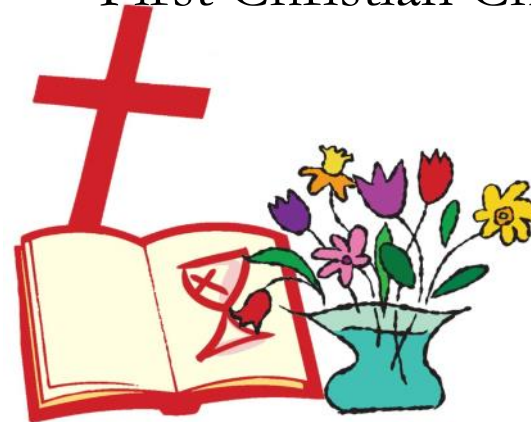
They will have a Live and Silent Auction and need donations. They are looking for:

- Medium to Large size baskets
- Homemade craft items
- Any new/unused items you don't need

Funds that are raised during this event help Scouts pay for summer camps, merit badges, troop activities, and our yearly charter fees for the entire troop. This major fundraiser helps send Troop 2 Scouts to summer high adventure programs that have included trips to Philmont Scout Ranch, Florida Sea Base, and Northern Tier High Adventure.

- Tickets to attend this worthy event are also available for \$40.
- For questions or comments or contributions, please contact Troop 2. Thank you!
- Jolene Moore, Auction Coordinator, 530-566-5925, and
- Jay Nelson, Troop 2 Chico Chartered Org. Rep., 530-624-9861, coffeemanjay@aol.com
- Troop 2: 530-514-7108, info@troop2chico.com

First Christian Church, Chico



The Sanctuary flowers were given today to glorify the Lord and in loving tribute to family and friends.

Given by

Marie Grandeen

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Tom Shifflet

Barbara Mann

Richard & Molly Meade

Peggy Davidson

Bobbi Robinson

Nancy Thompson

Celebrating or in memory of...

In celebration of Spring!

In memory of friends we have lost this past year

In celebration of my family

In memory of Anne

In memory of my parents

In honor of Ron Robinson

In memory of Loved Ones



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Acts 10:39

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Supporting general ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) received in most congregations



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Sunday April 2 and 9, 2023

On Easter, we rejoice in the good news that God's love is more powerful even than death itself. Gifts to the Easter Special Offering support ministries that help Disciples witness to that good news.

General ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) witness to God's love through:

- Relationships with global mission partners serving in communities impacted by climate change.
- Health and social service ministries that meet basic needs for neighbors.
- Mental health resources for pastors and congregations.
- New congregations worshipping in a variety of languages and worship styles.
- Leadership development programs that nurture new leaders in the church and the world.
- Stewardship education for congregations to grow in their practice of generosity.
- Opportunities like the General Assembly, where the church can gather for worshipful work.
- Support for hospital and military chaplains serving around the world.
- And so much more...



The Easter Offering supports these general ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Center for Faith and Giving, Central Pastoral Office for Hispanic Ministries (Obra Hispana), Communication Ministries, Christian Unity and Interfaith Ministry, Disciples of Christ Historical Society, Disciples Home Missions, Disciples Women, Division of Overseas Ministries (Global Ministries), Higher Education and Leadership Ministries, National Benevolent Association, National Convocation, New Church Ministry, North American Pacific/Asian Disciples, Office of the General Minister and President, Treasury Services

We are witnesses to the power of God's love, from our doorsteps to the ends of the earth. Please give generously in your congregation on April 2 and 9, or make a gift at disciplesmissionfund.org/give.

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April 9th-16th, 2023

CALENDAR

This Sunday—Easter Sunday

- 7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service
- 8:30 a.m. Sacred Grounds Adult Faith Formation Christian Education, Room 6 and on [Zoom](#)
- 10:00 a.m. Indoor Worship in Sanctuary and Worship Streamed Live on [Zoom](#) and [Facebook](#)
- Fellowship with egg hunt and gift bags for kids, Koinonia Hall
- 1:00 p.m. Iglesia de Cristo Agua Viva, Sanctuary

Monday—Easter Monday; Church Office Closed

Tuesday

- 9:30 a.m. Koinonia Krafters, Fireside
- 11:30 a.m. Music Jam, Room 4

Wednesday

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

Thursday

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Team Breakfast at Cozy Diner

Friday—Church Office closed, Admin. Assistant

Briony has Fridays in April as vacation days

Saturday—Deadline to submit articles to the monthly newsletter, *The Caller*

Next Sunday

- 8:30 a.m. Sacred Grounds Adult Faith Formation Christian Education, Room 6 and on [Zoom](#)
- 10:00 a.m. Indoor 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.

