



August 20th, 2023 Guest Preacher Joe Rogers
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 – (Joshua Hegg)

II. Ringing of the Bell

III. Welcome and Announcements – (Lori Terrell -Adrian)

- Today – Fellowship following service.
- Tuesday –4:30 p.m. String Ensemble, Chapel; 7:00 p.m. Elders meeting, Zoom
- Wednesday – 9:00 a.m. PEO, Fireside 6:00 p.m. Scouts BSA, Koinonia Hall, Fireside
- Thursday – 6:30 p.m. Bible Study, Room 6
- Friday—1:00 p.m. Healing Circle, Bethany
- Sunday – 8:30 a.m. Sacred Grounds; 10:00 a.m. Worship in sanctuary, Zoom, and FaceBook Live; Fellowship in K-Hall following the service
- Offerings may be put in the collection plate which is near the bulletins near the entrance of the sanctuary
- If you would like to donate to Week of Compassion to help with the fires in Hawai'i you can either mark the envelope or the check with “Week of Compassion, Hawai'i”

IV. Opening Hymn –CH #620 “The Lord Will Make a Way Somehow” (Joshua Hegg)

Like a ship that's tossed and driven,
battered by an angry sea
When the storms of life are raging,
and their fury falls on me
I wonder what I have done,
that makes this race so hard to run
Then I say to my soul, “Take courage,
the Lord will make a way somehow.”

The Lord will make a way somehow
when beneath the cross I bow
He will take away each sorrow;
let Him have your burdens now
When the load bears down so heavy
the weight is shown upon my brow
There's a sweet relief in knowing
the Lord will make a way somehow.

Try to do my best in service,
Try to live the best I can,
When I choose to do the right thing,
Evil's present on ev'ry hand,
I look up and wonder why
That good fortune pass me by,
Then I say to my soul, be patient,
The Lord will make a way somehow.

The Lord will make a way somehow
when beneath the cross I bow
He will take away each sorrow;
let Him have your burdens now
When the load bears down so heavy
the weight is shown upon my brow
There's a sweet relief in knowing
the Lord will make a way somehow.

Often there's misunderstanding
Out of all the good I do,
Go to friends for consolation
And I find them complaining too,
So many nights I toss in pain,
Wondering what the day will bring,
But I say to my heart, don't worry,
The Lord will make a way somehow.

The Lord will make a way somehow
when beneath the cross I bow
He will take away each sorrow;
let Him have your burdens now
When the load bears down so heavy
the weight is shown upon my brow
There's a sweet relief in knowing
the Lord will make a way somehow.

V. Call to Worship – (Lori Terrell-Adrian)

Rejoice in our God always!

Again, I say, rejoice!

For God has gathered us together

From all the corners of the earth

To be present now,

And to know the joyful unity

Of being one with Christ.

Rejoice in our God always!

Again, I say, rejoice.

VI. Children Fourth Grade and Under Dismissed for Sunday School

VII. Psalm 133, Laughing Bird Version (Lori Terrell-Adrian)

What a great thing it is, LORD,
when people can get along with one another,
and live together in unity and mutual respect.

It is even more satisfying than holding the cup aloft
and dancing in the rain of champagne
on Grand Final day.

It is even more desirable than sitting by an open fire
sharing chocolates and fine wine with a loved one.

It is even more beautiful than the monsoon rains
turning the desert into a sea of wildflowers.

For you LORD created us to be one people,
committed to one another, honouring one another,
sharing the land and its blessings forever.

VIII. Genesis 19:1-11 NRSV– (Lori Terrell- Adrian)

The two angels came to Sodom in the evening, and Lot was sitting in the gateway of Sodom. When Lot saw them, he rose to meet them, and bowed down with his face to the ground. He said, “Please, my lords, turn aside to your servant’s house and spend the night, and wash your feet; then you can rise early and go on your way.” They said, “No; we will spend the night in the square.” But he urged them strongly; so they turned aside to him and entered his house; and he made them a feast, and baked unleavened bread, and they ate.

But before they lay down, the men of the city, the men of Sodom, both young and old, all the people to the last man, surrounded the house; and they called to Lot, “Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us, so that we may know them.” Lot went out of the door to the men, shut the door after him, and said, “I beg you, my brothers, do not

act so wickedly. Look, I have two daughters who have not known a man; let me bring them out to you, and do to them as you please; only do nothing to these men, for they have come under the shelter of my roof.” But they replied, “Stand back!” And they said, “This fellow came here as an alien, and he would play the judge! Now we will deal worse with you than with them.” Then they pressed hard against the man Lot, and came near the door to break it down. But the men inside reached out their hands and brought Lot into the house with them, and shut the door. And they struck with blindness the men who were at the door of the house, both small and great, so that they were unable to find the door.

IX. Sermon – “Bring It On” (Joe Rogers)

X. Hymn of Invitation – CH #677 “Let There Be Peace on Earth” (Joshua Hegg)

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me;
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant
to be
With God our creator, children all are we
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment and live each moment in peace
eternally
Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me

XI. Moments for Mission

XII. Prayers of the People (Gary Cantwell)

XIII. Communion Song – CH #424 “I’m Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table” (Joshua Hegg)

I’m gonna eat at the welcome table
I’m gonna eat at the welcome table, Allelu
I’m gonna eat at the welcome table
I’m gonna eat at the welcome table, Allelu

I’m gonna eat and drink with my Jesus
I’m gonna eat and drink with my Jesus, Allelu
I’m gonna eat and drink with my Jesus
I’m gonna eat and drink with my Jesus, Allelu

I’m gonna join with sisters, brothers,
I’m gonna join with sisters, brothers, Allelu
I’m gonna join with sisters, brothers,
I’m gonna join with sisters, brothers, Allelu

XIV. Institution of Communion (Georgeanne Bennett and Max Erwin, elders)

XV. Partaking Communion Together

XVI. Blessing/Benediction (Joe Rogers)

XVII. Postlude – (Joshua Hegg)

"No one commits suicide because they want to die."

"Then why do they do it?"

"Because they want to stop the pain."

~Tiffanie DeBartolo, How to Kill a Rock Star

soul shop

for Everyone

The goal of Soul Shop™ for congregations is to begin working within the church to create a network of support for those who are impacted by suicide. This faith-oriented program is designed to increase awareness of suicide and discuss the steps that can be taken to reduce risks. This workshop is for parents, police, nurses, teachers, and any other concerned citizens who might want to learn how to ask the question of suicide, learn about the prevalence of suicide in the church community, and get more engaged with how to be a part of the solution.

September 30th, 2023

9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

\$25 to Register



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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295 E. Washington Ave

Chico, CA 95926

Cost

\$25

Self-registration



<https://tinyurl.com/5buua22z>

Or call 530-343-3727



Rev. Eileen Brownell, ordained by Centers for Spiritual Living is also a Chico Police Chaplain. For 16 years, she has assisted families and survivors of suicide. Alarmed by the increase, as well as seeing individuals 13-90 years take their own life, she became a certified Soul Shop trainer to work with faith communities to help prevent suicides and support survivors. Currently she is the only certified trainer in the 5 western states.

Link: <https://tinyurl.com/5buua22z>

Week of Compassion: Donate to help with the wildfires in Hawai'i: <https://www.weekofcompassion.org/give.html>

Attendance

Attendance for August 13th, 2023:

Online: 10 Sanctuary: 44 Total: 54

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CALENDAR

This Sunday—Guest Preacher Joe Rogers

- 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

Tuesday

- 4:30 p.m. String Ensemble, Chapel
- 7:00 p.m. Elders, Zoom

Wednesday

- 9:00 a.m. PEO, Fireside
- 6:00 p.m. Scouts BSA, Koinonia Hall, Fireside

Thursday

- 6:30 p.m. Living the Questions 2.0 Bible Study, Room 6

Friday

- 1:00 p.m. Healing Circle, Bethany

Next Sunday—Guest Preacher Rev. Rebecca Senoglu

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Pastor Jesse will be on Sabbatical
June 26th through September 17th

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.

Recommendations to the Nominating Task Force Church Officers for 2024

We, the Nominating Committee, request that all members of First Christian Church, Chico seriously and prayerfully recommend those persons you believe should be asked to consider a leadership position. Indicate those names below. You may put it in the collection plate, drop it by the office or mail it to the church.

Your participation in this process is important and we appreciate your input. Please respond now while it is fresh in your mind. **Please consider the desired Leadership qualities and gifts for serving as listed below:**

Board Moderator: Be objective and able to listen to all sides; open to hearing all perspectives and ideas; able to keep a meeting on the subject at hand; be a calming influence.

Vice-Moderator: In the absence of the Board Moderator, presides at congregational and Church Board meetings and carries out all other duties of the Board Moderator. Appoints a chair of the Diaconate and assists with recruitment and training of the Diaconate. Oversees the Elders and Personnel Committee.

Board Secretary: Able to hear what is being said at the meeting, and record the meeting activities and actions.

Church Treasurer: Timely payment of bills; correct errors in a timely manner; work closely with leadership; be transparent and open; must maintain confidentiality.

Congregational Life Ministry Coordinator: Coordinates the Christian education, membership, worship arts, fellowship and program ministries.

Outreach Ministry Coordinator: Coordinates evangelism, missional outreach, and Regional/General Church relations.

Administrative Ministry Coordinator: Coordinates the administrative ministries of the church including business and property.

At Large Board Member: Interested in the life of the church, and committed to its future thriving.

Elders: Willing to help care for the spiritual needs of the congregation, as a part of the shared ministry of the church; committed to being equipped and to equip others; have a desire to grow spiritually, and to help others grow in their faith.

Financial Secretary: A numbers person; confidential, organized and efficient.

Ass't. Financial Secretary: Same as Financial Secretary.

Personnel Committee Member: Able to look at staff as employees; have an understanding and experience in business practices; listen to congregational concerns; work closely and communicate with the Pastoral Relations Committee.

Endowment Trustee: An understanding of financial practices; has a passion for developing planned giving programs within the congregation.

—Nominating Committee

I prayerfully recommend...

Board Moderator	_____

Vice Moderator	_____

Board Secretary	_____

Church Treasurer	_____

Congregational Life Ministry Coordinator:	_____

Outreach Ministry Coordinator:	_____

Administrative Ministry Coordinator:	_____

At Large Board Member	_____

Elder	_____

Financial Secretary	_____

Asst. Financial Secretary	_____

Personnel Committee	_____

Endowment Trustee	_____

From the FCC Bylaws, Article VII Section C: Additional nominees for any office may be made from the congregation in this manner: With the approval of the nominee, a petition signed by at least ten (10) active members shall be in the hands of the nominating committee at least ten (10) days prior to the date set for the annual election. If such additional nominations are made, the committee shall announce to the congregation the revised slate, including all nominees for each vacancy.

Please return the completed form either by the collection plate on Sunday morning, dropping it off at the church office, or mailing it to the church. Thank you!