



# This Little Light of Mine: A Yogi Quaker Perspective

August 27th, 2023 Guest Preacher Rev. Rebecca Senoglu  
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. Ringing of the Bell

## III. Welcome and Announcements (Connie Wakefield)

- Today – Fellowship following service
- Monday – 2:30 p.m. String Ensemble Practice in the Chapel.
- Wednesday – 6:00 p.m. Scouts BSA, K-Hall and Fireside.
- Thursday – 6:30 p.m. Bible Study, Room 6 only
- Saturday – 11:00 a.m. Memorial Service for Jane Bisset in the Sanctuary, reception to follow in Fireside.
- Sunday – 8:30 a.m. Sacred Grounds; 10:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary, Zoom, and FaceBook Live; Fellowship in KHall following the service
- Offerings may be put in the offering 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 #666 “The Voice of God is Calling” (Nancy Thompson)

The voice of God is calling to women and to men;  
The voice once in heard in Zion, resounds on earth  
again

Whom shall I send to succor my people in their need?  
Whom shall I send to loosen the bonds of shame and  
greed?

I hear my people crying in slum and mine and mill;  
No field or mart is silent, no city street is still.  
I see my people falling in darkness and despair.  
Whom shall I send to shatter the fetters which they  
bear?

We heed, O God, your summons and answer: “Here  
are we!”  
Send us upon your errand; let us your servants be.  
Our strength is dust and ashes, our years a passing  
hour  
But you can use our weakness to magnify your power.

From ease and plenty save us; from pride of place  
absolve;  
Purge us of low desire; lift us to high resolve;  
Take us, and make us holy; teach us your will and way.  
Speak, and behold! We answer; command, and we  
obey!

#### V. Call to Worship – (Connie Wakefield)

The world belongs to God,  
**the earth and all its people.**  
How good and how lovely it is  
**to live together in unity.**

Love and faith come together,  
**justice and peace join hands.**

If the Lord's disciples keep silent  
**these stones would shout aloud.**

Lord, open our lips,  
**and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.**

#### VI. Children Fourth Grade and Under Dismissed for Sunday School

#### VII. Psalm 124 Laughing Bird Version (Connie Wakefield)

If you had not sided with us, LORD,  
we all know where we'd have ended up.

If we had not had you on our side  
when people turned against us,  
attacking with the fury of a wounded shark,  
they would have made mince meat out of us.

Their frenzied rage would have dragged us under,  
their lust for blood would have torn us apart.  
The thrashing waters would have closed over us,  
hiding the violence,  
concealing our fate.

All the credit and all the honours go to you, LORD;  
it was you who saved our flesh  
from the teeth of our enemies.

Thanks to you, we have shaken off their grip,  
and soared to safety, as free as a bird.  
Their savage attack was repelled,  
and we have escaped unharmed.

It is you, LORD, the creator of heaven and earth,  
who guarantees our safety.

### **VIII. Matthew 5:14-16 (NET) (Connie Wakefield)**

You are the light of the world. A city located on a hill cannot be hidden. People do not light a lamp and put it under a basket but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before people, so that they can see your good deeds and give honor to your Father in heaven.

### **IX. Sermon – “This Little Light of Mine: A Yogi Quaker Perspective” (Rev. Rebecca Senoglu)**

### **X. Song of Reflection – CH #24 “The God of Abraham Praise” (Nancy Thompson)**

The God of Abraham praise.  
All praised be the Name,  
Who was and is and is to be,  
Is still the same;  
The one eternal God  
ere all that now appears,  
the First, the Last, beyond all thought  
through timeless years!

God’s spirit flowering free,  
High surging where it will—  
In prophet’s word it spoke of old—is speaking still.  
Established is God’s law,  
And changeless it shall stand,  
Deep writ upon the human heart, on sea, or land.

God has eternal life  
implanted in the soul.  
God’s love shall be our strength and stay,  
while ages roll.  
Praise to the living God!  
All praised be the Name,  
who was, and is, and is to be,  
is still the same!

**XI. Moments for Mission: Shalom Free Clinic  
(Nancy Morgans-Ferguson)**

**XII. Prayers of the People (Kevin Zeitler)**

**XIII. Communion Song CP#55 “This is Holy  
Ground” (Nancy Thompson)**

This is Holy Ground, we’re standing on Holy Ground  
For the Lord is present, and where God is, is Holy  
This is Holy Ground, we’re standing on Holy Ground  
For the Lord is present, and where God is, is Holy

These are holy hands, God’s given us holy hands,  
God works through these hands, and so these hands  
are holy.

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**XIV. Institution of Communion (Georgia Nelson  
and Nancy Morgans-Ferguson, elders)**

**XV. Partaking Communion Together**

**XVI. Blessing/Benediction (Rev. Rebecca  
Senoglu)**

**XVII. Postlude – (Nancy Thompson)**

**Upper Room Devotionals:** The September-October devotionals are available on the bookshelves in the entrance of the Sanctuary.

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

**The Caller:** Paper copies of the September edition of The Caller is available next to the bulletins in the Sanctuary.

**Annual Holiday Bazaar:** Save the date: **Saturday, November 4th, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.** You can sign up to help at booths on the signup sheet in entrance of Koinonia Hall.

"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>

## Attendance

Attendance for August 20th, 2023:

Online: 13 Sanctuary: 43 Total: 56

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Aug. 27th-Sept. 3rd, 2023

## CALENDAR

### **This Sunday—Guest Preacher Rev. Rebecca Senoglu**

- 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

### **Monday**

- 2:30 p.m. String Ensemble, Chapel

### **Wednesday**

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

### **Thursday**

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

### **Saturday**

- 11:00 a.m. Memorial for Jane Bisset, Sanctuary, with reception to follow in Fireside

### **Next Sunday—Week of Compassion: Hawai'i**

- 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

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](http://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	_____
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Financial Secretary	_____
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Asst. Financial Secretary	_____
	_____
Personnel Committee	_____
	_____
Endowment Trustee	_____
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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!**