



The Art of Surrender

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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 – “On Wings of Song” by Mendelssohn (Nancy Thompson and Shelley Fairchild)

II. Welcome and Announcements

- Today – Fellowship following service; Safe Space Winter Shelter begins in K-Hall.
- Tuesday – 9:30 a.m. Koinonia Krafters in Fireside Room; 11:30 a.m. Music jam in Room 4.
- Thursday – 8:30 a.m. Worship team meeting at Cozy Diner; 4:30 p.m. String Ensemble practice in the Chapel, 7:00 p.m. Bible Study in Room 6 and on Zoom.
- Saturday – Noon Memorial service for Mike Caprealian at Brusie Funeral Home; 2:00 p.m. Journeys of the Heart Bereavement Group in Spiritual Care Center.
- Sunday – 8:30 a.m. Sacred Grounds; 10:00 a.m. Worship in the sanctuary, Zoom, and FaceBook Live; Fellowship in Fireside following the service.

III. Opening Hymn – CH #560 “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms” (Nancy Thompson)

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Leaning (leaning on Jesus), leaning (leaning on Jesus),
safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning (leaning on Jesus), leaning (leaning on Jesus),
leaning on the everlasting arms.

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
O how bright the path grows from day to day,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Leaning (leaning on Jesus), leaning (leaning on Jesus),
safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning (leaning on Jesus), leaning (leaning on Jesus),
leaning on the everlasting arms.

What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
leaning on the everlasting arms?

I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Leaning (leaning on Jesus), leaning (leaning on Jesus),
safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning (leaning on Jesus), leaning (leaning on Jesus),
leaning on the everlasting arms.

IV. Call to Worship – (Lori Adrian)

**Happy are those who walk in God’s ways.
Blessed are those who observe God’s commandments.**

Faithful are those whose eyes are fixed on righteousness.

Joyful are those whose hearts are filled with praise.

Come, let us love the Lord our God.
We come to worship the One who leads us in the ways of life.

V. Children Fourth Grade and Under Dismissed for Sunday School

VI. Philippians 2:12-13 NRSV – (Lori Adrian)

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

VII. Sermon - “The Art of Surrender” (Jesse Kearns)

VIII. Song of Invitation – CH #546 “Amazing Grace” (Nancy Thompson)

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
‘tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

When we’ve been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we’ve no less days to sing God’s praise
than when we’d first begun.

IX. An Affirmation of Faith

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

**And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.**

**Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

X. Prayers of the People (Jesse Kearns)

XI. Communion Song CH #425 “Let Us Break Bread Together” (Nancy Thompson)

Let us break bread together on our knees; (on our
knees)
let us break bread together on our knees. (on our
knees)

When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)

Let us drink wine together on our knees; (on our
knees)
let us drink wine together on our knees. (on our
knees)

When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)

Let us praise God together on our knees; (on our
knees)
let us praise God together on our knees. (on our
knees)

When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)

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

XIII. Partaking Communion Together

XIV. Blessing/Benediction

XV. Postlude – “The Heavens are Telling” from “The Creation” by Hayden (Nancy Thompson and Shelley Fairchild)

Upper Room Devotionals are in the Sanctuary
Narthex on the bookshelves.

Lenten Devotional: As Pastor Jesse mentioned in his February Caller article, we will have just a few printed Lenten Devotionals available in the Sanctuary. We can print and mail them upon request. Our friends at *A Sanctified Art* have provided a **special e-reader version** of this year's Lenten devotional. If you are interested in the e-reader version, please contact the church office, 530-343-3727, chicodisciples@gmail.com. **In order to protect their work, please refrain from sharing this link or posting it on social media.**



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Upcoming Events

- Ash Wednesday, February 22nd, Noon Service in Sanctuary
- Wednesdays, March 1st-29th, Ecumenical Lenten Soup Suppers (6 pm) and Services (7 pm), Faith Lutheran, 667 E 1st Ave, Chico; **FCC Chico serving soup on March 8th**
- Palm Sunday, April 2nd
- Maundy Thursday, April 6th, 7 pm service in Sanctuary
- Easter Sunday, April 9th, Sunrise Service at 7 am, and 10 am service
- Pentecost in the Park, May 21st, Wildwood Park

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CALENDAR

This 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, Fireside**
- 1:00 p.m. Iglesia de Cristo Agua Viva, Sanctuary
- Safe Space, Koinonia Hall

Monday

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Tuesday

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

Wednesday—Deadline to submit articles to the Caller

- Safe Space, Koinonia Hall

Thursday

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Team Breakfast at Cozy Diner
- 4:30 p.m. String Ensemble Rehearsals, Chapel
- 7:00 p.m. Bible Study, Room 6 and on [Zoom](#)
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Saturday

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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.