

An Urgent Mission





January 21st, 2024
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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 (Joshua Hegg)

II. Ringing of the Bell

III. Welcome and Announcements – (Connie Wakefield)

- Today – Fellowship following service.
- Monday – 1:00 p.m. Endowment meeting, Finance Office
- Wednesday – 2:00 p.m. String Ensemble, Chapel; 6:00 p.m. Scouts BSA, Koinonia Hall, Fireside.
- Thursday – 8:30 a.m. Worship Breakfast, Cozy Diner; 2:30 p.m. Music Practice, Room 4; 6:30 p.m. Living the Questions Bible Study, Room 6 and Zoom.
- Friday – 1:00 p.m. Healing Circle, Bethany; 5:00 p.m. Museum of Northern California Art using parking lot
- Saturday—2:00 p.m. Journeys of the Heart, Spiritual Care Center
- Sunday – 8:30 a.m. Sacred Grounds Room 6 and Zoom; 10:00 a.m. Worship in sanctuary, Zoom, and FaceBook Live; Fellowship in K-Hall following the service.
- Offerings may be put in the offering plate which is near the bulletins near the entrance of the sanctuary

IV. Call to Worship – (Connie Wakefield)

Christ is calling you as disciples

Lord Jesus, let us follow you faithfully.

You will be led into fields of mission and service.

Lord Jesus, where you lead us, we will go.

Listen for Christ's call to you.

We are ready to serve the Lord. AMEN.

V. Opening Hymn – CH #25 “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” (Joshua Hegg)

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, who rules all
creation.

O my soul, worship the wellspring of health and
salvation.

All ye who hear, now to God's temple draw near.

Join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously
reigneth,

Who, as on wings of an eagle uplifted, sustaineth.

Hast thou not seen? All that is needful hath been

Granted by in what God ordaineth.

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and
defend thee.

Surely God's goodness and mercy here daily attend
thee.

Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
Who with great love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who doth nourish thy life and
restore thee,

Fitting thee well for the tasks that are ever before
thee.

Then to thy need God as a mother doth speed,
Spreading the wings of grace o'er thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all of earth's peoples and
races,

All that has life and breath, give thanks for manifold
graces.

Let the Amen sound from God's people again.

Gladly forever sing praises.

VI. Children Fourth Grade and Under Dismissed for Sunday School

VII. Laughing Bird Psalm 62:5-12 (Connie Wakefield)

A hush comes over every fibre of my being;
for you alone I wait, God;
my future is in your hands.

You alone are the rock I cling to;
my protection, my salvation;
nothing can rattle me.

My freedom and honour depend on you, God,
for you are a solid rock and a safe refuge to me.

Everyone should put their trust in you, God,
and pour their hearts out to you always,
for you are our safety and security.

Ordinary battlers are but a puff of smoke;
toffs and silvertails are nothing but a mirage.
In the overall scheme of things,
no one is of any great consequence.

Those who try stand-over tactics to get ahead,
or think they can make their fortune from crime,
will find that their hopes are in vain;
the money they make
will come at the expense of their peace of mind.

You have given your word, God;
I have heard you say this more than once:
that power is your middle name
and rock-solid love and loyalty are your nature.
Lord, you treat everyone as they deserve
for what they have done.

VIII. Scripture Reading Mark 1:14-20 (NRSV) (Connie Wakefield)

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.” As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

IX. Sermon – “An Urgent Mission” (Rev. Jesse Kearns)

X. Hymn of Invitation and Reflection – CH #344 “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus” (Joshua Hegg)

I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
No turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me,
The world behind me, the cross before me;
The world behind me, the cross before me;
No turning back, no turning back.

Though none go with me, I still will follow,
Though none go with me, I still will follow,
Though none go with me, I still will follow;
No turning back, no turning back.

Will you decide now, to follow Jesus
Will you decide now, to follow Jesus
Will you decide now, to follow Jesus
No turning back, No turning back.

XI. Moments for Mission

XII. Prayers of the People

XIII. Communion Song – CH #346 “Where He Leads Me” (Joshua Hegg)

I can hear my Savior calling,
I can hear my Savior calling,
I can hear my Savior calling,
“Take my cross and follow, follow Me.”

Where He leads me I will follow,
Where He leads me I will follow,
Where He leads me I will follow,
I’ll go with Him, with Him all the way.

I’ll go with Him thru the judgment,
I’ll go with Him thru the judgment,
I’ll go with Him thru the judgment,
I’ll go with Him, with Him all the way.

Where He leads me I will follow,
Where He leads me I will follow,
Where He leads me I will follow,
I’ll go with Him, with Him all the way.

He will give me grace and glory,
He will give me grace and glory,
He will give me grace and glory,
And go with me, with me all the way.

Where He leads me I will follow,
Where He leads me I will follow,
Where He leads me I will follow,
I’ll go with Him, with Him all the way.

XIV. Institution of Communion (Max Erwin and Barbara Poetker, elders)

XV. Partaking Communion Together

XVI. Blessing/Benediction

XVII. Postlude (Joshua Hegg)

- **Game Day Coming Soon!** The first Game Day will be Saturday, February 3rd, from 1-5 p.m. in the Bethany Room. This is a snack potluck, so bring a snack to share! Everyone is welcome. Please see Amber McGill for more information.

Attendance

Attendance for January 14th, 2024:

Sanctuary: 41 Online: 12 Total: 53

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January 21st-28th, 2024

CALENDAR

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

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- 5:00 p.m. parking lot use by Museum of Northern California Art

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.