



July 2nd, 2023 Guest Preacher Eileen Brownell
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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 – (Georgeanne Bennett)

- Today – Fellowship following service.
- Tuesday – Church Office closed in observance of Independence Day
- Wednesday – 6:00 p.m. Scouts BSA, Koinonia Hall, Fireside
- Saturday – 2:00 p.m. Journeys of the Heart Bereavement Group in the Spiritual Care Center.
- 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

IV. Opening Hymn – CH # 464 “God of Grace and God of Glory” (Joshua Hegg)

God of grace and God of glory
On Thy people pour Thy power
Crown Thine ancient church’s story
Bring its bud to glorious flower
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage

For the facing of this hour
For the facing of this hour

Lo the hosts of evil 'round us
Scorn Thy Christ assail thy ways
From the fears that long have bound us
Free our hearts to faith and praise
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
For the living of these days
For the living of these days

Cure thy children's warring madness
Bend our pride to thy control
Shame our wanton selfish gladness
Rich in things and poor in soul
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
Lest we miss thy righteous goal
Lest we miss thy righteous goal

Set our feet on lofty places
fill our lives that they may be
Strengthened with all Christ-like graces
pledged to set all captives free
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
Lest we fail our call from thee,
Lest we fail our call from thee

Save us from weak resignation
To the evils we deplore

Let the search for thy salvation
Be our glory evermore
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
Serving thee whom we adore
Serving thee whom we adore

V. Call to Worship – (Georgeanne Bennett)

Come now to worship God with justice and truth.
**Let us speak the truth to one another, rendering
true judgments that make for peace**

Let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness
like an everflowing stream.
**Teach us to do good, seek justice, rescue the
oppressed, defend the helpless.**

Hear God's demand and promise: Maintain justice,
and do what is right, for soon my salvation will
come, and my deliverance be revealed.

VI. Children Fourth Grade and Under Dismissed for Sunday School

**VII. Psalm 13 Laughing Bird Version
(Georgeanne Bennett)**

How long will this go on, LORD?
Have you written me off permanently?
How long are you going to keep turning your back on
me?

How long do I have to put up with feeling sick in the
guts,
and with my heart breaking from the pain of it all?
How long will my enemies get to kick me around?
Come on, LORD. You are my God. Give me an
answer!

Let me see some light at the end of the tunnel;
something to keep me from losing the will to live.
Don't let my enemies think they've won;
don't give them the pleasure of my downfall.

I have put my trust in your rock-solid love;
my heart will burst with joy when you save your
people.

I will sing your praises, LORD,
because you have treated me with great generosity.

**VIII. Genesis 1:27 and John 1:3-5 NRSV–
(Georgeanne Bennett)**

So God created humankind in his image, in the image
of God he created them; male and female he created
them.

All things came into being through him, and without
him not one thing came into being. What has come
into being in him was life, and the life was the light of
all people.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did
not overcome it.

**IX. Sermon – “Wonderfully Made” (Rev. Eileen
Brownell)**

**X. Song of Reflection – CH #638 “In the Bulb
There Is a Flower” (Joshua Hegg)**

In the bulb there is a flower
In the seed an apple tree
In cocoons a hidden promise
Butterflies will soon be free
In the cold and snow of winter
There's a spring that waits to be
Unrevealed until its season
Something God alone can see

There's a song in every silence
Seeking word and melody
There's a dawn in every darkness
Bringing hope to you and me
From the past will come the future
What it holds a mystery
Unrevealed until its season
Something God alone can see

In our end is our beginning
In our time infinity
In our doubt there is believing
In our life eternity
In our death a resurrection
At the last a victory
Unrevealed until its season
Something God alone can see

XI. Moments for Mission (Rev. Eileen Brownell)

XII. Prayers of the People

XIII. Communion Song CH #413 "Take Our Bread" (Joshua Hegg)

Take our bread, we ask you
Take hear hearts, we love you
Take our lives, O Father
We are yours, we are yours

Yours as we stand at the table you set
Yours as we eat the bread our hearts can't forget
We are the sign of your life with us yet,
We are yours, we are yours.

Take our bread, we ask you
Take hear hearts, we love you
Take our lives, O Father
We are yours, we are yours

Your holy people standing washed in your blood
Spirit filled yet hungry we await your food
We are poor, but we've brought ourselves the best
that we could
We are yours, we are yours.

Take our bread, we ask you
Take hear hearts, we love you
Take our lives, O Father
We are yours, we are yours

XIV. Institution of Communion (Nancy Morgans -Ferguson, Kevin Zeitler, elders)

XV. Partaking Communion Together

XVI. Blessing/Benediction (Rev. Eileen Brownell)

XVII. Postlude – (Joshua Hegg)

Upper Room Devotionals for July and August are available on the bookshelves in the narthex

Attendance

Attendance for June 25th, 2023:

Online: 19 Sanctuary: 44 Total: 63

Credits

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CALENDAR

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- 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

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Saturday

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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.
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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.