



Eating With Sinners

June 11th, 2023
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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 – (Nancy Thompson and Shelley Fairchild)

II. Ringing of the Bell

III. Welcome and Announcements (Gary Cantwell)

- Today – Fellowship following service
- Tuesday – 9:30 a.m. Koinonia Krafters, Fireside; No Music Jam practice today; 4:30 p.m. String Ensemble Practice in the Chapel.
- Wednesday – Noon Chico Area Interfaith Council meeting, Fireside; 6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, K-Hall and Fireside.
- Thursday – 8:30 a.m. Worship team breakfast at Cozy Diner; 7:00 p.m. Bible Study in Room 6 and on Zoom.
- Saturday – 10:00 a.m. Elders Brunch, Peggy Davidson's home; 2:00 p.m. Journeys of the Heart Bereavement Support 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 #4 “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty” (Nancy Thompson)

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty
God in three person, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee
Casting down their golden crowns, around the glassy
sea
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee
God ever living through eternity.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
Though the sinful human eye Thy glory may not see
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee
Perfect in power, in love and purity

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty
All thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky
and sea
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

V. Call to Worship – (Gary Cantwell)

Let us sing a hymn in unison,
for we are not many, but one!

Let us praise our God in harmony
for we are not one, but many.

Members are we, one of another, the body of Christ,
the people of God.

**Let our melody rise as if from one voice, while
the chorus swells from each mouth of
creation.**

VI. Psalm 33:1-12 Laughing Bird Version (Gary Cantwell)

We celebrate all you are to us, LORD.
We are your people,
and it feels right to sing your praises.

We make music in your honour,
with guitars and fiddles and drums.

We write new songs dedicated to you, LORD,
singing and playing with all our skill and energy.

Every word you speak is honest and true,
and everything you do shows you to be
trustworthy.

You have a passion for justice and integrity;
your love and loyalty flood the earth.

The universe was created on your say-so, LORD;
everything in it, you breathed into life.

Filling the oceans was like running a bath for you;
fathomless depths poured out like a bottle.

All the earth is in awe of you, LORD;
all of us fall to our knees in your presence.

When you spoke, LORD, the world appeared;
one word from you and it was fixed in place.

All our big ideas collapse when you speak, LORD;
our national strategies are reduced to rubbish.

But what you have to say, LORD, is rock-solid;
your thoughts and feelings are consistent through
the centuries.

What more could a country want than to have you as
their God?

To be your cherished people, LORD, is the best
thing in life.

VII. Children Dismissed for Sunday School

VIII. Matthew 9:9-26 – (Gary Cantwell)

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” But when he heard this, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.”

Then the disciples of John came to him, saying, “Why do we and the Pharisees fast often, but your disciples do not fast?” And Jesus said to them, “The wedding guests cannot mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them, can they? The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast. No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old cloak, for the patch pulls away from the cloak, and a worse tear is made. Neither is new wine put into old wineskins; otherwise, the skins burst, and the wine is spilled, and the skins are destroyed; but new wine is put into fresh wineskins, and so both are preserved.”

While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, “My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.” And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, “If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.” Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, “Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.” And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader’s house and saw the flute players and the

crowd making a commotion, he said, “Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

IX. Sermon - “Eating With Sinners” (Jesse Kearns)

X. Song of Invitation – CH #526 “The Gift of Love” (Nancy Thompson)

Though I may speak with bravest fire,
And have the gift to all inspire,
And have not love, my words are vain,
As sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess,
And striving so my love profess,
But not be given by love within,
The profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,
Our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed;
By this we worship, and are freed.

XI. Moments for Mission

XII. Prayers of the People

XIII. Communion Song CH #386 “We Come as Guests Invited” (Nancy Thompson)

We come as guests invited
when Jesus bids us dine
His friends on earth united
to share the bread and wine;
The bread of life is broken,
the wine is freely poured
For us, in solemn token
of Christ our dying Lord.

We eat and drink, receiving
from Christ the grace we need,
and in our hearts believing
on him by faith we feed;
with wonder and thanksgiving
for love that knows no end,
we find in Jesus living
our ever-present friend.

One bread is ours for sharing,
one single, fruitful vine,
our fellowship declaring
renewed in bread and wine:
renewed, sustained, and given
by token, sign, and word,
the pledge and seal of heaven,
the love of Christ our Lord.

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

XV. Partaking Communion Together

XVI. Blessing/Benediction

XVII. Postlude – (Nancy Thompson and Shelley Fairchild)

Attendance

Attendance for June 4th, 2023:

Online: 12 Sanctuary: 47 Total: 59

Credits

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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, Koinonia Hall
- 1:00 p.m. Iglesia de Cristo Agua Viva, Sanctuary

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

Thursday—Deadline for *The Caller* newsletter

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- 7:00 p.m. Bible Study, Room 6 and on [Zoom](#)

Saturday

- 10:00 a.m. Elders Brunch, Peggy Davidson’s home
- 2:00 p.m. Journeys of the Heart Grief Group, Spiritual Care Center

Next Sunday—Father’s Day

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- 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

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.