



# How Good Do We Have to Be?

May 14th, 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)

## II. Ringing of the Bell

## III. Welcome and Announcements (Gary Cantwell)

- Today – Fellowship following service
- Monday – 4:30 p.m. String Ensemble Practice in the Chapel.
- Tuesday – 11:30 a.m. Music jam in Room 4; 11:30 a.m. WICS at Olive Garden. 5:00 p.m. Inspire School of Arts and Sciences, K-Hall
- Wednesday – 6:00 p.m. Scouts, K-Hall and Fireside.
- Thursday – 8:30 a.m. Worship team breakfast at Cozy Diner; 7:00 p.m. No Bible Study this week.
- Saturday – 9:00 a.m. Soul Shop training by Rev. Eileen Brownell, Center for Spiritual Living at 14 Hillary Lane Chico, 2:00 p.m. Journeys of the Heart Bereavement Support Group in the Spiritual Care Center.
- **Pentecost in the Park** 10:00 a.m. Worship at Wildwood Park with burgers, hotdogs, and a potluck following worship.
- Offerings may be put in the collection plate which is near the bulletins near the entrance of the sanctuary

#### **IV. Opening Hymn – CH #22 “All Creatures of Our God and King” (Nancy Thompson)**

All creatures of our God and King,  
lift up your voice and with us sing  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

O burning sun with golden beam,  
O silver moon with softer gleam:  
O praise God, O praise God,  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

O rushing wind with voice so strong,  
you clouds that sail in heav’n along,  
O praise God, Alleluia!  
O rising morn, in praise rejoice,  
you lights of evening find a voice:  
O praise God, O praise God,  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

O flowing water, pure and clear,  
make music for your God to hear,  
Alleluia, Alleluia!  
O blazing fire who lights the night,  
providing warmth, enhancing sight,  
O praise God, O praise God,  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

And all forgiven tender hearts,  
forgiving others, take your part,  
sing praises, alleluia!  
You who long pain and sorrow bear,  
praise God, who knows your ev’ry care.  
O praise God, O praise God,  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

#### **V. Call to Worship – (Gary Cantwell)**

The Lord has been our refuge and our keeper.  
**It is God who has kept us from falling and saved  
our lives.**

Let our thanks and praise resound throughout this  
place of worship  
**Let our love and gratitude be shown in all that we  
do.**

Open your hearts and spirits to God this day.  
**Lord, be with us and place your hand of healing  
in our lives. AMEN.**

#### **VI. Psalm 68:8-20 Laughing Bird Version (Gary Cantwell)**

If only everyone would honour you, God,  
and fill the world with the sound of your praises.  
You are the one who sustains our life  
and keeps our feet on the right track.

You, God, have examined us carefully;  
tested us to see what we were made of.  
You drove us to our limits  
and weighed us down with burdens;  
you let us be run into the ground;  
you took us through the fires of hell  
and the depths of despair  
but then finally into a wide and generous land.  
So now we come to the place of worship  
to fulfil our promises and offer our gifts.  
All that we vowed to do if you got us out of trouble  
we will now make good on with grateful hearts.

We will offer you whatever you ask;  
the best of all we have and all we are;  
all you have given us, we offer back to you.

We will tell everyone who honours and respects you  
what you have done for us, God.

We cried out loud to you  
and acknowledged your goodness.

If we had hung onto evil ideas,  
you would have turned you back on us,  
but you really have listened to us, God,  
and taken note of all we have asked.

We honour you and praise you, God,  
because you did not turn a deaf ear  
or withhold your rock-solid love from us.

## **VII. Children Fourth Grade and Under Dismissed for Sunday School**

### **VIII. 1 Peter 3:13-22 – (Gary Cantwell)**

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

**IX. Sermon - "How Good Do We Have to Be?" (Jesse Kearns)**

**X. Song of Invitation – CH #344 "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" (Nancy Thompson)**

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 (Mary Kearns)**

**XIII. Communion Song CH #395 "Seed Scattered and Sown" (Nancy Thompson)**

Seed, scattered and sown, wheat gathered and grown  
Bread broken and shared as one, the Living Bread of  
God.

Vine, fruit of the land, wine, work of our hands  
One cup that is shared by all; the Living Cup, the  
Living Bread of God.

Is not the bread we break  
A sharing in our Lord?  
Is not the cup we bless  
The blood of Christ outpoured?

Seed, scattered and sown, wheat gathered and grown  
Bread broken and shared as one, the Living Bread of  
God.

Vine, fruit of the land, wine, work of our hands  
One cup that is shared by all; the Living Cup, the  
Living Bread of God.

The seed which falls on rock,  
will wither and will die.  
The seed within good ground  
will flower and have life.

Seed, scattered and sown, wheat gathered and grown  
Bread broken and shared as one, the Living Bread of  
God.

Vine, fruit of the land, wine, work of our hands  
One cup that is shared by all; the Living Cup, the  
Living Bread of God.

As wheat upon the hills  
Was gathered and was grown  
So may the church of God  
Be gathered into one.

Seed, scattered and sown, wheat gathered and grown  
Bread broken and shared as one, the Living Bread of  
God.

Vine, fruit of the land, wine, work of our hands  
One cup that is shared by all; the Living Cup, the  
Living Bread of God.

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

**XV. Partaking Communion Together**

**XVI. Blessing/Benediction**

**XVII. Postlude – (Nancy Thompson)**



**Pentecost Picnic in the Park!**

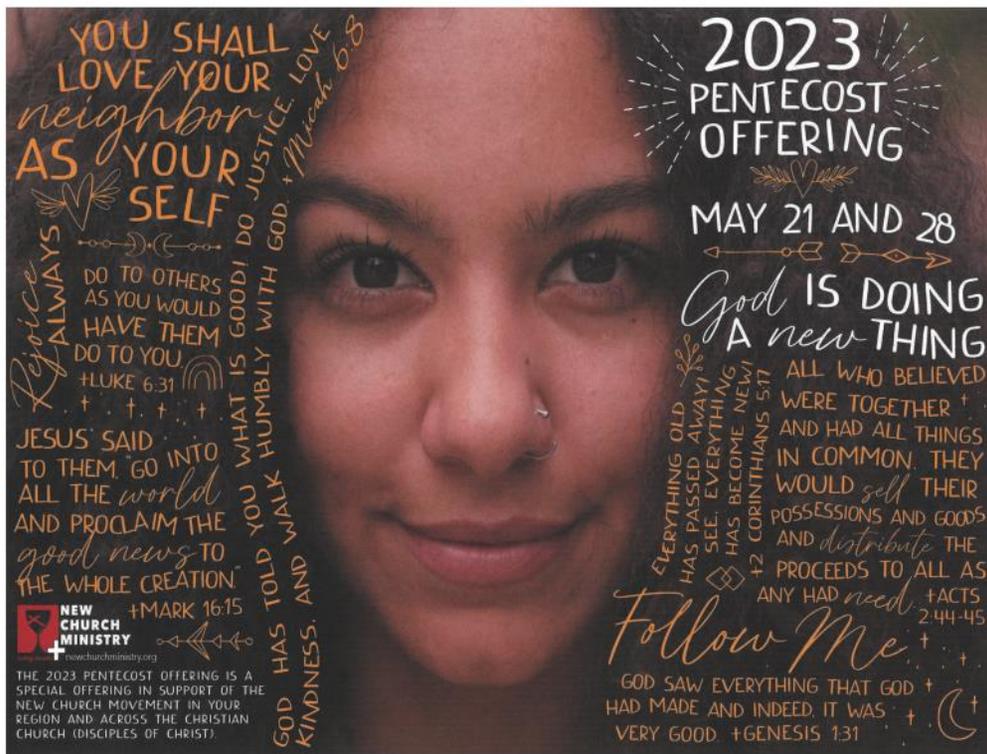
We will be celebrating Pentecost at  
**Wildwood Park on May 21st, at  
10:00 a.m.!** Sing-along led by Good  
Country and the Upbeats, as well as  
worship and a barbeque potluck.

**Pentecost Special Offering:** This special offering  
supports Disciples new church development.  
Planning, nurturing and sustaining new  
congregation is part of the Disciples' vision. This  
offering supports the specialized ministry of new  
church development through both regional and  
general programs. Gifts for this offering are divided  
equally between the region in which they're given  
and the [New Church Ministry](#).

Offering envelopes will be in Sunday bulletins May  
14th and May 28th. Bulletin insert on next page.

**Upper Room Devotionals:** May/June Upper Room  
Devotionals are available on the bookshelves in the  
Sanctuary narthex (entrance).

**Custodial job flyers available [here](#) (and on last  
page of this bulletin) and in sanctuary by  
bulletins.**



"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.

## WE ARE A MOVEMENT FOR *wholeness* IN A FRAGMENTED WORLD.

In the beginning, every church was new! It's right there in the Book of Acts. Early disciples came together, sharing all things in common, breaking bread with glad and generous hearts. **God was doing a new thing: creating a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world.**

In the beginning, Jesus sent out disciples, two by two, not to "plant" churches, but to proclaim good news, to experience the hospitality and wisdom of neighbors all around. **God was doing a new thing: creating a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world.**

At New Church Ministry, we believe God is calling the whole Church back to becoming new, back to becoming who we already are: a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world.

Your gifts to the 2023 Pentecost Offering, received this year in most congregations on Sundays, May 21 and 28, help ensure our movement continues to embody the Disciples of Christ vision:

*To be and to share the good news, witnessing, loving, and serving from our doorsteps to the ends of the earth.*



Half of your gift supports the local new church movement through your region's ministry. The other half supports New Church Ministry efforts across the United States and Canada to equip, train, and empower new leaders.

Thank you for participating in the new thing God is STILL doing yesterday, today, and tomorrow!

Find more Pentecost Offering resources, including images, videos, and stories to share here: <https://disciplesmissionfund.org/special-offerings/pentecost>

## May 20, 2023

9:00am - 1:00pm



**14 Hillary Lane  
Chico, CA 95973**

Cost  
**\$10**

Self-registration



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Or Call to Register

**530-895-8395 or  
office@cslchico.org**



Rev. Eileen Brownell is ordained by Centers for Spiritual Living and a Chico Police Chaplain. In the last 17 years she has helped family and friends after numerous suicides ranging in age from 13 to 90. Alarmed by the increase, Eileen became a certified Soul Shop trainer to work with faith communities to help prevent suicides and support survivors.

## Attendance

### Attendance for May 7th, 2023:

Online: 15 Sanctuary: 39 Total: 54

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May 14th-21st, 2023

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

### Monday—The Caller deadline

- 4:30 p.m. String Ensemble Rehearsals, Chapel

### Tuesday

- 11:30 a.m. Music Jam, Room 4
- 11:30 a.m. All Women’s Luncheon (WICS), Olive Garden
- 5:00 p.m. Inspire School of Arts & Sciences, Koinonia Hall

### Wednesday

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

### Thursday

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Team Breakfast at Cozy Diner
- No Bible Study this week

### Saturday

- 9:00 a.m. Soul Shop, Center for Spiritual Living at 14 Hillary Lane, Chico. See insert. 2:00 p.m. Journeys of the Heart Grief Group, Spiritual Care Center

### Next Sunday—Pentecost in the Park!

- 10:00 a.m. Pentecost in the Park, Wildwood Park
- 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](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.

## CUSTODIAL POSITION AVAILABLE

**12 HOURS/WEEK (MORNINGS - FLEXIBLE)**

**\$17.00/HOUR**

**LOCATION: FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, CHICO**

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Job Qualifications:

- Knowledge of general custodial duties
- Proficiency with proper use of cleaning products
- Proficiency with proper use and maintenance of cleaning equipment

Personal Qualifications:

- Must be at least 18 years old
- Must be able to work independently
- Must be able to lift up to 50 lbs.
- Must be able to stand, lift, squat, reach, climb