



# Celebration of Ministry

November 12th, 2023

Annual Congregational Business Meeting and Ministry Fair

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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*.

## November 12th, 2023 Order of Worship

**I. Prelude – “Your Great Love” CP # 93 (Joshua Hegg)**

**II. Ringing of the Bell**

**III. Welcome and Announcements – (Gary Cantwell)**

- Today – Fellowship following service.
- Monday – 2:30 p.m. String Ensemble, Chapel
- Tuesday – 9:30 a.m. Koinonia Krafters, Fireside; 11:30 a.m. Music Jam practice, Room 4
- Wednesday – 9:00 a.m. PEO, Fireside and Sanctuary; 6:00 p.m. Scouts BSA, Koinonia Hall, Fireside
- Thursday – 6:30 p.m. Living the Questions Bible Study, Room 6 and Zoom
- 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. 12:30 p.m. SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats) meeting, Room 6.
- Offerings may be put in the offering plate which is near the bulletins near the entrance of the sanctuary

#### IV. Opening Hymn –CP #7 “Let Us Go to the House of the Lord” (Joshua Hegg)

I was glad when they said to me,  
“Let us go to the house of the Lord.”  
I was glad when they said to me,  
“Let us go to the house of the Lord.”

Called from ev’ry nation, called from ev’ry race,  
gathered here for worship, in this holy place.  
God is here among us; lift your hearts and sing;  
make the walls and rafters ring.

I was glad when they said to me,  
“Let us go to the house of the Lord.”  
I was glad when they said to me,  
“Let us go to the house of the Lord.”

Here the poor are welcomed, here the lost are  
claimed.  
Broken lives are mended; deepest fears are named.  
Here the wise are children, and the weak are strong.  
Here, in Christ, we all belong.

I was glad when they said to me,  
“Let us go to the house of the Lord.”  
I was glad when they said to me,  
“Let us go to the house of the Lord.”

Words that must be spoken, grace that must be heard,  
mercy and forgiveness from God’s holy Word  
Here will be repeated, peace to all proclaimed,  
shouted out in Jesus’ name.

I was glad when they said to me,  
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#### V. Call to Worship – (Gary Cantwell)

There are different gifts,  
**But it is the same Spirit who gives them.**  
There are different ways of serving God,  
**But it is the same God who is served.**  
Each one is given a gift by the one Spirit,  
**To use for the common good.**  
Together we are the body of Christ,  
**And individually members with one another.**

#### VI. Psalm 78:1-7 Laughing Bird Version (Gary Cantwell)

We are keen to learn of you, LORD;  
your people are eager to hear what you have to say.

We listen to those who pass on the old stories;  
the dark mysteries of ancient wisdom.

These are things we must hear and know,  
for the wisdom of our ancestors must not be lost.

We will not deprive our children of these things.  
We will pass on the stories to the next generation,  
LORD,  
stories of the wonderful things you have done,  
so that they know how great and amazing you are.

You laid down the law for your people, LORD,  
and set out what you expected of your chosen ones.  
You spelt it out to our ancestors,  
and told them to teach it to their children,  
so that the next generation would know your ways;  
so that those who had not yet even been born  
would be able to grow up and pass it on to their  
children;  
so that they will trust their future to you, God,  
living their lives by your instructions  
and never forgetting what you have done.

## **VII. Matthew 13:44-55 (NRSV)**

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great

value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. “Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

When Jesus had finished these parables, he left that place. He came to his hometown and began to teach the people in their synagogue, so that they were astounded and said, “Where did this man get this wisdom and these deeds of power? Is not this the carpenter’s son? Is not his mother called Mary? And are not his brothers James and Joseph and Simon and Judas?”

## **VIII. Sermon – “I Miss Hell” (Rev. Jesse Kearns)**

**IX. Hymn of Invitation and Reflection – CH  
#422 “Let Us Talents and Tongues  
Employ” (Joshua Hegg)**

Let us talents and tongues employ  
Reaching out with a shout of joy;  
Bread is broken, the wine is poured  
Christ is spoken and seen and heard  
Jesus lives again, Earth can breathe again  
Pass the Word around: Loaves Abound!

Christ is able to make us one  
At the table He sets the tone  
Teaching people to live to bless  
Love in word and in deed express  
Jesus lives again, Earth can breathe again  
Pass the Word around: Loaves Abound!

Jesus calls us in, sends us out  
Bearing fruit in a world of doubt  
Gives us love to tell bread to share  
God Immanuel everywhere  
Jesus lives again, Earth can breathe again  
Pass the Word around: Loaves Abound!

**X. Moments for Mission**

**XI. Prayers of the People**

**XII. Communion Song – CH #386 “We Come as  
Guests Invited” (Joshua Hegg)**

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.

**XIII. Institution of Communion (Bobbi Robinson, Kevin Zeitler, elders)**

**XIV. Partaking Communion Together**

**XV. Blessing/Benediction**

We shall love the Lord with all our heart,  
With all our soul, with all our mind, and with all our strength,

And we shall love our neighbor as ourself.

**We make these offerings as a pledge of our love and loyalty;**

**To God, to each other, and to all our fellow human beings.**

**We commit ourselves to live in love**

**And to be everyone's loyal servants,**

**In the name of Christ our Servant Lord. Amen.**

**XVI. Postlude – CP #155 “Walk in the Light” (Joshua Hegg)**



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- **November 26th:** We will be decorating the Sanctuary for Christmas in the afternoon
- **December 3rd:** First Day in Advent; Hanging of the Greens! The Elders will host Fellowship and there will be a candy cane hunt and gift bags for children!

## Attendance

### Attendance for November 5th, 2023:

Sanctuary: 39    Online: 12    Total: 51

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CALENDAR

### **This Sunday—Annual Congregational Business Meeting; Stewardship Sunday; Ministry Fair**

- 8:30 a.m. Sacred Grounds Adult Faith Formation Christian Education, Room 6 and on [Zoom](#)
- 10:00 a.m. Indoor Worship in **Koinonia Hall** 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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### **Next Sunday**

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- 10:00 a.m. Indoor Worship in Sanctuary and Worship Streamed Live on [Zoom](#) and [Facebook](#)
- Fellowship, Koinonia Hall
- 12:30 p.m. SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats) meeting, Room 6.
- 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.
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- **Masks:** Masks are recommended but not required. Adult and child size masks are available in the Sanctuary as well as hand sanitizer.