



Glass & Wooden Bowls

September 10th, 2023

Guest Preacher Rev. Jerry Hambleton
Rev. Jesse Kearns, Pastor

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
- Monday – 2:30 p.m. String Ensemble Practice in the Chapel.
- Tuesday – 9:30 a.m. Koinonia Krafters, Fireside
- Wednesday – 6:00 p.m. Scouts BSA, K-Hall and Fireside.
- Saturday – 2:00 p.m. Journeys of the Heart Bereavement Group, 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 offering plate which is near the bulletins near the entrance of the Sanctuary
- If you would like to donate to Week of Compassion to help with the fires in Hawai'i you can either mark the envelope or the check with "Week of Compassion, Hawai'i"

IV. Opening Hymn – CH #6 “Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above” (Nancy Thompson)

Sing praise to God who reigns above
The God of all creation
The God of power and of love
The God of our salvation
With healing balm my soul is filled
And every faithless murmur stilled:
To God all praise and glory

Our God is never far away,
But through all grief distressing
An ever-present help and stay,
Our peace and joy and blessing.
As with a mother’s tender hand
God gently leads the chosen band:
To God all praise and glory

Then all my gladsome way along,
I sing aloud your praises,
That all may hear the grateful song
my voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart,
Both soul and body bear your part:
To God all praise and glory.

Let all who name Christ’s holy name
Give God all praise and glory;
Let all who own God’s power proclaim
Aloud the wondrous story!

Cast each false idol from its throne,
For Christ is Lord, and Christ alone:
To God all praise and glory.

V. Call to Worship – (Gary Cantwell)

Let us praise the God who formed the mountains and
created the wind.

**Let us sing to the One who made the stars, who
turns deep darkness into morning and day into
night.**

Let us turn to God, hating what is evil and loving
what is just.

**So may justice roll down like waters, and
righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.
Amen.**

VI. Children Fourth Grade and Under Dismissed for Sunday School

VII. Psalm 149 Laughing Bird Version (Gary Cantwell)

You are the greatest, LORD!

We sing your praises like we’ve never sung before,
LORD,
along with all your faithful people everywhere.

Our greatest joy is knowing
that you made us as your people.
With all the children of your holy city,
we celebrate you as our King!

Every mention of your name sets us singing and
dancing;
we strike up the band in your honour.

For you, LORD, delight in your people;
you share the spoils of victory with ordinary folk.

Your faithful ones revel in your glory,
and bask in the sheer joy of praising you.

Put your words in their mouths
and your sword in their hands, God,
so that they can bring the nations to justice
and execute your sentence on every population.
Deliver every despot and dictator into their hands
to be tried and sentenced
and put behind bars where they belong.

May all your faithful ones share in this glory, LORD,
for you are the greatest!

VIII. Matthew 18:15-20 (Gary Cantwell)

“If another member of the church sins against you,
go and point out the fault when the two of you are
alone. If the member listens to you, you have
regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take
one or two others along with you, so that every word
may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three
witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them,
tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to
listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a
Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever
you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and
whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.
Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth
about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my
Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered
in my name, I am there among them.”

IX. Sermon – “Glass & Wooden Bowls” (Rev. Jerry Hambleton)

X. Song of Reflection – CH #330 “Alleluia! Hear God’s Story” (Nancy Thompson)

Alleluia! Hear God’s story,
still unfolding with each dawn.
Taste the wine and body broken:
God’s creative love lives on.

Who the neighbor? Who the hungry?
Who is thirsty for shalom?
God of journey, in your story;
lead us, with the neighbor, home.

Alleluia! Sing the story;
God's great faithfulness proclaim.
Tell of prophets and apostles;
sing the power of Jesus' name.
Who the neighbor? Who the listener?
Who has ears to hear our song?
God of history, tune our voices,
make our hopeful witness strong.

Alleluia! Dance the story;
every sinew now engage.
Tethered close in truthful worship,
boldly face the coming age.
Who the neighbor? Who the watchful?
Who will welcome life's embrace?
God of gospel, tell the story
through our dancing of your grace.

XI. Moments for Mission (Tom Shifflet)

XII. Prayers of the People

XIII. Communion Song CH #404 "A Hymn of Joy We Sing" (Nancy Thompson)

A hymn of joy we sing, around your table Lord
Again our grateful tribute bring, our solemn vows
record.

Here do we see your face, and feel your presence
here;
So may the savor of your grace in word and life
appear.

In self forgetting love be our communion shown,
Until we join the church above and know as we are
known.

XIV. Institution of Communion (Kevin Zeitler and Bill Peterson, elders)

XV. Partaking Communion Together

XVI. Blessing/Benediction (Rev. Jerry Hambleton)

XVII. Postlude – (Nancy Thompson and Shelly Fairchild)

Upper Room Devotionals for September-October are now available on the bookshelves in the entrance of the Sanctuary.

September edition of The Caller our monthly newsletter is available on our website [here](#), and paper copies are available in the Sanctuary next to the bulletins.

Week of Compassion: Donate to help with the wildfires in Hawai'i: <https://www.weekofcompassion.org/give.html>

Recommendations to the Nominating Task Force: Recommendations to the Nominating Task Force hand outs are in the Sanctuary, next to the bulletins, and a PDF is [here](#). They can be returned in the offering plate on Sunday mornings, or sent to the church office by email, or mail.

Annual Holiday Bazaar is Saturday, November 4th, 2023, 9 am to 1 pm. Sign up for booths in the entrance of Koinonia Hall.

Stewardship Sunday is November 12th, 2023 Stewardship letters with pledge cards have been mailed out, and electronic copies of the letter and the pledge card are on our website here: <https://www.fccchico.com/stewardship.html>. Pledge cards and envelopes are also in the pew racks in the Sanctuary.

Please return the pledge card by mail, in the offering plates on Sunday mornings, or by dropping it through the church mail slot at any time before November 12th, 2023. Thank you!

Attendance

Attendance for September 3rd, 2023:

Online: 12 Sanctuary: 33 Total: 45

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"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.

September 30th, 2023

9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

\$25 to Register



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295 E. Washington Ave

Chico, CA 95926

Cost

\$25

Self-registration



<https://tinyurl.com/5buua22z>

Or call 530-343-3727



Rev. Eileen Brownell, ordained by Centers for Spiritual Living is also a Chico Police Chaplain. For 16 years, she has assisted families and survivors of suicide. Alarmed by the increase, as well as seeing individuals 13-90 years take their own life, she became a certified Soul Shop trainer to work with faith communities to help prevent suicides and support survivors. Currently she is the only certified trainer in the 5 western states.

Link: <https://tinyurl.com/5buua22z>

September 10th-17th, 2023

CALENDAR

This Sunday—Rev. Jerry Hambleton

- 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

- 2:30 p.m. String Ensemble, Chapel

Tuesday

- 9:30 a.m. Koinonia Krafters, Fireside

Wednesday

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

Friday—Deadline to submit articles to our monthly newsletter, *The Caller*

Saturday

- 2:00 p.m. Journeys of the Heart Grief Group, Spiritual Care Center

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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.
- **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.

Recommendations to the Nominating Task Force Church Officers for 2024

We, the Nominating Committee, request that all members of First Christian Church, Chico seriously and prayerfully recommend those persons you believe should be asked to consider a leadership position. Indicate those names below. You may put it in the collection plate, drop it by the office or mail it to the church.

Your participation in this process is important and we appreciate your input. Please respond now while it is fresh in your mind. **Please consider the desired Leadership qualities and gifts for serving as listed below:**

Board Moderator: Be objective and able to listen to all sides; open to hearing all perspectives and ideas; able to keep a meeting on the subject at hand; be a calming influence.

Vice-Moderator: In the absence of the Board Moderator, presides at congregational and Church Board meetings and carries out all other duties of the Board Moderator. Appoints a chair of the Diaconate and assists with recruitment and training of the Diaconate. Oversees the Elders and Personnel Committee.

Board Secretary: Able to hear what is being said at the meeting, and record the meeting activities and actions.

Church Treasurer: Timely payment of bills; correct errors in a timely manner; work closely with leadership; be transparent and open; must maintain confidentiality.

Congregational Life Ministry Coordinator: Coordinates the Christian education, membership, worship arts, fellowship and program ministries.

Outreach Ministry Coordinator: Coordinates evangelism, missional outreach, and Regional/General Church relations.

Administrative Ministry Coordinator: Coordinates the administrative ministries of the church including business and property.

At Large Board Member: Interested in the life of the church, and committed to its future thriving.

Elders: Willing to help care for the spiritual needs of the congregation, as a part of the shared ministry of the church; committed to being equipped and to equip others; have a desire to grow spiritually, and to help others grow in their faith.

Financial Secretary: A numbers person; confidential, organized and efficient.

Ass't. Financial Secretary: Same as Financial Secretary.

Personnel Committee Member: Able to look at staff as employees; have an understanding and experience in business practices; listen to congregational concerns; work closely and communicate with the Pastoral Relations Committee.

Endowment Trustee: An understanding of financial practices; has a passion for developing planned giving programs within the congregation.

—Nominating Committee

I prayerfully recommend...

Board Moderator	_____

Vice Moderator	_____

Board Secretary	_____

Church Treasurer	_____

Congregational Life Ministry Coordinator:	_____

Outreach Ministry Coordinator:	_____

Administrative Ministry Coordinator:	_____

At Large Board Member	_____

Elder	_____

Financial Secretary	_____

Asst. Financial Secretary	_____

Personnel Committee	_____

Endowment Trustee	_____

From the FCC Bylaws, Article VII Section C: Additional nominees for any office may be made from the congregation in this manner: With the approval of the nominee, a petition signed by at least ten (10) active members shall be in the hands of the nominating committee at least ten (10) days prior to the date set for the annual election. If such additional nominations are made, the committee shall announce to the congregation the revised slate, including all nominees for each vacancy.

Please return the completed form either by the collection plate on Sunday morning, dropping it off at the church office, or mailing it to the church. Thank you!