





September 3rd, 2023 Guest Preacher Kevin Zeitler
Week of Compassion: Fires in Hawai'i
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 – (Joshua Hegg)

II. Ringing of the Bell

III. Welcome and Announcements – (Tom Shifflet)

- Today – Fellowship following service.
- Monday – Church Office Closed in observance of Labor Day
- Tuesday – 7:00 p.m. Church Board meeting, Zoom
- Wednesday – 6:00 p.m. Scouts BSA, Koinonia Hall, Fireside
- Thursday – 6:30 p.m. Bible Study, Room 6
- Saturday – 2:00 p.m. Journeys of the Heart Grief 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 #663 “Go Down, Moses” (Joshua Hegg)

When Israel was in Egypt’s land;
Let my people go,
Oppressed so hard they could not stand,
Let my people go.

Go down Moses, way down in Egypt’s land.
Tell old Pharaoh, let my people go.

No more shall they in bondage toil,
Let my people go,
Let them come out with Egypt’s spoil,
Let my people go.

Go down Moses, way down in Egypt’s land.
Tell old Pharaoh, let my people go.

The Lord told Moses what to do,
Let my people go.
To lead the Hebrew children through,
Let my people go.

Go down Moses, way down in Egypt’s land.
Tell old Pharaoh, let my people go.

Then Miriam danced and sang her song,
Let my people go,
“Our God has triumphed over wrong!”
Let my people go.

Go down Moses, way down in Egypt’s land.
Tell old Pharaoh, let my people go.

Oh let us all from bondage flee,
Let my people go
And let us all in Christ be free
Let my people go.

Go down Moses, way down in Egypt’s land.
Tell old Pharaoh, let my people go.

V. Call to Worship – (Tom Shifflet)

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing.
So that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

VI. Children Fourth Grade and Under Dismissed for Sunday School

VII. Jeremiah 29:10-13 (Tom Shifflet)

For thus says the Lord: Only when Babylon’s seventy years are completed will I visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place. For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and

come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart

VIII. Reflection (Kevin Zeitler)

IX. Musical Interlude: “Hapa- Pride (In the Name of Love)”

X. Reflection (Georgeanne Bennett)

XI. Open Call for Reflections

XII. Hymn of Reflection – CH #550 “There’s Within My Heart a Melody” (Joshua Hegg)

There’s within my heart a melody
Jesus whispers sweet and low,
“Fear not, I am with thee--peace, be still.”
In all of life’s ebb and flow.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus
Sweetest Name I know,
Fills my every longing,
Keeps me singing as I go.

All my life was wrecked by sin and strife,
Discord filled my heart with pain;
Jesus swept across the broken strings,
Stirred the slumb’ring chords again.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus
Sweetest Name I know
Fills my every longing
Keeps me singing as I go.

Feasting on the riches of His grace
Resting ‘neath His shelt’ring wing
Always looking on His smiling face--
That is why I shout and sing.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus
Sweetest Name I know
Fills my every longing
Keeps me singing as I go.

Though sometimes He leads through waters deep,
Trials fall across the way,
Though sometimes the path seems rough and steep,
See His footprints all the way.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus
Sweetest Name I know
Fills my every longing
Keeps me singing as I go.

Soon He’s coming back to welcome me
Far beyond the starry sky;
I shall wing my flight to worlds unknown,
I shall reign with Him on high.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus
Sweetest Name I know
Fills my every longing
Keeps me singing as I go.

**XIII. Moments for Mission: Week of Compassion
(Maxwell Erwin)**

XIV. Prayers of the People (Gary Cantwell)

**XV. Communion Song – CH #400 “When You Do
This, Remember Me” (Joshua Hegg)**

You my friend, a stranger once, do now belong to
heaven.
Once, far away, you are brought home into God’s
family.
“When you do this, remember me.”

Now my Lord is also yours, my people are your own;
Embraced together in God’s arms, I enfold you now
in mine.
“When you do this, remember me.”

All your sorrows shall be mine, your joy shall be my
joy;
Indebted to God’s love in Christ, we die and reign
with him.
“When you do this, remember me.”

So let us renew our faith, remembering our Lord;
To our strong hope we will hold fast, unshaken to the
end.
“When you do this, remember me.”

**XVI. Institution of Communion (Georgeanne
Bennett and Georgia Nelson, elders)**

**XVII. Partaking Communion Together (Led by
Elders)**

XVIII. Blessing/Benediction (Kevin Zeitler)

XIX. Postlude – (Joshua Hegg)

Upper Room Devotionals: The September-October
devotionals are available on the bookshelves in the
entrance of the Sanctuary.

**Week of Compassion: Donate to help with the
wildfires in Hawai’i: [https://
www.weekofcompassion.org/give.html](https://www.weekofcompassion.org/give.html)**

The Caller: Paper copies of the September edition
of The Caller is available next to the bulletins in
the Sanctuary.

Annual Holiday Bazaar: Save the date: **Saturday,
November 4th, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.** You can sign up
to help at booths on the signup sheet in entrance
of Koinonia Hall.

"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



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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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>

Attendance

Attendance for August 27th, 2023:

Online: 10 Sanctuary: 43 Total: 53

Credits

- Bulletin Graphic: Photo by [Jeremy Bishop](#) on Unsplash
- “Go Down, Moses” Words and Music: African-American spiritual
- “There’s Within My Heart a Melody” Words and Music: Luther B. Bridgers, 1910.
- “When You Do This, Remember Me” Words: Alexander Campbell (19th Century); adapt. David L. Edwards, 1988. Music: David L. Edwards, 1988; arr. © Jane Marshall, 1993. Words and Music: © 1988 David L. Edwards; arr. © 1995 Chalice Press
- Laughing Bird Psalm ©2002 Nathan Nettleton [LaughingBird.net](#)
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September 3rd-10th, 2023

CALENDAR

This Sunday—Week of Compassion: Hawai'i

- 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—Church Office Closed for Labor Day

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

Tuesday

- 7:00 p.m. Church Board Meeting, Zoom

Wednesday

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

Thursday

- 6:30 p.m. Living the Questions 2.0 Bible Study, Room 6

Saturday

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

Next 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

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!