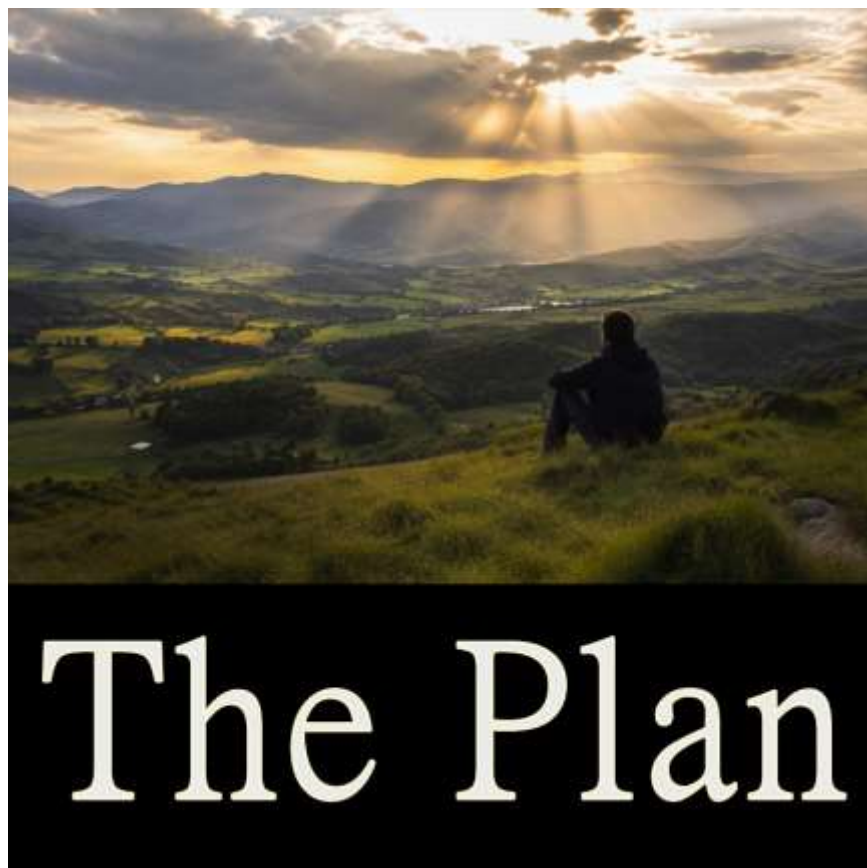




First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

August 16, 2026

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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 – (Dave Hoppe)

- Today – Corning FCC's service begins at 11 am; Our Fellowship is in Koinonia Hall following our worship service
- Monday – Faith in Films will be watching *The Social Dilemma* in a location to be determined at 7 p.m.
- Tuesday – 7 p.m. Elders hybrid meeting in the Chapel and on Zoom
- Wednesday – 9:30 a.m. PEO will meet in Fireside; 10 a.m. Uplift Boutique, in Room 10; 6 p.m. Scouting America Troop 2 in Koinonia Hall and Fireside; 7 p.m. Faith in Films will be discussing *The Social Dilemma* in Room 6
- Thursday – 8:30 a.m. Worship Team Breakfast at Cozy Diner; 5:30 p.m. Scouting America Pack 2 in Koinonia Hall and Fireside; 6:30 Bible Study in Room 6 and Zoom
- Saturday – 10 a.m. Uplift Boutique, in Room 10
- Recommendations to the Nominating Task Force are next to the bulletins, and may be put in the collection plate, dropped by the office, or mailed to the church.

- Please see the back of your bulletins for the calendar
- Offerings may be put on the offering plate near the bulletins near the sanctuary's entrance
- We need people to sign up for Worship Leaders!

IV. Greeting One Another

V. Responsive Call to Worship (Dave Hoppe)

There are things in this world we do not understand.
There are questions for which we have no easy answers.

We do not understand all the ways of God.

But we trust that God is still at work.

When the world is broken, God is working toward healing.

When people are divided, God is working toward reconciliation.

When we cannot see the way forward, God's purposes remain.

For the gifts and calling of God are irrevocable.

God has not abandoned us. God has not abandoned this world.

God's purpose is mercy, and God's way is grace.

So let us worship the God whose ways are greater than our understanding.

All: And let us offer our lives to the work of God's healing and restoration. Amen.

VI. Opening Hymn –CH #70 “God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale” (Joshua Hegg)

God of the sparrow God of the whale
 God of the swirling stars
 How does the creature say Awe
 How does the creature say Praise

God of the earthquake God of the storm
 God of the trumpet blast
 How does the creature cry Woe
 How does the creature cry Save

God of the rainbow God of the cross
 God of the empty grave
 How does the creature say Grace
 How does the creature say Thanks

God of the hungry God of the sick
 God of the prodigal
 How does the creature say Care
 How does the creature say Life

God of the neighbor God of the foe
 God of the pruning hook
 How does the creature say Love
 How does the creature say Peace

God of the ages, God near at hand
God of the loving heart
How do your children say Joy
How do your children say Home

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

**VIII. First Scripture Reading Ecclesiastes 3:9-15
(NRSVUE) (Dave Hoppe)**

What gain have the workers from their toil? I have seen the business that God has given to everyone to be busy with. He has made everything suitable for its time; moreover, he has put a sense of past and future into their minds, yet they cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. I know that there is nothing better for them than to be happy and enjoy themselves as long as they live; moreover, it is God's gift that all should eat and drink and take pleasure in all their toil. I know that whatever God does endures forever; nothing can be added to it nor anything taken from it; God has done this so that all should stand in awe before him. That which is already has been, that which is to be already is, and God seeks out what has gone by.

**IX. Second Scripture Reading Romans 11:1-2,
29-32 (NRSVUE) (Dave Hoppe)**

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the scripture says of Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel?

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so also they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they also may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

X. Sermon -- "The Plan" (Rev. Jesse Kearns)

**XI. Hymn of Invitation –CH #33 "How Great
Thou Art" (Joshua Hegg)**

O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Then sings my soul, my savior God to thee;
How great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my savior God to thee;
How great thou art, how great thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze;

Then sings my soul, my savior God to thee;
How great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my savior God to thee;
How great thou art, how great thou art!

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin;

Then sings my soul, my savior God to thee;
How great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my savior God to thee;
How great thou art, how great thou art!

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, my God, how great thou art!

Then sings my soul, my savior God to thee;
How great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my savior God to thee;
How great thou art, how great thou art!

XII. Moments for Mission

XIII. Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Our father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread
And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and
The glory forever, Amen.

XIV. Response CH # 306 “Hear Our Prayer, O Lord” (Joshua Hegg)

Hear our prayer, O Lord,
Hear our prayer, O Lord,
Incline Thine ear to us,
And grant us thy peace.
Amen.

XV. Communion Song –CP #161 “Here Is Bread” (Joshua Hegg)

Here is bread, here is wine. Christ is with us; he is
with us.
Break the bread, taste the wine; Christ is with us here.
In this bread there is healing, in this cup is life
forever.
In this moment, by the Spirit, Christ is with us here.

Here is grace, here is peace. Christ is with us; he is
with us.
Know his grace, find his peace; feast on Jesus here.
In this bread there is healing, in this cup is life
forever.
In this moment, by the Spirit, Christ is with us here.

Here we are, joined in one. Christ is with us; he is
with us.

We’ll proclaim till he comes, Jesus crucified.

In this bread there is healing, in this cup is life
forever.

In this moment, by the Spirit, Christ is with us here.

XVI. Institution of Communion (Georgeanne Bennett, elder)

XVII. Partaking Communion Together

XVIII. Blessing/Benediction (Rev. Jesse Kearns)

XIX. Postlude (Joshua Hegg)

- **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 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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- **Deadlines:** Sunday Bulletin-Wednesdays, 10 am; Callerito weekly email-Thursday 10 am; Caller, monthly newsletter-15th at noon.

**Attendance: August 9, 2026; Joint Service with
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Sanctuary: 64

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Calendar for August 16-23, 2026

Sunday

- 8:30 a.m. Sacred Grounds Adult Faith Formation Christian Education, Room 6 & on Zoom
- 10:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary & Worship Streamed Live on Zoom & Facebook
- **11:00 a.m. Corning FCC worship begins, 1421 Marin St. Corning**
- Fellowship, Koinonia Hall
- 1:00 p.m. Iglesia de Cristo Agua Viva, Sanctuary

Monday

- 7:00 p.m. Faith in Films, *The Social Dilemma*, location TBD

Tuesday

- 7:00 p.m. Elders Hybrid meeting, Chapel and Zoom

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- 10:00 a.m. Uplift Boutique (Free Family Resource), Room 10
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