



First Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)

March 29th, 2026—Palm Sunday

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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 & Procession of the Palms – CP #87
“Le Lo Le Lo Lay Lo (Sanctus)” (Joshua Hegg)

Le lo le lo lay lo. Le lo le lo lay lo.
Le lo le lo lay lo, lo le lo le lo lay
Le lo le lo lay lo. Le lo le lo lay lo.
Le lo le lo lay lo, lo le lo le lo lay

Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might.
Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,
heaven and earth are full of your glory

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

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II. Ringing of the Bell

III. Welcome and Announcements – (Georgia Nelson)

- Today – Fellowship will be in Koinonia Hall following our worship service.
- Tuesday – No music practice until after Easter
- Thursday – Maundy Thursday; 8:30 a.m. Worship Team Breakfast at Cozy Diner; No Bible Study this week; **7 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service with Chico First Baptist in our Sanctuary**
- Friday—Good Friday; Church Office Closed
- Saturday – 1 p.m. Bereavement Alumni Potluck, Fireside
- Next Sunday—Easter Sunday! 6:45 am Sunrise Service at Chico First Baptist, 10 am Service in our Sanctuary
- The April edition of the monthly newsletter, *The Caller*, is available on our website, and print copies are on the tables near the bulletins
- 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

IV. Call to Worship (Georgia Nelson)

Will you follow?

Will you lay down your coat?

Will you lay down something important?

Will you shout “Hosanna”?

Will you join the parade?

Will you sing, even if your throat is hoarse?

Will you cut down a palm branch?

Will you wave it in the air?

Will you follow the one riding on a donkey?

Will you let this good news inspire you to act?

We will. We will sing. We will pay close attention.

We will worship. We will follow.

Hosanna in the highest!

Hosanna in the highest.

V. Greeting One Another

VI. Opening Hymn – CH #191 “Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!” (Joshua Hegg)

Ride on, ride on in majesty!

As all the crowds hosanna cry;

Through waving branches slowly ride,

O Savior, to be crucified.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
O Christ, your triumph now begin
O'er captive death and conquered sin.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
The angel armies of the sky
Look down with sad and wondering eyes
To see the approaching sacrifice.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Your last and fiercest foe defy;
Bow your meek head to mortal pain,
Then take, O God, your power and reign.

VII. Call to Confession

The very first Palm Sunday was a day of action. It was
a day of movement, of crowded city streets,
and cries of "Hosanna!" It was a day of peaceful
protest and dreams for a better world. The first
Palm
Sunday was a day of peaceful, hopeful action.
So friends, on this Palm Sunday, let us join the saints
before us in an act of faith.
Let us begin with an act of prayer, an act of honesty,
an act of transformation.
Let us begin by drawing close to God and sharing the
truth of our lives.

Let us begin with confession.
Join me in prayer:

VIII. Prayer of Confession

**Jesus of Nazareth,
we know that you spent your days teaching and
healing.
You marched through the streets and walked on
water.
You laid hands on the sick and broke bread at
crowded dinner tables.
Your good news was not confined to conversation.
It was not confined to the Temple.
Your good news was an act of love, alive in the
world.
Holy God, we long for a faith like that.
Forgive us for the times when we confine our faith
to something we think about, as opposed to
something we act upon.
Inspire us to love as you loved.
Inspire us to act.
With hope for tomorrow we pray, amen.
Root us in mercy, justice, and love.**

IX. Words of Forgiveness

Church family,
whether or not you wave your palm branch,
whether or not you live out your faith,
whether or not you allow this good news to inspire
your actions,
God will never stop loving you.
Jesus will never stop marching for you.
The Spirit will never stop listening to you.
We are claimed, loved, and held in grace.
What good, *good* news. Amen!

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

XI. Scripture Reading Mark 11:1-11 (NRSVUE) (Georgia Nelson)

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this: ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’ ” They went away and

found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” They told them what Jesus had said, and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

“Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple, and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

XII. Sermon -- “Inspired to Act” (Rev. Jesse Kearns)

**XIII. Song of Invitation –CH #495 “Weave”
(Joshua Hegg)**

Weave, weave, weave us together
Weave us together with unity and love
Weave, weave, weave us together
Weave us together, together with love

XIV. Moments for Mission

XV. 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.

**XVI. 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.

**XVII. 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.”

**XVIII. Institution of Communion (Jean
McKay, elder)**

XIX. Partaking Communion Together

XX. Blessing/Benediction (Jesse Kearns)

XXI. Postlude (Joshua Hegg)



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Supporting general ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).
Received in most congregations.

**Sunday, March 29
& April 5, 2026**

or two alternative Sundays in your congregation

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This day, was unlike any other day. **This day**, on the first day of the week, the grief, expectations, and questions of Mary Magdalene and Simon Peter were disrupted by resurrection.

This day, the followers of Jesus discovered that Jesus was risen. At the tomb they found a teacher and a teaching that changed the world.

This day, love provided limitless answers and a new world became possible.

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Peter and the other Disciple ran to the tomb looking for Jesus, and love answered. Mary Magdalene went looking for Jesus in the midst of her sorrow, uncertainty, and longing, and love answered.

First, in ways they could not comprehend, and then by giving them an encounter and an answer to share. Through the Easter Offering, the church responds to God's love made known in the resurrection by sharing in God's answers to the needs of the world.

Love answers congregations and communities in the midst of transition through our gifts:

- On days and seasons when Congregations and Regions raise up new leaders, our gifts provide education, mentors, and support.
- On days and seasons when health and social service ministries are needed most, our gifts provide housing, medical, and mental health resources.
- On days and seasons when conflict is present internationally and climate challenges compound our concerns, our gifts enable global mission partners to respond with care.

Love provides more than one answer and an encounter with the risen Christ through our gifts:

- To support chaplains serving hospitals, schools, and in the military
- To equip ministers and elders, and to multiply new worshipping communities gathering in diverse languages and styles
- To sustain the church and our witness in the world through stewardship education

Your gift supports ministries that embody resurrection hope and God's limitless love **on this day and every day** throughout the year.

The Easter Offering supports these general ministries of The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ):

Center for Faith and Giving, Obra Hispana, Communication Ministries, Christian Unity and Interfaith Ministry, Disciples of Christ Historical Society, Disciples Home Missions, Disciples Women, Disciples Overseas Ministries (Global Ministries), Higher Education and Leadership Ministries, National Benevolent Association, National Convocation, New Church Ministry, North American Pacific/Asian Disciples, Office of the General Minister and President, and Treasury Services.

Please give generously to the Easter Offering on Sunday, **March 29** and **April 5** or two alternative Sundays in your congregation using the giving envelopes or online at disciplesmissionfund.org/give.

- **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.

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Calendar for March 29th-April 5th, 2026

Sunday—Palm 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](#)
- Fellowship, Koinonia Hall
- 1:00 p.m. Iglesia de Cristo Agua Viva, Sanctuary
- 2:00 p.m. Journeys of the Heart Bereavement Group, Spiritual Care Center (SCC)

Tuesday

- No Music Practice until after Easter

Wednesday

- 10:00 a.m. Uplift Boutique (Free Family Resource)
- 6:00 p.m. BSA Troop 2, Fireside, Koinonia Hall

Thursday—Maundy Thursday

- 8:30 am Worship Team Breakfast, Cozy Diner;
- 6:00 p.m. BSA Pack 2, Fireside, Koinonia Hall
- No Bible Study this week
- 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service, Sanctuary

Friday—Good Friday; Church Office Closed

Saturday

- 10:00 a.m. Uplift Boutique (Free Family Resource)
- 1:00 p.m. Bereavement Alumni Potluck, Fireside

Sunday—Easter Sunday

- 6:45 a.m. Sunrise Service, Chico First Baptist Church
- 10:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary & Worship Streamed Live on [Zoom](#) & [Facebook](#)
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