



First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

March 8th, 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 (The Upbeats)

II. Ringing of the Bell

III. Welcome and Announcements – (Lori Terrell-Adrian)

- Today – Fellowship in Koinonia following our worship service
- Tuesday – 9:30 a.m. Koinonia Krafters in Fireside; no music practice until after Easter
- Wednesday – 11:30 a.m. Chico Area Interfaith Council will meet in Fireside; Ecumenical Lenten Soup Supper at Faith Lutheran Church with a class on fasting, prayer, and almsgiving in the sanctuary at 5:15 p.m., Soup supper at 6:15 p.m., and Worship at 7 p.m.
- Thursday – 8:30 a.m. Worship Team Breakfast at Cozy Diner; 6:30 p.m. Bible Study in our FCC Room 6, and Zoom
- Saturday – 5 p.m. Chico Area Dance Group in Koinonia Hall and Fireside
- Next Sunday – Rev. Chaplain Mary Kearns preaching. Corning Sunday! If you want to go to FCC Corning, find Kevin Zeitler—their service begins at 11 a.m.; Deadline to submit articles to the monthly newsletter, *The Caller*;

- Printed Lenten Devotionals are on the tables near the bulletins
- Our in-house Blue Cloud Arts Production devotional is here! Find the first printed issue on the bulletin table in the Sanctuary, or scan the QR code in your bulletins for the online version!
- 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. Greeting One Another

V. Opening Hymn –“Happiness Runs ” (Upbeats)

Happiness runs in a circular motion,
Thought is like a little boat, u-pon the sea.
Everybody is a part of everything anyway,
You can have eve-rything if you let yourself be.

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VI. Call to Worship – (Lori Terrell-Adrian)

If you need good news,
settle into this space.

We have good news to share.

If you need a word of hope,
then trust us when we say,
there is hope enough to go around.

If you need a glimmer of joy,
then you're in luck!

We have resilient joy abounding.

If you need to feel God's presence in your midst,
then know that this is God's house.

This is the good news of the gospel.

God is here. Love is real. Joy is on the move.

Let us worship our with-us God!

VII. Call to Confession

Friends, we are like the disciples.

The day that Jesus fed 5,000, his disciples could not imagine a solution to the crowd's hunger. They told Jesus to send the crowds away.

We often do the same.

Like the disciples, we try to follow Jesus around, but when we run into issues, we often cannot imagine how we could play a part.

That is why we need the Prayer of Confession.

For in this prayer, we remember that we *can* make a difference.

So friends, join me in this moment of truth telling.

Join me in prayer:

VIII. Prayer of Confession

Holy God,

with you the impossible is possible.

5,000 can be fed.

The blind can see.

The hopeless can find hope.

With you the impossible is possible,

but we are quick to forget that.

**We look at our hurting world and tell ourselves
that nothing can be done.**

**We forget that you empowered the disciples to
feed the crowd.**

We forget that you are always with us.

Forgive our small-minded ways.

**Forgive us for doubting that change could ever
come.**

**But even more so, forgive us when we refuse to
be a part of it.**

With hope for a better tomorrow we pray, amen.

IX. Words of Forgiveness

Family of faith,

no matter how many mistakes the disciples made,
Jesus still washed their feet. Jesus still fed them. Jesus
still called them beloved.

The same is true for you and me, so hear and believe
this good news:

**today is a new day, and once again, we belong to
God.**

We are forgiven. We are called. We are not alone.

What good, *good* news. Amen!

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

XI. Scripture Reading Ephesians 3:20-21 (NRSVUE) (Lori Terrell-Adrian)

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

XII. Scripture Reading Mark 6:32-44 (NRSVUE) (Lori Terrell-Adrian)

And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he began to teach them many things. When it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now very late; send them away so that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy something

for themselves to eat.” But he answered them, “You give them something to eat.” They said to him, “Are we to go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?” And he said to them, “How many loaves have you? Go and see.” When they had found out, they said, “Five, and two fish.” Then he ordered them to get all the people to sit down in groups on the green grass. So they sat down in groups of hundreds and of fifties. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to his disciples to set before the people, and he divided the two fish among them all. And all ate and were filled, and they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. Those who had eaten the loaves numbered five thousand men.

XIII. Sermon -- “The Impossible is Possible” (Rev. Jesse Kearns)

XIV. Song of Invitation – “I Heard the Voice” (Upbeats)

I heard the voice of Jesus say
Come unto me and rest
Lay down O weary one
Lay down your head upon my breast
I came to Jesus

As I was so weary worn and sad
I found in him a resting place
And he has made me glad

I heard the voice of Jesus say
Behold I freely give
The living water thirsty one
Stoop down and drink and live
I came to Jesus and
I drank of that life-giving stream

My thirst was quenched my soul revived
And now I live in him

I heard the voice of Jesus say
I am this dark world's Light
Look unto me your morn shall rise
And all your days be bright
I looked to Jesus and I found
In him my Star my Sun
And in that light of life I'll walk
'Til trav'ling days are done

I heard the voice of Jesus say
Come unto me and rest

XV. Moments for Mission: BSA Scout Sunday

XVI. 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.

XVII. Response CH # 306 "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord" (Upbeats)

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

XVIII. Communion Song "Psalm 23" (Upbeats)

The Lord's my Shepherd I'll not want
He makes me down to lie

In pastures green He leadeth me
The quiet waters by

My soul He doth restore again
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness
E'en for his own name's sake

Yea though I walk through death's dark vale
Yet will I fear none ill
For Thou art with me and Thy rod
And staff me comfort still

My table Thou hast furnished
In presence of my foes
My head Thou dost with oil anoint
And my cup overflows

Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me
And in God's house forevermore
My dwelling place shall be

**XIX. Institution of Communion (Georgeanne
Bennett, elder)**

XX. Partaking Communion Together

**XXI. Blessing/Benediction (Rev. Jesse
Kearns)**

**XXII. Postlude-- CP #181 "May You Run and
Not Be Weary" (Upbeats)**

May you run and not be weary.
May your heart be filled with song.
And may the love of God
Continue to give you hope
And keep you strong.
And may you run and not be weary.
May your life be filled with joy.
And may the road you travel
Always lead you home.

Share this with a friend



Hallelujah and Praises!

Our first Blue Cloud Arts Production Zine is available in print on the back table in the church. *Thank you* to all who contributed and helped with making this first edition a reality. Your collaboration **made** it happen!

We are now seeking submissions for an April 5th Edition to be available on Easter Sunday. **Deadline for submissions is Saturday, March 28th.**

Email to Leslie Moore LMooreLeslie@gmail.com

Questions: Contact Leslie at 1-707-529-3195

- Literary Submissions: poems, prose, personal testimony, your stories about faith from a personal perspective.
- Art Submissions: textile, papercraft, collage

We want to hear ***your stories*** about your faith walk with God, and ***your*** personal experiences shown in visual and literary art.

There is a digital version on the First Christian Church website in our Life Of Church section, or scan the QR code on the back of the zine with your cell phone, and it will take you to our Blue Cloud Arts Production Zine

Blessings and Love



- **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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Next Sunday—Scout 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)

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- No Music Practice until after Easter

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- 10:00 a.m. Uplift Boutique (Free Family Resource)
- 11:30 a.m. Chico Area Interfaith Council, Fireside
- 6:00 p.m. BSA Troop 2, Fireside, Koinonia Hall
- Ecumenical Lenten Soup Supper at Faith Lutheran Church (667 E. 1st Ave.): 5:15 p.m. Class on fasting, prayer, and almsgiving in the sanctuary; 6:15 p.m. Soup supper; 7:00 p.m. Worship

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- 8:30 am Worship Team Breakfast, Cozy Diner;
- 6:00 p.m. BSA Pack 2, Fireside, Koinonia Hall
- 6:30 p.m. Bible Study begins, Room 6 and Zoom

Saturday

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