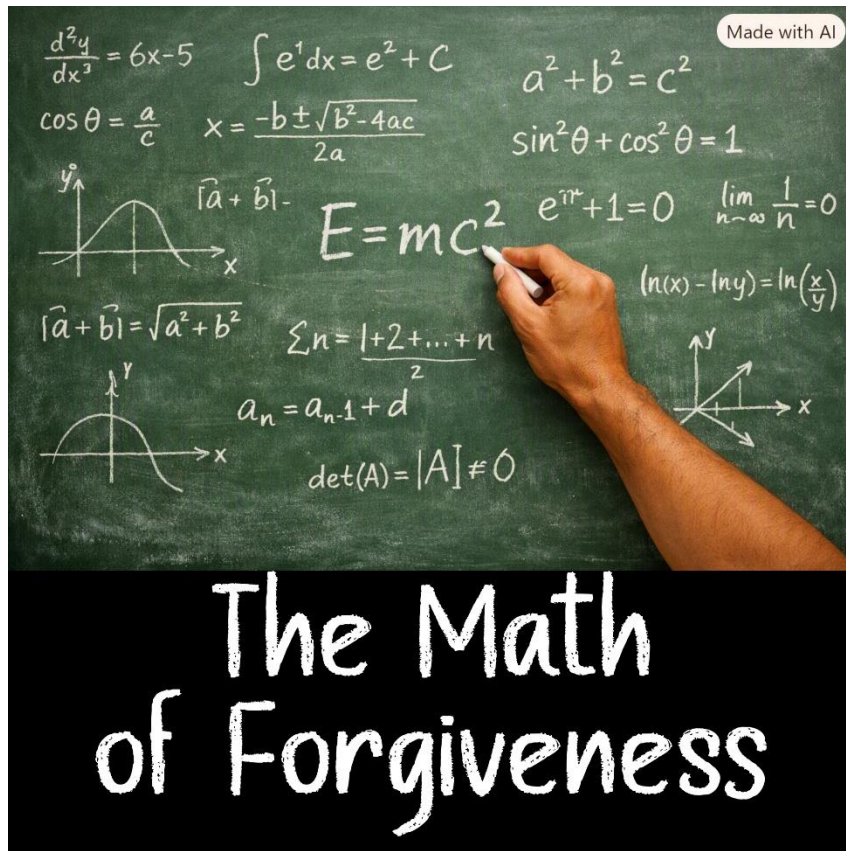
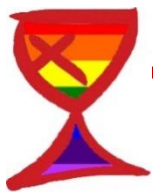




The Math of Forgiveness



First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

September 13, 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 (Nancy Thompson)

II. Ringing of the Bell

III. Welcome and Announcements – (Georgeanne Bennett)

- Welcome to everyone here in the sanctuary, on Facebook and Zoom
- Today –Fellowship in Koinonia Hall following our worship service; **After Fellowship, anyone interested is warmly welcomed to the Bazaar planning meeting in Room 6**
- Tuesday – 2 p.m. Disciple Women's Ministry will meet in Bethany-- all women are members of the disciples women's ministry and all women are encouraged to attend; 7 p.m. Elders' Hybrid meetin in the Chapel and on Zoom
- Thursday – 8:30 a.m. Worship Team Breakfast at Cozy Diner; 10 a.m. Music Practice in Room 4
- Saturday – 10 a.m. PEO NS Bunco, Koinonia Hall
- **Next Sunday –Corning Sunday! Corning FCC's service begins at 11 am and they are located at 1421 Marin St.**

- 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

IV. Greeting One Another

V. Opening Hymn –CH #86 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” (Nancy Thompson)

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed thy hand hath provided
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed thy hand hath provided
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed thy hand hath provided
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

VI. Responsive Call to Worship – (Georgeanne Bennett)

Leader: We come to worship carrying the burdens of this week.

People: We come seeking God's mercy and grace.

Leader: We remember the times we have been hurt.

People: We remember, too, the times we have needed forgiveness.

Leader: We are tempted to keep score.

People: But God's mercy cannot be measured.

Leader: We are called to forgive as we have been forgiven.

People: We are called to show mercy as we have received mercy.

Leader: Come, let us worship the God of justice, grace, and forgiveness.

People: Let us worship God together. Amen.

VII. Children are Dismissed for Sunday School

VIII. First Scripture Reading Psalm 114 (Laughing Bird) (Georgeanne Bennett)

When we were led out of the land of slavery
- the people of Israel, coming out from under the
foreign thumb –

the land of Judah became a sacred place,
the land of Israel came under sovereign rule.

The wild sea took one look, and turned tail and ran,
the Jordan river backed off and headed the other way.
The mountains skipped like a rock wallaby;
the hills were as jumpy as a kelpie pup.

What was it that made the wild sea turn tail?
What was it that made the Jordan back off?
What made the mountains quiver and jump?
What made the hills shudder and shake?

It was awe of you, LORD, God of our ancestors.
The whole earth trembles in your presence.

For you are the one who melts rocks into pools of
water;
the one who brings springs bubbling up from hard
baked ground.

IX. Second Scripture Reading Matthew 18:21-35 (NRSVUE) (Georgeanne Bennett)

Then Peter came and said to him, “Lord, if my
brother or sister sins against me, how often should I
forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him,
“Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be
compared to a king who wished to settle accounts
with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one
who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to
him, and, as he could not pay, the lord ordered him to
be sold, together with his wife and children and all his
possessions and payment to be made. So the slave fell
on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with
me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for
him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave
him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out,
came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a
hundred denarii, and seizing him by the throat he
said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell

down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

X. Sermon -- "The Math of Forgiveness" (Rev. Jesse Kearns)

XI. Song of Invitation – CH #455 "You Have Called Me" (Nancy Thompson)

You have called me from my hiding place and given
me a name;
From this moment on my life can never be the same.
I have seen the beckoning vision, though I wanted to
remain,
Here I am, send me, here I am.

"Who will go into the darkness where my people live
in fear?
Who will speak of truth and charity so all of them can
hear?
If you go where I am sending you, I always will be
near.
Here I am, go for me, here I am."

You have called me from my wilderness and given me
a way.
The many paths I've traveled have but brought me to
this day.
And the journey that is calling me no longer will
delay.
Here I am, send me, here I am.

"Who will go into the darkness where my people live
in fear?
Who will speak of truth and charity so all of them can
hear?
If you go where I am sending you, I always will be
near.
Here I am, go for me, here I am."

You have called me from my silence and have given
me a word.
I was dying in my coldness till a fire within me stirred.
Now I can keep still no longer, I must speak what I
have heard.

Here I am, send me, here I am

“Who will go into the darkness where my people live
in fear?
Who will speak of truth and charity so all of them can
hear?
If you go where I am sending you, I always will be
near.
Here I am, go for me, here I am.”

XII. Moments for Mission: Elders’ Ministry at The Inn Video

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” (Nancy Thompson)

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

XV. Communion Song – CH #408 “Come Share the Lord” (Nancy Thompson)

We gather here in Jesus’ name
His love is burning in our hearts like living flame;
For through the loving Son the Father makes us one:
Come, take the bread, come, drink the wine,
Come, share the Lord.

No one is a stranger here,
Everyone belongs;
Finding our forgiveness here,
We in turn forgive all wrongs.

He joins us here, he breaks the bread,
The Lord who pours the cup is risen from the dead;
The one we love the most is now our gracious host:
Come, take the bread, come, drink the wine,
Come, share the Lord.

We are now a family
of which the Lord is head;
Though unseen he meets us here
In the breaking of the bread.

We'll gather soon where angels sing;
We'll see the glory of our Lord and coming King;
Now we anticipate the feast for which we wait:
Come, take the bread, come, drink the wine,
Come, share the Lord.

**XVI. Institution of Communion (Nancy
Morgans-Ferguson, elder)**

XVII. Partaking Communion Together

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

XIX. Postlude (Nancy Thompson)

UPLIFT BOUTIQUE

A FREE FAMILY RESOURCE STORE

The Uplift Boutique has been very busy in the last few months, and our supplies are getting low. Here is a list of things needed in the boutique:

Children Clothing

- Size 5T girls' & boys' tops, shirts, jeans, pants
- Size 5-6X boys' shirts and pants
- Size 7-8 boys' shirts
- Size 10-12 girls' tops
- Size 14-16 girls' tops
- Socks & underwear, all sizes boys' & girls', **new only please**

Fall/Winter Outdoor Gear

- All sizes boys' & girls' fleece jackets, coats, hats, scarves, mittens

Children Fun Items

- Coloring books
- Crayons
- Bubbles
- Colored Pencils
- Small puzzles

Personal Care Items

- Toothpaste and toothbrushes
- 3-1 body/shampoo wash

Cleaning Supplies

- Window Cleaner
- Comet/Ajax Cleanser
- Hani wipes
- Scrub Brushes
- Paper Towels

Thank you for your support!

- **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: September 6, 2026

Sanctuary: 30

Online: 11

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Calendar for September 13-20, 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
- Fellowship, Koinonia Hall
- **After Church, Bazaar Planning Meeting, Room 6**
- 1 p.m. Iglesia de Cristo Agua Viva, Sanctuary
- 2 p.m. Journeys of the Heart Bereavement Group, Spiritual Care Center

Tuesday

- 2 p.m. Disciple Women's Ministry, all women welcome!, Bethany
- 7 p.m. Elders' hybrid meeting, Chapel and Zoom

Wednesday

- 10 a.m. Uplift Boutique (Free Family Resource), Room 10
- 6 p.m. Scouting America Troop 2, Fireside, Koinonia Hall

Thursday

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Team Breakfast, Cozy Diner
- 10 a.m. Music Practice, Room 4
- 5:30 p.m. Scouting America Pack 2, Fireside, Koinonia Hall, Bethany

Saturday

- 10 a.m. Uplift Boutique (Free Family Resource), Room 10
- 10 a.m. PEO NS Bunco, Koinonia Hall

Sunday—Corning Sunday

- 8:30 a.m. Sacred Grounds Adult Faith Formation Christian Education, Room 6 & on Zoom
- 10 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary & Streamed Live on Zoom & Facebook
- Fellowship, Koinonia Hall
- 11 a.m. Corning FCC Service begins, 1421 Marin St. Corning
- 1 p.m. Iglesia de Cristo Agua Viva, Sanctuary
- 2 p.m. Journeys of the Heart Bereavement Group, Spiritual Care Center