

## LOOKING FOR THE LIVING AMONG THE DEAD



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH CHICO  
(DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

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April 17th, 2022

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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 – “Alleluia” (Shelley Fairchild’s string orchestra)**

**II. Welcome and Announcements - (Jerry Hambleton)**

- Today – Fellowship and Egg Hunt in K-Hall.
- Monday – Church Office closed
- Tuesday – 1:00 p.m. Zoom check-in today; 2:00 p.m. WICS in Bethany Room; 7:00 p.m. Elders Meeting on Zoom
- Wednesday - 6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Troop 2 in Koinonia Hall and Fireside;
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- Saturday – 10:00 a.m. Reiki Class to benefit Shalom Free Clinic
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### III. Opening Hymn – CH #216 “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” (Nancy Thompson)

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia  
All creation join to say, Alleluia  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia  
Sing O heavens and earth reply, Alleluia

Lives again our glorious king, Alleluia  
Where, O death, is now your sting, Alleluia  
Jesus died, our souls to save, Alleluia  
Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia

Love’s redeeming work is done, Alleluia  
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia  
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia  
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia  
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia  
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia

### IV. Call to Worship – (Jerry Hambleton)

Welcome today! Look where our Lenten journey has brought us!

**We walked the seashore and the hills with Jesus;  
we went to the upper room and to the Garden of Sorrows, we stood at the cross and hid in a room out of our fear.**

Now we are here, in the splendor and beauty of this place!

**Everything is bursting with life. Jesus is alive! He is risen!**

Hallelujah!

**Hallelujah! AMEN**

### V. Children Dismissed for Sunday School – (Peggy Davidson)

### VI. Luke 24:1-12 NRSV – (Jerry Hambleton)

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the

body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.” Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

### **VII. Sermon - “Looking for the Living Among the Dead” (Jesse Kearns)**

### **VIII. Song of Invitation – CH #222 “Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!” (Nancy Thompson)**

Christ is risen! Shout hosanna!  
Celebrate this day of days.  
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder;  
all creation is amazed.

In the desert all surrounding  
See, a spreading tree has grown  
Healing leaves of grace abounding  
Bring a taste of love unknown.

Christ is risen! Raise your spirits  
From the caverns of despair  
Walk with gladness in the morning  
See what love can do and dare  
Drink the wind of resurrection  
Not a servant but a friend  
Jesus is our strong companion  
Joy and peace shall never end

Christ is risen! Earth and heaven  
Never more shall be the same  
Break the bread of new creation  
Where the world is still in pain  
Tell its grim, demonic chorus  
“Christ is risen! Get you gone!”  
God, the first and last is with us  
Sing Hosanna everyone.

### **IX. Moments for Mission – General Church Easter Offering**

### **X. Prayers of the People – (Mary Kearns)**

**XI. Communion Song CH #227 “In the Garden” (Nancy Thompson)**

I come to the garden alone  
While the dew is still on the roses  
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear  
The Son of God discloses

And he walks with me  
And he talks with me  
And he tells me I am his own  
And the joy we share as we tarry there  
None other has ever known

He speaks and the sound of his voice  
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing  
And the melody that he gave to me  
Within my heart is ringing

And he walks with me  
And he talks with me  
And he tells me I am his own  
And the joy we share as we tarry there  
None other has ever known

I'd stay in the garden with him  
Though the night around me be falling  
But he bids me go; through the voice of woe  
His voice to me is calling.

And he walks with me  
And he talks with me  
And he tells me I am his own  
And the joy we share as we tarry there  
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**XII. Institution of Communion (Elders Max Erwin and Nancy Morgans-Ferguson)**

**XIII. Partaking Communion Together**

**XIV. Blessing/Benediction (Jesse Kearns)**

**XV. Postlude – “And the Glory of the Lord” from Handel’s *Messiah* (Shelley Fairchild’s string orchestra)**





The sanctuary flowers  
were given today to  
glorify the Lord and in  
loving tribute to family  
and friends.

First Christian Church, Chico  
Easter 2022

Given by

Matthew & Heather Garcia

Georgeanne Bennett

Marie Grandeen

Corky LeTellier

Nancy Thompson

Nancy Morgans-Ferguson

The Story Family

Lowell & Diane Terrell

Authelia Kearns

Connie Wakefield

Lori Terrell-Adrian

The Maxwell family

Celebrating or in memory of...

*In celebration of Phoebe Mae  
Garcia*

*In honor of Elva Johnson  
In honor of Martha Bennett*

*In honor of Mary Small  
In honor of Mason LeTellier*

*In memory of Loved Ones  
In honor of Philp and Grayce  
Morgans*

*In honor of Braz, Hansen,  
Wilmoth, Story, and Purdy*

*In honor of our family  
In memory of Jim Kearns  
In memory of Tessa—Darrel  
and Mary Louise Hunter's  
great granddaughter*

*In celebration of the many,  
many years of friendship of  
Audi Van Ornum*

*In celebration of my family  
In memory of Barbara Collado  
In memory of Ramona Williams*





# God's Love Endures Forever

A special day offering of Disciples Mission Fund  
**Sunday April 10 and 17, 2022**

"Give thanks to God for God is good,  
God's steadfast love endures forever."  
- Psalm 118:1

## Enduring Love...

- Bible studies that challenge and inspire
- Opportunities for clergy to gather in prayer
- Spiritual care for those in prison
- Resources for mental health and trauma care
- Visionary leadership that calls the church to imagine new ways to witness to God's love

## Enduring impact...

- Global ministry partners who work for justice, reconciliation and peace
- Colleges, universities and theological institutions that nurture Christian leaders who are transforming church, society and the world
- Collaborative response in the wake of disaster
- New congregations that worship in a variety of languages and worship styles
- Ministry grants for congregational service ministries that serve hungry neighbors



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

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April 17th-24th, 2022

CALENDAR

### This Sunday—Easter Sunday

- 7 a.m. Sunrise Service, Church Parking Lot
- No Sacred Grounds this week
- 10:00 a.m. Indoor Worship in Sanctuary and Worship Streamed Live on [Zoom](#) and [Facebook](#)
- Fellowship and Easter Egg Hunt following Worship, Fireside, hosted by Elders

### Monday—Easter Monday; Church Office Closed

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- 2:00 p.m. WICS, Bethany
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#### Saturday

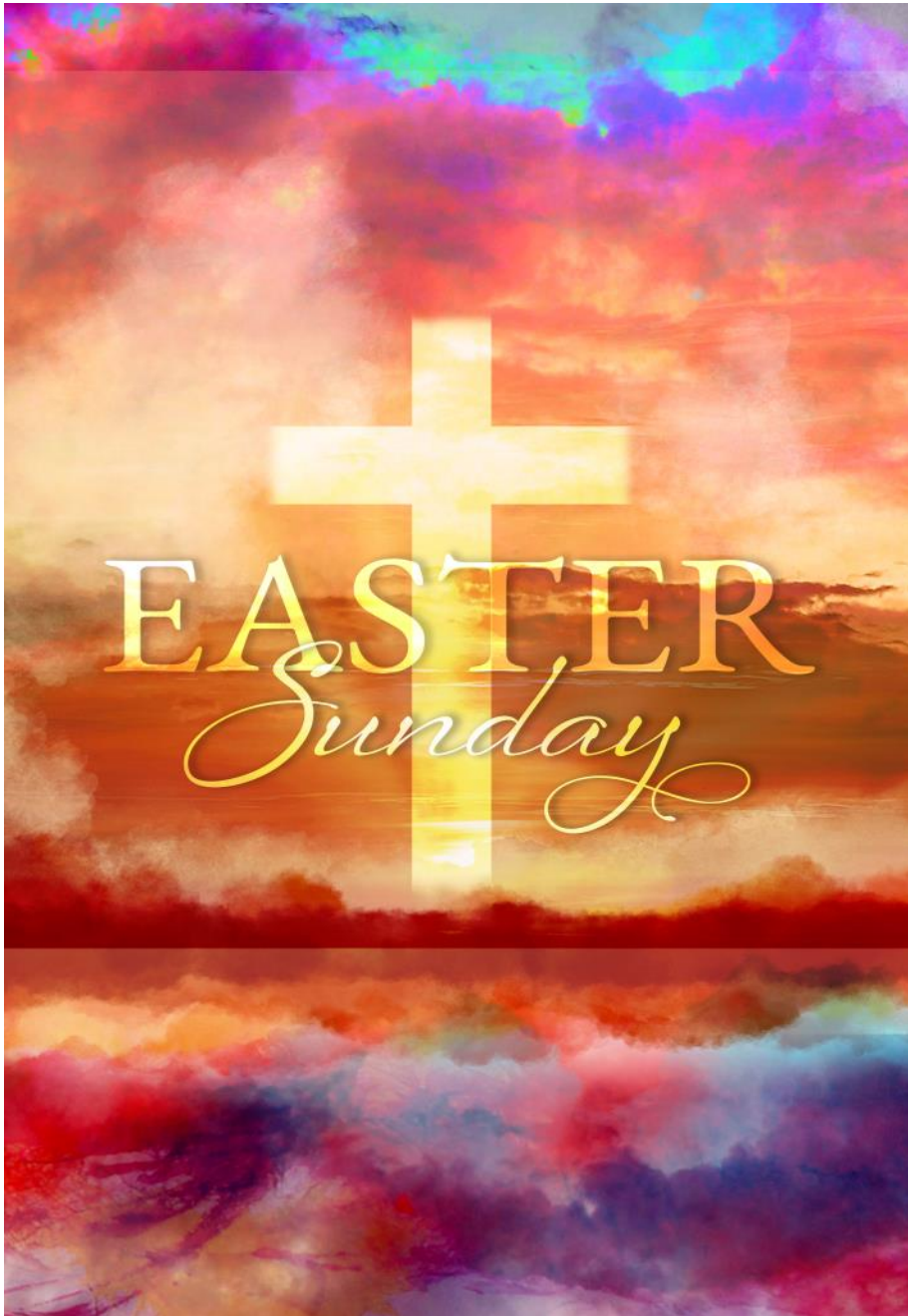
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- After Church-Outreach meeting, Koinonia Hall
- 1:00 p.m. Memorial, Koinoina Hall



## 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.
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- **Masks:** Masks are recommended but not required. Adult and child size masks are available in the Sanctuary as well as hand sanitizer.