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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 (Joyful Hosannas)

II. Welcome Announcements (Kathy Moran)

- Today – Brunch Fellowship hosted by Barbara Mann following service.
- Monday – 4:30 p.m. String Ensemble practice in Chapel. 7:00 p.m. Faith in Films, 6
- Tuesday – 11:30 a.m. Music Jam, **Sanctuary**
- Wednesday – 9:00 a.m. PEO, Fireside. 6:00 p.m. Scouts in K-Hall and Fireside. 7:00 p.m. Faith in Films discussion, 6, Zoom
- Thursday – 8:30 a.m. Worship Team Breakfast at Cozy Diner.
- Friday – 1:00 p.m. Healing Circle, Bethany
- Saturday – 12:30 p.m. Ann Nelson, Fireside. 5:00 p.m. Eagle Scout Court of Honor, K-Hall
- Sunday – 8:30 a.m. Sacred Grounds; 10:00 a.m. Worship in sanctuary, Zoom, and FaceBook Live; Fellowship in K-Hall following the service
- Offerings may be put in the collection plate which is near the bulletins near the entrance of the sanctuary

III. Opening Hymn – CH #595 vs. 1, 3-4 “Be Thou My Vision” (Violin/ Joyful Hosannas)

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
Great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Great God of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heaven’s Sun!
Heart of my heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

IV. Call to Worship (Kathy Moran)

We are risen with Christ --
The Lord is risen!

Eternal life is ours --
The lord is risen!

Death has met its master –
The Lord is risen!

The way to heaven is open –
The Lord is risen!

He is risen indeed –
Alleluia! Amen.

V. Children Fourth Grade and Under Dismissed for Sunday School

VI. Scripture readings (Kathy Moran)

1 Peter 1: 3-5

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

Romans 8: 24-25

For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

VII. “Glimpses of Heaven” (Joyful Hosannas)

1. Beyond the Sunset
2. Jordan
3. Veronica ~ Solo ~ Holy City
4. Swing Low

VIII. Song of Invitation “If My People” (Martha of Joyful Hosannas/Guitar)

If My people
which are called by My name
shall humble themselves,
shall humble themselves
and pray.

If My people
which are called by My name
shall seek My face
and turn from their wicked ways

Then will I hear from heaven
then will I hear from heaven,
Then will I hear
and will forgive
forgive their sin.

If My people
which are called by My name
shall humble themselves,
shall humble themselves
and pray.

I will forgive their sin,
I will forgive their sin,
I will forgive their sin,
and heal their land.

IX. Moments for Mission (Jesse Kearns)

X. Prayers of the People (Mary Kearns)

XI. Communion Song – “Come and Dine” (Guitar / Joyful Hosannas)

Come and dine the Master calleth, come and dine.
You can feast at Jesus’ table all the time.
He who fed the multitude, turned the water into wine,
to the hungry calleth now, come and dine.

Jesus has a table spread where the saints of God are
fed.
He invites His chosen people, come and dine.
With His manna He doth feed and supplies our every
need, O’ tis sweet to sup with Jesus all the time.

Come and dine the Master calleth, come and dine.
You can feast at Jesus' table all the time.
He who fed the multitude, turned the water into wine,
to the hungry calleth now, come and dine.

The disciples came to land, thus obeying Christ's
command.
For the Master called unto them, Come and dine.
There they found their hearts desire, bread and fish
upon the fire, thus He satisfies the hungry every
time.

Come and dine the Master calleth, come and dine.
You can feast at Jesus' table all the time.
He who fed the multitude, turned the water into wine,
to the hungry calleth now, come and dine.

Soon the Lamb will take His bride, to be ever at His
side.
All the hosts of Heaven will assembled be.
O' twill be a glorious sight, all the Saints in spotless
white, and with Jesus they will feast eternally.

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XII. Institution of Communion (Max Erin and Bill Peterson)

XIII. Partaking Communion

XIV. Blessing/Benediction (Jesse Kearns)

XV. Postlude – CH #82 “His Eye is On the Sparrow” (Joyful Hosannas)

Why should I feel discouraged, why should the
shadows come,
Why should my heart be lonely, and long for heaven
and home
When Jesus is my portion? My constant friend is he:
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me

I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free
For his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches
me.

Let not your heart be troubled, his tender word I hear
And resting on his goodness I lose my doubts and
fears

Though by the path he leadeth but one step I may see
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.

I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free
For his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches
me.

Credits

Whenever I am tempted, whenever clouds arise
When song gives place to sighing, when hope within
me dies

I draw the closer to him, for care he sets me free:
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.

I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free
For his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches
me.



The Joyful Hosannas' Mission: To invoke praise into the hearts of God's people by exalting the name of Christ our Lord.

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This Sunday—Joyful Hosannas

- 8:30 a.m. Sacred Grounds Adult Faith Formation Christian Education, Room 6 and on [Zoom](#)
- 10:00 a.m. Indoor Worship in Sanctuary and Worship Streamed Live on [Zoom](#) and [Facebook](#)
- Fellowship, Koinonia Hall
- 1:00 p.m. Iglesia de Cristo Agua Viva, Sanctuary

Monday

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- 7:00 p.m. Faith in Films, *Wakanda Forever*

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Briony has Fridays in April as vacation days

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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.
- **Visit our website to donate online, subscribe to our mailing lists, and learn more about us!** www.fccchico.com
- **Masks:** Masks are recommended but not required. Adult and child size masks are available in the Sanctuary as well as hand sanitizer.