



Another Good Pharisee



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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. Welcome and Announcements - (Gary Cantwell)

- Today – Fellowship hosted by the Maxwells; memorial service for Matthew Wilmoth at 1:00 p.m. in K-Hall.
- Monday – 1:00 p.m. Trustees meeting in Finance office; 5:00 p.m. Outreach meeting in Room 6 and on Zoom.
- Tuesday – 1:00 p.m. Zoom check-in
- Wednesday – 9:00 a.m. PEO in Fireside; 6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Troop 2 in Koinonia Hall and Fireside;
- Thursday - 10:00 a.m. Music Jam for all fully vaccinated musicians, Room 4; CCNC-N Annual Gathering starts at First Christian Church in Sacramento
- Friday - Church Office Closed (Admin. Assistant Briony on vacation this day); Annual Gathering continues in Sacramento.
- Saturday – 10:30 a.m. Unity Conference hosted by the Baha’i Fellowship in Fireside Room and Koinonia Hall
- Next Sunday - 9:00 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 following Worship, Fireside, hosted by Nancy Thompson.

III. Opening Hymn – CH #224 “Christ Arose!” (Nancy Thompson)

Low in the grave he lay, Jesus my Savior
Waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord
Up from the grave he arose
With a mighty triumph o’er his foes
He arose a victor from the dark domain
And he lives forever with his saints to reign
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah, Christ arose!

Vainly they watch his bed, Jesus my Savior
Vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord
Up from the grave he arose
With a mighty triumph o’er his foes
He arose a victor from the dark domain
And he lives forever with his saints to reign
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah, Christ arose!

Death cannot keep its prey, Jesus my Savior
He tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord!
Up from the grave he arose
With a mighty triumph o’er his foes
He arose a victor from the dark domain
And he lives forever with his saints to reign
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah, Christ arose!

IV. Call to Worship – (Gary Cantwell)

Praise the Lord!

Praise God in the sanctuary.

Praise God in the vault of heaven.

Praise God in the earth and skies.

Sing praises to the Lord.

Shout and sing praises to God.

We have witnessed God’s mighty acts.

We have seen the Lord’s greatness.

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord.

**Let everything that draws breath
praise the Lord!**

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

VI. Acts 5:27-42 NRSV – (Gary Cantwell)

When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, ‘We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man’s blood on us.’ But Peter and the apostles answered, ‘We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, so that he

might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.'

When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law, respected by all the people, stood up and ordered the men to be put outside for a short time. Then he said to them, 'Fellow-Israelites, consider carefully what you propose to do to these men. For some time ago Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him; but he was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and disappeared. After him Judas the Galilean rose up at the time of the census and got people to follow him; he also perished, and all who followed him were scattered. So in the present case, I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone; because if this plan or this undertaking is of human origin, it will fail; but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them—in that case you may even be found fighting against God!'

They were convinced by him, and when they had called in the apostles, they had them flogged. Then they ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus and let them go. As they left the council, they rejoiced that they were considered worthy to suffer dishonor

for the sake of the name. And every day in the temple and at home they did not cease to teach and proclaim Jesus as the Messiah.

VII. Sermon - "Another Good Pharisee" (Jesse Kearns)

VIII. Song of Invitation – CH #226 "He Lives!" (Nancy Thompson)

I serve a risen Savior, he's in the world today
I know that he is living whatever others say
I see his hand of mercy, I hear his voice of cheer
And just the time I need him, he's always near

He lives! He lives! Christ Jesus lives today
He walks with me and talks with me
Along life's narrow way
He lives! He lives! Salvation to impart
You ask me how I know he lives?
He lives within my heart.

In all the world around me, I see his loving care
And though my heart grows weary, I never will
despair
I know that he is leading through all the stormy blast
The day of his appearing will come at last

He lives! He lives! Christ Jesus lives today
He walks with me and talks with me
Along life's narrow way
He lives! He lives! Salvation to impart
You ask me how I know he lives?
He lives within my heart.

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian lift up your voice and
sing
Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King
The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who
find;
None other is so loving, so good and kind

He lives! He lives! Christ Jesus lives today
He walks with me and talks with me
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**IX. Moments for Mission – Report on
Ecumenical Lenten Offering**

X. Prayers of the People – (Mary Kearns)

**XI. Communion Song CH #425 “Let Us Break
Bread Together” (Nancy Thompson)**

Let us break bread together on our knees
Let us break bread together on our knees
When I fall to my knees with my face to the rising sun
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees
Let us drink wine together on our knees
When I fall to my knees with my face to the rising sun
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees
Let us praise God together on our knees
When I fall to my knees with my face to the rising sun
O Lord, have mercy on me.

**XII. Institution of Communion (Elders Bill
Peterson and Barbara Poetker)**

XIII. Partaking Communion Together

XIV. Blessing/Benediction (Jesse Kearns)

XV. Postlude – (Nancy Thompson)

**May-June Upper Room Devotionals are available
in the narthex of the sanctuary on top of the
bookshelves.**

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April 24th-May 1st, 2022

CALENDAR

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- Fellowship following Worship, Fireside, hosted by the Maxwell Family

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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.
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