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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 - (Pastor Jesse)

Zoom Check-In on Tuesday at 1:00

Chico Area Interfaith Council Wednesday at 12:00  
– 1:00

Sacred Grounds, 9:00 next Sunday

Worship, 10:00 in the sanctuary, Zoom and  
FaceBook Live

## 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 his 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 – (Mary Kearns)**

**L:** What great joy we have!

**P: Our Lord is risen!**

**L:** Believe with your whole heart in the miracle of resurrection.

**P: We open our hearts to the good news of God's faithfulness to us.**

**L:** Hallelujah!

**P: Hallelujah!**

#### **V. Reading Psalm 133 Laughing Bird (Pastor Jesse)**

What a great thing it is, LORD,  
.....when people can get along with one another,  
.....and live together in unity and mutual respect.

It is even more satisfying than holding the cup aloft  
.....and dancing in the rain of champagne  
.....on Grand Final day.

It is even more desirable than sitting by an open fire  
.....sharing chocolates and fine wine with a loved one.

It is even more beautiful than the monsoon rains  
.....turning the desert into a sea of wildflowers.

For you LORD created us to be one people,  
.....committed to one another, honouring one another,  
.....sharing the land and its blessings forever.

## **VI. John 20:19-31 NRSV – (Mary Kearns)**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who

have not seen and yet have come to believe.” Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

## **VII. Sermon - “The Myth of Shame” (Pastor Jesse)**

## **VIII. Song of Reflection – CH #233 “Alleluia Sing to Jesus” - (Nancy Thompson)**

Alleluia sing to Jesus risen now to reign in love  
Alleluia Praise the Savior with the multitudes above  
There the songs of saints and martyrs thunder like a  
mighty flood  
Jesus out of every nation has redeemed us by his  
blood.

Alleluia not as orphans we are left in sorrow now  
Alleluia Christ is near us, faith believes nor  
questions now.  
Though the cloud from sight received him when the  
forty days were o’er  
Shall our hearts forget the promise, “I am with you  
evermore.”

Alleluia Bread of Heaven, be on earth our food and  
stay.

Alleluia here the sinful flee to you from day to day  
Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's redeemer plead  
for me  
Where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the  
crystal sea.

**IX. Moment for Mission – (Surprise!)**

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

**XI. Communion Song CH #385 “An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare” (Nancy Thompson)**

An Upper Room did our Lord prepare  
for those he loved until the end:  
and his disciples still gather there  
to celebrate their Risen Friend.

A lasting gift Jesus gave his own:  
to share his bread, his loving cup.  
Whatever burdens may bow us down,  
he by his Cross shall lift us up.

And after Supper he washed their feet  
for service, too, is sacrament.  
In him our joy shall be made complete –  
sent out to serve, as he was sent.

No end there is! We depart in peace,

he loves beyond the uttermost:  
in every room in our Father's house  
he will be there as Lord and Host.

**XII. Institution of Communion**

**XIII. Postlude - (Nancy Thompson)**

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

# CALENDAR

**April 11-18th, 2021**

**This Sunday**

9:00 a.m.-Sacred Grounds Adult Faith Formation  
Christian Education, on [Zoom](#)  
10:00 a.m.-Socially distanced Indoor Worship in  
Sanctuary (masks required) and Worship  
Streamed Live on [Zoom](#) and [Facebook](#)

**Tuesday**

1:00 p.m.-Weekly Check-in on [Zoom](#)

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## Looking Ahead

- April 24th, 10 am-2 pm, via zoom. The 167th Christian Church of Northern California region's Annual Gathering. \$25 per household. Register [here](#).
- May 13th, 7 pm, via FCC Zoom room, Chico Area Interfaith Council (CAIC) Annual Event
- May 23rd—Pentecost Picnic In the Park! Yes! We will be celebrating Pentecost at Wildwood park at 10:00 a.m. This will be a picnic where everyone can socially distance and **bring their own food**. More information will come as we get closer to the date, announced on Sunday mornings and in the weekly Callerito email.
- June 3rd Bible Study starts up again, 7 pm. This Bible Study will be continuing Israel's monarchy with the Book of 2 Samuel. This will be over zoom and *maybe* in person. More information forthcoming! Sign up with Pastor Jesse or Briony in the church office.

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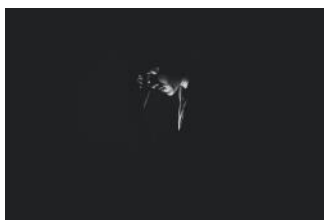


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- Opening - CH #224 "Christ Arose!" Words and Music: Robert Lowry, 1874
- Reflection - CH #233 "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus" Words: William C. Dix, 1866, alt. Music: Rowland H. Prichard, 1830
- Communion - CH #385 "An Upper Room

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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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## Changes to In Person Worship

- We are continuing to have live-streaming options via Zoom, and FaceBook Live. **Jesse will only be able to interact with Zoom and FaceBook live people during Prayers of the People.**
- We are meeting in the Sanctuary with every other pew roped off. **As of April 1st, 2021, we are now in the orange tier!** This means we are at 50% of capacity or around 100 people. Services will be socially distanced, masks are required.
- We will take temperatures upon entry and names and contact information will be collected to aid in any contact tracing.
- Communion will be single-serve, pre-packaged sealed cups of juice with wafers sealed on top. Think Lunchables. The wafers are NOT gluten free. You may bring your own communion if you prefer.
- There will be no corporate singing
- **There will be no hymnals or paper bulletins available.** Songs will be on the monitors and the bulletin will be emailed out on Fridays and again on Sunday mornings. **We encourage you to either print your own copy to use during the service, or download it before coming.** There will be no public wifi available as we need ALL the bandwidth to livestream.
- Offering plates will not be passed. You may place your offerings in the plate as directed at the beginning or end of the service.
- Please do NOT attend the in person services if you are unwell, or think you may have been exposed to COVID-19.
- After every service, the sanctuary will be disinfected.
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