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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 – (Joshua Hegg)

## II. Welcome and Announcements - (Pastor Jesse)

- Zoom Check-In on Tuesday at 1:00
- WICS Meeting outside in the church courtyard at 2:00
- Annual Gathering of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Northern California and Nevada on Saturday from 10:00 – 2:00 in CCNCN's Zoom room. Registration required!
- Sacred Grounds, 9:00 next Sunday
- Worship, 10:00 in the sanctuary, Zoom and FaceBook Live

## III. Opening Hymn – CH #222 “Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!” (Joshua Hegg)

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 wine 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  
Nevermore 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!

#### IV. Call to Worship – (Mary Kearns)

The world belongs to God,  
**the earth and all its people.**  
How good and how lovely it is  
**to live together in unity.**  
Love and faith come together  
**justice and peace join hands.**  
If the Lord's disciples keep silent  
**these stones would should aloud.**  
Lord, open our lips,  
**and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.**

#### V. Reading by G. Edward Osborn (Pastor Jesse)

Where two or three are gathered in my name,”  
declared Jesus, “there am I in the midst of them.”

Whenever baptismal waters cover a sincere  
believer who emerges to the risen life, the risen  
Lord is present. Whenever preaching faithfully  
proclaims the word, the living Word is there.  
Whenever prayer rises from a trusting heart, the  
hearer of the prayer is at hand. Whenever a  
devoted offering is made to God, the true  
Offering of God is present. Whenever the bread  
is broken in faith, the living Bread, come down  
from heaven, is there.

- G. Edwin Osborn, 20<sup>th</sup>-century Disciple scholar.

#### VI. Luke 24:36-48 NRSV – (Mary Kearns)

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself  
stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with  
you.” They were startled and terrified, and thought  
that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them,  
“Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise  
in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see  
that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost  
does not have flesh and bones as you see that I  
have.” And when he had said this, he showed them  
his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were  
disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them,  
“Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a  
piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their  
presence. Then he said to them, “These are my  
words that I spoke to you while I was still with

you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

## **VII. Sermon - “Outrageous Love” (Pastor Jesse)**

## **VIII. Song of Reflection – CP #94 “Breathe on Me” - (Joshua Hegg)**

Breathe on me, O breath of God  
Grant your life to me.  
Make of me a rushing wind  
Come and breathe on me.  
Come and breathe on me.

Shine on me, O light of God.  
Grant that I may see.  
Make of me a living light,  
Come and shine on me.  
Come and shine on me.

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

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

## **XI. Communion Song CP #161 “Here is Bread” (Joshua Hegg)**

Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, he is  
with us  
Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us  
here

Here is grace, here is peace. Christ is with us; he is  
with us  
Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us  
here.

In this bread there is healing; in this cup is life  
forever  
In this moment, by the Spirit, Christ is with us here  
  
Here we are, joined in one. Christ is with us; he is  
with us  
We’ll proclaim till he comes, Jesus crucified

In this bread there is healing; in this cup is life  
forever  
In this moment, by the Spirit, Christ is with us here

## **XII. Institution of Communion (Elders)**

## **XIII. Postlude - (Joshua Hegg)**

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

# CALENDAR

**April 18th-25th, 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](#)

7:00 p.m. -Elders Meeting on [Zoom](#)

## **Thursday**

2:00 p.m.-Women In Christian Service (WICS),  
Prayer Garden, masks and 6-ft social distancing

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10:00 am-2 pm, via zoom. The 167th Christian  
Church of Northern California region's Annual  
Gathering. \$25 per household. [Register here.](#)

## Looking Ahead

- April 21st and 22nd— Admin Assistant Briony working from home
- April 26—Admin Assistant Briony on vacation
- April 27--Admin Assistant Briony working from home
- April 29th—2 pm Healing Circle, Prayer Garden; Admin Assistant Briony working from home
- April 30th—Admin Assistant Briony on vacation
- 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.

Church Office Administrative Assistant Briony works remotely from home on Fridays.

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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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