



The Politics of Wisdom



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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
- Elders meeting on Tuesday at 7:00
- Work Day in the Kitchen/K-Hall Wednesday from 8 – noon
- Music Jam Thursday at 11:00
- Sacred Grounds, 9:00 next Sunday
- Worship, 10:00 in the sanctuary, Zoom and FaceBook Live

IV. Opening Hymn – CP #114 “Take My Life” (Joshua Hegg)

Holiness, holiness
Is what I long for
Holiness is what I need
Holiness, holiness
Is what You want from me

Faithfulness, faithfulness
Is what I long for
Faithfulness is what I need
Faithfulness, faithfulness
Is what You want from me

So take my heart and form it
Take my mind transform it
Take my will conform it
To Yours, to Yours, oh Lord

Righteousness, righteousness
Is what I long for
Righteousness is what I need
Righteousness, righteousness
Is what You want from me

So, take my heart, God
So take my heart and form it
Take my mind transform it
Take my will conform it
To Yours, to Yours, oh Lord
To Yours, to Yours, oh Lord
To Yours, to Yours, oh Lord.

V. Call to Worship – (Mary Kearns)

As we gather in this sacred moment for a sacred purpose,
let us make the most of our time together.

We have come to worship the Lord our God.

As we sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs,
let us make the most of our time together.

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As we respond to the melody in our hearts,
let us make the most of our time together.

We have come to worship the Lord our God.

VI. Children's Moment

VII. 1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14 NRSV – (Mary Kearns)

Then David slept with his ancestors and was buried in the city of David. The time that David reigned over Israel was forty years; he reigned for seven years in Hebron, and thirty-three years in Jerusalem. So, Solomon sat on the throne of his father David; and his kingdom was firmly established.

Solomon loved the Lord, walking in the statutes of his father David; only, he sacrificed and offered incense at the high places. The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt-offerings on that altar. At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.' And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you

have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?’

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, ‘Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you. I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor all your life; no other king shall compare with you. If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life.’

VIII. Sermon - “The Politics of Wisdom” (Pastor Jesse)

IX. Song of Invitation – CH #575 “Come and Find the Quiet Center” (Joshua Hegg)

Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead,
Find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed:
Clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes, that we can see
All the things that really matter, be at peace, and simply be.

Silence is a friend who claims us, cools the heat and slows the pace,
God it is who speaks and names us, knows our being, touches base,
Making space within our thinking, lifting shades to show the sun,
Raising courage when we're shrinking, finding scope for faith begun.

In the Spirit let us travel, open to each other's pain,
Let our loves and fears unravel, celebrate the space we gain:
There's a place for deepest dreaming, there's a time for heart to care,
In the Spirit's lively scheming there is always room to spare.

X. Moment for Mission – (Surprise)

XI. Prayers of the People – (Mary Kearns)

XII. Communion Song CH #385 “And Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare” (Joshua Hegg)

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.

XIII. Institution of Communion (Elders Maxwell Erwin and Barbara Poetker)

XIV. Partaking Communion Together

XV. Blessing/Benediction (Pastor Jesse)

XVI. Postlude - (Joshua Hegg)

**NEW New Mask Guidelines for California
(Effective July 28th, 2021)**

**Due to Delta variant, CDC and CDPH
recommend everyone, regardless of vaccination
status, wear a mask. We are asking everyone to
please wear a mask if you are able to.**

August 15th-22nd

CALENDAR

This Sunday

9:00 a.m.-Sacred Grounds Adult Faith Formation

Christian Education, Chapel and on [Zoom](#)

10:00 a.m.-Indoor Worship in Sanctuary (please bring masks) and Worship Streamed Live on [Zoom](#) and [Facebook](#)

Monday

6:30 p.m.-Journeys of the Heart Bereavement, Spiritual Care Center

Tuesday

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

No WICS meeting

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

Wednesday

8:00 a.m. to 12 noon-Work Day (with pizza to follow!)

Focusing on kitchen, cleaning, sorting, inventorying

Thursday

11:00 a.m.-Music Jam practice, all fully vaccinated musicians welcome! Room 4

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9:00 a.m.-Sacred Grounds Adult Faith Formation

Christian Education, Chapel and on [Zoom](#)

10:00 a.m.-Indoor Worship in Sanctuary (please bring masks) and Worship Streamed Live on [Zoom](#) and [Facebook](#)

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

Looking Ahead

- Tuesday, August 24th, Torres Shelter Meals
- Wednesday, August 25th, 9:00 a.m.-PEO, Fireside
- Friday, August 27th, 1:00 p.m.-Healing Circle, 6
- Sunday, August 29th, 5th Sunday

Credits



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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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Stewardship Sunday is November 21st, 2021

Stewardship letters with pledge cards are being mailed out, and electronic copies of the letter and the pledge card are on our website here: <https://www.fccchico.com/stewardship.html>

Pledge cards and envelopes are also in the pew racks in the Sanctuary.

Please return the pledge card by mail, in the offering plates on Sunday mornings, or by dropping it through the church mail slot at any time before November 21st, 2021. Thank you!