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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 – (Max Erwin)

- Today – 11:30 a.m. Bazaar Planning Meeting in Room 6.
- Wednesday – 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts in K-Hall; 7:00 p.m. Faith and Films discussion on *Don't Look Up*, Room 6 and Zoom
- Thursday - Music practice at 11:00 a.m.
- Friday – 1:00 p.m. Healing Circle in Bethany Room; 2:00 p.m. Journeys of the Heart bereavement group in the Spiritual Care Center.
- Sunday – 9:00 a.m. Sacred Grounds; 10:00 a.m. Worship in sanctuary, Zoom and FaceBook Live; Fellowship in K-Hall following the service.

III. Opening Hymn – CH #699 “Rejoice the Lord is King” (Joshua Hegg)

Rejoice, the Lord is King!
The risen Christ adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing,
and triumph evermore:
lift up your heart,
lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

God's reign can never fail,
Christ rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus given:
lift up your heart,
lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope!
For Christ, our Judge, shall come
to glorify the saints
for their eternal home:
lift up your heart,
lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

IV. Call to Worship – (Max Erwin)

As members of the Christian Church,

**We confess that Jesus is the Christ,
the Son of the living God,
and proclaim him Lord and Savior of the world.**

**In Christ's name and by his grace
we accept our mission of witness
and service to all people.**

**We rejoice in God,
Maker of heaven and earth
And in the covenant of love
Which binds us to God and one another.**

**Through baptism into Christ
we enter into newness of life
and are made one with the whole people of God.**

**In the communion of the Holy Spirit we are
joined together in discipleship and in
obedience to Christ.**

**At the Table of the Lord
we celebrate with thanksgiving
the saving acts and presence of Christ.**

**Within the universal church,
We receive the gift of ministry
And the light of scripture**

**In the bonds of Christian faith
We yield ourselves to God
That we may serve the One
Whose kingdom has no end.**

Blessing, glory, and honor
Be to God forever. Amen.

V. Children Fourth Grade and Under Dismissed for Sunday School (Caroline Driscoll)

VI. Matthew 13:18-23 NRSV – (Max Erwin)

Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.

VII. Sermon - “Whose Kingdom Has No End” (Jesse Kearns)

VIII. Song of Invitation – TOG #19 “Let It Shine” (Joshua Hegg)

(Score from *Table of Grace* songbook on next page)

Let It Shine

19

Refrain (Unison)
♩ = 120

Let it shine, let it shine, the light of the world that

shows the way; let it shine, let it shine, and show us peace to-day.

1 The church bears wit-ness to God's grace, its mis-sion crys-tal clear:
2 When love re-plac-es hu-man greed, a last-ing peace will come
3 Now let us give our-selves to God with-in this war-torn world,

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to show the world God's hu-man face, a world that God holds dear.
as hands reach out to hu-man need from hearts no long-er numb.
and work till jus-tice walks a-broad with flags of peace un-furled.

Let it shine, let it shine
The light of the world that shows the way
Let it shine, let it shine
And show us peace today

The church bears witness to God's grace
Its mission crystal clear
To show the world God's human face
A world that God holds dear.

Let it shine, let it shine
The light of the world that shows the way
Let it shine, let it shine
And show us peace today

When love replaces human greed
A lasting peace will come
As hands reach out to human need
From hearts no longer numb

Let it shine, let it shine
The light of the world that shows the way
Let it shine, let it shine
And show us peace today

Now let us give ourselves to God
Within this war-torn world
And work till justice walks abroad
With flags of peace unfurled

Let it shine, let it shine
The light of the world that shows the way
Let it shine, let it shine
And show us peace today

IX. Moment for Mission: Disciples Making a Difference

X. Prayers of the People (Mary Kearns)

XI. Communion Song CH #354 "Seek Ye First" (Joshua Hegg)

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God
And God's righteousness
And all these things shall be added unto you
Allelu, alleluia.

Ask and it shall be given unto you;
Seek and ye shall find
Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.
Allelu, alleluia.

XII. Institution of Communion (Bill Peterson and Peggy Davidson, Elders)

XIII. Partaking Communion Together

XIV. Blessing/Benediction

XV. Postlude – (Joshua Hegg)



Bazaar News! It's Coming Soon!
Our church Bazaar will be **Saturday, November 5th**. Please mark your calendar and look for items you will want to be donating. If you wish to be involved in the **Bazaar Planning Meeting TODAY, Sunday, August 21st at 11:30 am in Room 6** please let Georgia Nelson know. We need your help!
Nutmegnelson2@gmail.com (530) 632-4372

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August 21st-28th, 2022

CALENDAR

This 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 hosted by Connor Kearns, Koinonia hall
- **11:30 a.m. Bazaar Planning Meeting, Room 6**

Wednesday

- 6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Troop 2 Koinonia Hall, Fireside
- 7:00 p.m. Faith in Films, *Don't Look Up* discussion, 6 (rescheduled to this day)

Thursday

- 11:00 a.m. Music Jam, Room 4

Friday

- 12:00 p.m. Journeys of the Heart Bereavement Grief Group, Spiritual Care Center
- 1:00 p.m. Healing Circle, Bethany

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- 10:00 a.m. Indoor Worship in Sanctuary and Worship Streamed Live on [Zoom](#) and [Facebook](#)
- Fellowship, Koinonia Hall

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.