



Jesus Tells a Cringe-y Tale



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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 - (Mary Kearns)

- Today – Fellowship in Koinonia Hall hosted by Georgia Nelson and Kevin Zeitler.
- Wednesday – 6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Troop 2 in Koinonia Hall and Fireside.
- Thursday – Music Jam at 11:00 a.m. in room 4. Bible Study on Matthew’s gospel 7:00 p.m. in Room 6 and on Zoom.
- Friday – 2:00 p.m. Journeys of the Heart Bereavement Group in the Spiritual Care Center.
- 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.

III. Opening Hymn – CH #330 “Alleluia! Hear God’s Story” (Nancy Thompson)

Alleluia! Hear God’s story,
still unfolding with each dawn.
Taste the wine and body broken:
God’s creative love lives on.
Who the neighbor? Who the hungry?
Who is thirsty for shalom?
God of journey, in your story;
lead us, with the neighbor, home.

Alleluia! Sing the story;
God's great faithfulness proclaim.
Tell of prophets and apostles;
sing the power of Jesus' name.
Who the neighbor? Who the listener?
Who has ears to hear our song?
God of history, tune our voices,
make our hopeful witness strong.

Alleluia! Dance the story;
every sinew now engage.
Tethered close in truthful worship,
boldly face the coming age.
Who the neighbor? Who the watchful?
Who will welcome life's embrace?
God of gospel, tell the story
through our dancing of your grace.

IV. Call to Worship – (Mary Kearns)

Jesus said, "Love one another, even as I have loved you."

Love is more powerful than fear; it is mightier than hatred.

Let the love which God has lavished upon us be poured out to those in need.

Help us, O Lord, to witness to you by the ways in which we care for others.

Remind us, Lord, that we are called to be your disciples.

As we worship this morning, heal our hearts and spirits and prepare us for service. AMEN.

V. Children Fourth Grade and Under Dismissed for Sunday School – (Peggy Davidson)

VI. Luke 14:1, 7-14 NRSV – (Mary Kearns)

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place", and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest

place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, “Friend, move up higher”; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.’

He said also to the one who had invited him, ‘When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.’

VII. Sermon - “Jesus Tells a Cringe-y Tale” (Jesse Kearns)

VIII. Song of Invitation – CH #70 “God of the Sparrow God of the Whale” (Nancy Thompson)

God of the sparrow
God of the whale
God of the swirling stars
How does the creature say Awe
How does the creature say Praise

God of the earthquake
God of the storm
God of the trumpet blast
How does the creature cry Woe
How does the creature cry Save

God of the rainbow
God of the cross
God of the empty grave
How does the creature say Grace
How does the creature say Thanks

God of the hungry
God of the sick
God of the prodigal
How does the creature say Care
How does the creature say Life

God of the neighbor
God of the foe
God of the pruning hook
How does the creature say Love
How does the creature say Peace

God of the ages
God near at hand
God of the loving heart
How do your children say Joy
How do your children say Home.

IX. Moments 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, in sacrament
In Christ 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 utter most
In every room in our Father’s house
Christ will be there, as Lord and host

XII. Institution of Communion (Georgeanne Bennett and Max Erwin)

XIII. Partaking Communion Together

XIV. Blessing/Benediction (Jesse Kearns)

XV. Postlude – (Nancy Thompson)



Here Comes Fall!!

We had the first meeting of our Chico FCC Bazaar on August 21st, after Fellowship hour. I am very thankful to all who attended and appreciate the enthusiasm for our Bazaar, which will be helpful on **Saturday, Nov. 5th from 9 am to noon.** We will have these booths: *Farmers Market, Plants, Granny’s Attic, Christmas Items, Handmade items, Opportunity*

Drawing items including quilts, Art, and Baked Goods.

Along with the above, we will have a Kiddies childcare area where the little ones can play while parents shop. We will have coffee/tea and goodies in the Fireside Room. We will also have a treasure table to take payment.

Please be thinking of items you can donate to these booths. Please also be thinking of ways you would like to help out at the Bazaar this year. We will need help gathering items, setting up, working at the tables during the Bazaar, and taking down the booths. *More information on donating items and your time will come out soon.* For now, I would like to ask for a volunteer (s) to work on publicity to get the message out to the community about our upcoming Bazaar.

Please contact Georgia Nelson if you wish to help or to donate. Georgia can be reached at (530) 632-4372 or nutmegnelson2@gmail.com

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CALENDAR

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- 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 Georgia Nelson and Kevin Zeitler, Koinonia hall

Wednesday

- 6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Troop 2 Koinonia Hall, Fireside

Thursday

- 11:00 a.m. Music Jam, Room 4
- 7:00 p.m. Bible Study on Matthew's Gospel begins (ends December 29th), Room 6 and on [Zoom](#)

Friday

- 2:00 p.m. Journeys of the Heart Bereavement Grief Group, Spiritual Care Center

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- 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.