



August 6th, 2023 Guest Preacher Rev. Dr. Ted Sandberg
Rev. Jesse Kearns, Pastor



First Christian Church Chico

(Disciples of Christ)

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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. Ringing of the Bell

III. Welcome and Announcements – (Gary Cantwell)

- Today – Fellowship following service.
- Tuesday – 9:30 a.m. Koinonia Krafters, Fireside; 4:30 p.m. String Ensemble, Chapel;
- Wednesday – 6:00 p.m. Scouts BSA, Koinonia Hall, Fireside
- Thursday – 6:30 p.m. Bible Study, Room 6
- Sunday – 8:30 a.m. Sacred Grounds; 10:00 a.m. Worship in sanctuary, Zoom, and FaceBook Live; Fellowship in K-Hall following the service
- Offerings may be put in the collection plate which is near the bulletins near the entrance of the sanctuary

IV. Opening Hymn –CH #507 “Sometimes God Begins a Project” (Joshua Hegg)

Sometimes God begins a project
Which will never come to be
While we wait, expectant, hopeful,
There’s a change in destiny.

Does this mean that God's uncaring,
Taking back a parent's role
No, our God is loving, healing,
Holds us, lifts us, makes us whole.

In our times of disappointment,
We will question, grieve, and cry,
Searching for our suffering's reason,
Asking God to tell us why.

Time will ease the depth of sorrow,
Though the memory will stay.
Faithful life will see our questions
Answered in some future day.

V. Call to Worship – (Gary Cantwell)

Come, thank God for the whole of creation, for all
the works of God's hands, for all God has done in
our midst, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**We praise your majesty, Almighty God, with all
the living;**

**We bow before you and adore you, exclaiming,
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of all living things;
earth and heaven are filled with your glory, we
bless your name.**

VI. Children Fourth Grade and Under Dismissed for Sunday School

VII. Romans 9:1-5 (NRSV) (Gary Cantwell)

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my
conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—I have
great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I
could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off
from Christ for the sake of my own people, my
kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and
to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants,
the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises;
to them belong the patriarchs, and from them,
according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is
over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

VIII. Matthew 14:13-21 NRSV– (Gary Cantwell)

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there
in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the
crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the
towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd;
and he had compassion for them and cured their sick.
When it was evening, the disciples came to him and
said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now
late; send the crowds away so that they may go into
the villages and buy food for themselves.” Jesus said
to them, “They need not go away; you give them
something to eat.” They replied, “We have nothing
here but five loaves and two fish.” And he said,
“Bring them here to me.” Then he ordered the

crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

IX. Sermon – “All Ate and Were Filled” (Rev. Dr. Ted Sandberg)

X. Hymn of Reflection – CP #108 “As the Deer” (Joshua Hegg)

As the deer pants for the water,
So my soul longs after you.
You alone are my heart’s desire,
And I long to worship you.

You alone are my strength and shield;
To you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart’s desire,
And I long to worship you.

You’re my friend and you are my brother
Even though you are a king.
I love you more than any other,
So much more than anything.

You alone are my strength and shield;
To you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart’s desire,
And I long to worship you.

I want you more than gold or silver;
Only you can satisfy.
You alone are the real-joy-giver
And the apple of my eye.

You alone are my strength and shield;
To you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart’s desire,
And I long to worship you.

XI. Moments for Mission: Soul Shop (Georgia Nelson)

XII. Prayers of the People

XIII. Communion Song – CH #403 “In Remembrance of Me” (Joshua Hegg)

In remembrance of Me eat this bread
In remembrance of Me drink this wine
In remembrance of Me pray for the time
When God’s own will is done

In remembrance of me heal the sick
In remembrance of me feed the poor
In remembrance of me open the door
And let your neighbor in, let them in

Take eat and be comforted
Drink and remember too
That this is my body and precious blood
Shed for you, shed for you

In remembrance of me search for truth
In remembrance of me always love
In remembrance of me don't look above
But in your heart look for God
Do this in remembrance of Me

XIV. Institution of Communion (Peggy Davidson and Bill Peterson, elders)

XV. Partaking Communion Together

XVI. Blessing/Benediction (Rev. Dr. Ted Sandberg)

XVII. Postlude – (Joshua Hegg)

August Caller are available in the sanctuary, near the bulletins. They are also available on our website under the Events tab.

New Church Family Directories are available in the sanctuary, near the bulletins. Members can request one to be mailed to by contacting the church office, 343-3727, or chicodisciples@gmail.com.

Recommendations to the Nominating Task

Force: Recommendations to the Nominating Task Force hand outs are in the Sanctuary, next to the bulletins, are on the next pages of this bulletin, and available on our website fccchico.com on the homepage. They can be returned in the offering plate on Sunday mornings, or sent to the church office by email, or mail.

"No one commits suicide because they want to die."
"Then why do they do it?"
"Because they want to stop the pain."
~Tiffanie DeBartolo, How to Kill a Rock Star

soul shop

for Everyone

The goal of Soul Shop™ for congregations is to begin working within the church to create a network of support for those who are impacted by suicide. This faith-oriented program is designed to increase awareness of suicide and discuss the steps that can be taken to reduce risks. This workshop is for parents, police, nurses, teachers, and any other concerned citizens who might want to learn how to ask the question of suicide, learn about the prevalence of suicide in the church community, and get more engaged with how to be a part of the solution.

September 30th, 2023

9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

\$25 to Register



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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295 E. Washington Ave

Chico, CA 95926

Cost

\$25

Self-registration



<https://tinyurl.com/5buua22z>

Or call 530-343-3727



Rev. Eileen Brownell, ordained by Centers for Spiritual Living is also a Chico Police Chaplain. For 16 years, she has assisted families and survivors of suicide. Alarmed by the increase, as well as seeing individuals 13-90 years take their own life, she became a certified Soul Shop trainer to work with faith communities to help prevent suicides and support survivors. Currently she is the only certified trainer in the 5 western states.

Link: <https://tinyurl.com/5buua22z>

Attendance

Attendance for July 30th, 2023:

Online: 9

Sanctuary: 41

Total: 450

Credits

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August 6th-13th, 2023

CALENDAR

This Sunday—Guest Preacher Rev. Dr. Ted Sandberg

- 8:30 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, Koinonia Hall
- 1:00 p.m. Iglesia de Cristo Agua Viva, Sanctuary

Tuesday

- 9:30 a.m. Koinonia Krafters, Fireside
- 4:30 p.m. String Ensemble, Chapel

Wednesday

- 6:00 p.m. Scouts BSA, Koinonia Hall, Fireside

Thursday

- 6:30 p.m. Living the Questions 2.0 Bible Study, Room 6

Next Sunday—Guest Preacher Laura Cowan Pierson

- 8:30 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, Koinonia Hall
- 1:00 p.m. Iglesia de Cristo Agua Viva, Sanctuary

Pastor Jesse will be on Sabbatical
June 26th through September 17th

About Our Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. Ted Sandberg was Pastor at Chico First Baptist Church from 1998-2017, when he retired. Ted then began to play guitar with Faith Lutheran's Praise and Worship team.

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.

Recommendations to the Nominating Task Force Church Officers for 2024

We, the Nominating Committee, request that all members of First Christian Church, Chico seriously and prayerfully recommend those persons you believe should be asked to consider a leadership position. Indicate those names below. You may put it in the collection plate, drop it by the office or mail it to the church.

Your participation in this process is important and we appreciate your input. Please respond now while it is fresh in your mind. **Please consider the desired Leadership qualities and gifts for serving as listed below:**

Board Moderator: Be objective and able to listen to all sides; open to hearing all perspectives and ideas; able to keep a meeting on the subject at hand; be a calming influence.

Vice-Moderator: In the absence of the Board Moderator, presides at congregational and Church Board meetings and carries out all other duties of the Board Moderator. Appoints a chair of the Diaconate and assists with recruitment and training of the Diaconate. Oversees the Elders and Personnel Committee.

Board Secretary: Able to hear what is being said at the meeting, and record the meeting activities and actions.

Church Treasurer: Timely payment of bills; correct errors in a timely manner; work closely with leadership; be transparent and open; must maintain confidentiality.

Congregational Life Ministry Coordinator: Coordinates the Christian education, membership, worship arts, fellowship and program ministries.

Outreach Ministry Coordinator: Coordinates evangelism, missional outreach, and Regional/General Church relations.

Administrative Ministry Coordinator: Coordinates the administrative ministries of the church including business and property.

At Large Board Member: Interested in the life of the church, and committed to its future thriving.

Elders: Willing to help care for the spiritual needs of the congregation, as a part of the shared ministry of the church; committed to being equipped and to equip others; have a desire to grow spiritually, and to help others grow in their faith.

Financial Secretary: A numbers person; confidential, organized and efficient.

Ass't. Financial Secretary: Same as Financial Secretary.

Personnel Committee Member: Able to look at staff as employees; have an understanding and experience in business practices; listen to congregational concerns; work closely and communicate with the Pastoral Relations Committee.

Endowment Trustee: An understanding of financial practices; has a passion for developing planned giving programs within the congregation.

—Nominating Committee

I prayerfully recommend...

Board Moderator	_____

Vice Moderator	_____

Board Secretary	_____

Church Treasurer	_____

Congregational Life Ministry Coordinator:	_____

Outreach Ministry Coordinator:	_____

Administrative Ministry Coordinator:	_____

At Large Board Member	_____

Elder	_____

Financial Secretary	_____

Asst. Financial Secretary	_____

Personnel Committee	_____

Endowment Trustee	_____

From the FCC Bylaws, Article VII Section C: Additional nominees for any office may be made from the congregation in this manner: With the approval of the nominee, a petition signed by at least ten (10) active members shall be in the hands of the nominating committee at least ten (10) days prior to the date set for the annual election. If such additional nominations are made, the committee shall announce to the congregation the revised slate, including all nominees for each vacancy.

Please return the completed form either by the collection plate on Sunday morning, dropping it off at the church office, or mailing it to the church. Thank you!