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**April 4th, 2021—Easter!
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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 – “All Glory Laud and Honor” (The Joshua Choir)

II. Welcome and Announcements - (Pastor Jesse)

- Zoom Check-In on Tuesday at 1:00
- Board Meeting Tuesday at 7:00
- Sacred Grounds, 9:00 next Sunday
- Worship, 10:00 in the sanctuary, Zoom and FaceBook Live

III. Opening Hymn – CH #216 “Christ the Lord is Risen Today” (Nancy Thompson)

Christ the Lord is ris’n today, Alleluia!
Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heav’ns, and earth, reply, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once He died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Love’s redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids His rise, Alleluia!
Christ hath opened paradise, Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ hath led, Alleluia!
Foll'wing our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!
Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, Alleluia!

IV. Call to Worship – (Mary Kearns)

The darkness is gone!
Bright light floods into this new day of hope.
Those who went to the tomb received good news.
Christ was not there!
Christ is risen in our hearts and our spirits!
Christ is risen from the dead! Alleluia! Amen!

V. Reading (Pastor Jesse)

In the great quiet of God, my troubles are but
pebbles on the road.
My joys are like the everlasting hills.
So it is when I step through the gate of prayer from
time into eternity
When I am in the consciousness of God,
my brothers and sisters are not far-off and forgotten
but close and strangely dear
They shine as if a light were glowing within them.
Even those who frown on me and love me not
Seem part of the great scheme of God.

- *Walter Rauschenbush*

VI. Mason Regan's Baby Dedication – (Pastor Jesse and Mason's Family)

VII. Mark 16:1-8 NRSV – (Mary Kearns)

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

VIII. Sermon - "Hope Will Rise Again" (Pastor Jesse)

IX. Song of Reflection – “We Are Easter People Now (Hope Will Rise Again)” - (Andra Moran)

X. Moment for Mission – (Surprise!)

XI. Prayers of the People – (Mary Kearns)

XII. Communion Song CH #386 “We Come As Guests Invited” (Nancy Thompson)

We come as guests invited when Jesus bids us dine
His friends on earth united to share the bread and
wine

The bread of life is broken, the wine is freely poured
For us, in solemn token of Christ our dying Lord.

We eat and drink receiving from Christ the grace we
need

And in our hearts believing on him by faith we feed
With wonder and thanksgiving for love that knows no
end

We find in Jesus living our ever present friend

One bread is ours for sharing, one single fruitful vine
Our fellowship declaring renewed in bread and wine
Renewed, sustained, and given by token sign and word
The pledge and seal of heaven, the love of Christ our
Lord.

XIII. Institution of Communion (Elders)

XIV. Blessing/Benediction (Pastor Jesse)

Dance, celebrate, sing, and shout for joy! Christ is
Risen and He goes before us, into this world of fear
and pain. He has called us to bring the Good News
of healing and hope, of redemption. Go in peace, and
feel the presence of the Risen Lord with you, now
and forever. AMEN.

XV. Postlude - “All Hail the Power of Jesus Name” (The Joshua Choir)



Changes to In Person Services

- 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, we are now in the orange tier!** That 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 at the entrance of the sanctuary as directed at the beginning or end of the service. We encourage donating online on our website, www.fccchico.com
- 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.
- Visit our website to donate online, subscribe to our mailing lists, and learn more about us! www.fccchico.com

CALENDAR

April 4th-11th, 2021

This Sunday—Easter!

No Sacred Grounds today

7:00 a.m.-Sunrise Service, Church Parking lot

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

Monday—Church Office closed

Tuesday

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

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

Next Sunday

9:00 a.m.-Sacred Grounds Adult Faith Formation
Christian Education, on [Zoom](#)

10:00 a.m.-Socially distanced outdoor worship in
parking lot (masks required) and Worship
Streamed Live on [Zoom](#) and [Facebook](#)

Looking Ahead

- April 24th, 10 am-4 pm, via zoom. The 167th Christian Church of Northern California region's Annual Gathering. \$25 per household. [Register here.](#)
- **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 potluck 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.

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