





February 11th, 2024
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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 – (Nancy Thompson)

II. Ringing of the Bell

III. Welcome and Announcements (Gary Cantwell)

- Today – Fellowship following service.
- Please see the back of your bulletins for the calendar.
- Offerings may be put in the offering plate which is near the bulletins near the entrance of the sanctuary

IV. Opening Hymn – CH #21 Let the Whole Creation Cry” (Nancy Thompson)

Let the whole creation cry, Alleluia!
“Glory to the Lord on high!” Alleluia!
Sun and moon, lift up your voice, Alleluia!
Night and stars, in God rejoice, Alleluia!

All who strive to serve the Lord, Alleluia!
Prophets burning with God’s word, Alleluia!
Those to whom the arts belong, Alleluia!
Add your voices to the song, Alleluia!

Men and women, young and old, Alleluia!
Raise the anthem manifold, Alleluia!
Join with children's song of praise, Alleluia!
Worship God through all your days, Alleluia!

V. Call to Worship (Gary Cantwell)

Life can seem shrouded in mystery.

**O Lord, lift the veil of our misunderstanding that
we may see your Light.**

We are eager to serve.

**O Lord, calm our spirits and patiently prepare us
for service.**

Look to the Lord for mercy and comfort.

We look to the Lord for healing and hope.

AMEN.

VI. Children Fourth Grade and Under Dismissed for Sunday School

VII. Laughing Bird Psalm 50:1-6 (Gary Cantwell)

You, LORD, are the mighty God.

Wherever the sun shines, from horizon to horizon,
you call the earth to attention.

From the spectacular beauty of your holy mountain,
you approach us in a blaze of glory.

You come with the full fanfare;
flashes of fire in front of you;
thunder storming all around you.

You call the earth and sky to sit as a jury,
and set out the charges against your people.

You call the accused:
those who swore their faithfulness to you,
and signed themselves to a binding alliance.

The whole universe honours you as the judge,
and affirms the honesty of your court.

VIII. Mark 9:2-9 (NRSV) (Gary Cantwell)

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James
and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by
themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and
his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on
earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them
Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then
Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be
here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for
Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to
say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud

overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

IX. Sermon – “Exposed” (Rev. Jesse Kearns)

X. Song Invitation – CH #182 “Transform Us” (Nancy Thompson)

Transform us as you, transfigured,
stood apart on Tabor’s height.
Lead us up our sacred mountains,
Search us with revealing light.
Lift us from where we have fallen,
Full of questions, filled with fright.

Transform us as you, transfigured,
Once spoke with those holy ones.
We, surrounded by the witness
Of those saints whose work is done,
Live in this world as your Body,
Chosen daughters, chosen sons.

Transform us as you, transfigured,
Would not stay within a shrine.
Keep us from our great temptation—
Time and truth we quickly bind.
Lead us down those daily pathways
Where our love is not confined.

XI. Moments for Mission

XII. Prayers of the People

XIII. Communion Song CH #295 “In This Very Room” (Nancy Thompson)

In this very room,
there’s quite enough love for one like me,
And in this very room
there’s quite enough joy for one like me;

And there’s quite enough hope,
and quite enough pow’r
To chase away any gloom,
For Jesus, Lord Jesus, is in this very room.

In this very room
there’s quite enough love for all of us,
And in this very room
there’s quite enough joy for all of us;

And there's quite enough hope,
and quite enough pow'r
To chase away any gloom,
For Jesus, Lord Jesus, is in this very room.

In this very room
there's quite enough love for all the world,
And in this very room
there's quite enough joy for all the world;

And there's quite enough hope,
and quite enough pow'r
To chase away any gloom,
For Jesus, Lord Jesus, is in this very room.

XIV. Institution of Communion (Dave Hoppe and Kevin Zeitler, elders)

XV. Partaking Communion Together

XVI. Blessing/Benediction (Rev. Jesse Kearns)

XVII. Postlude – (Nancy Thompson)

Annual Report for 2023 is available in the back of
the Sanctuary,
and available by request as a PDF (email
chicodisciples@gmail.com).

Attendance

Attendance for February 4th, 2024:

Sanctuary: 60 Online: 15 Total: 75

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February 11th-18th, 2024

CALENDAR

This Sunday

- 8:30 a.m. Sacred Grounds Adult Faith Formation Christian Education, Room 6 and on [Zoom](#)
- 10:00 a.m. 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
- 1:00 p.m. String Ensemble, Chapel

Wednesday—Ash Wednesday

- Noon Ash Wednesday Service, Sanctuary
- 6:00 p.m. Scouts BSA, Koinonia Hall, Fireside

Thursday

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Breakfast, Cozy Diner
- 2:20 p.m. Music Practice, Room 4
- Chico Ballet rehearsals, Koinonia Hall

Friday

- Chico Ballet rehearsals, Koinonia Hall

Saturday

- Chico Ballet Spaghetti Dinner and Performance, Bethany, 6, 10, Koinonia Hall, Fireside
- 2:00 p.m. Journeys of the Heart Bereavement Group, Spiritual Care Center

Next Sunday—Week of Compassion Begins

- 8:30 a.m. Sacred Grounds Adult Faith Formation Christian Education, Room 6 and on [Zoom](#)
- 10:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary and Worship Streamed Live on [Zoom](#) and [Facebook](#)
- Fellowship, Koinonia Hall
- 1:00 p.m. Iglesia de Cristo Agua Viva, Sanctuary
- Safe Space, 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.