





February 18th, 2024—First Sunday in Lent
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First Christian Church Chico



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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 – (Dave Hoppe)

- Today – Fellowship following service **in Fireside**.
- 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. Call to Worship – (Dave Hoppe)

Come in.
Feel your feet on the floor.
Settle your worries.
Take a deep breath.
Dust the cobwebs from your ears.
Relax the tension in your jaw,

**For Christ is here.
God never stops seeking us.**

We have been found.

Let us find God in return.

Let us worship the God of deep waters.
Amen.

V. Opening Hymn – CH #16 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” (Joshua Hegg)

Come thou Fount of ev’ry blessing,
Tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I’m fixed upon it,
Mount of thy redeeming love.

Here I raise to thee an altar;
Hither by thy help I’m come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I’m constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to thee.

Prone to wander, how I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here’s my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for thy courts above.

VI. Call to Confession

In our scripture passage for today, we will read about Jesus calling Peter to be a disciple. In the story, Peter is in the presence of the Divine for quite some time before he realizes it. Jesus crawls into Peter’s boat. He tells him to head toward deep water. Together, they let the nets down. And it is only when the boat threatens to sink, due to the extreme abundance of fish, that Peter turns to Jesus and truly sees who’s in his boat.

Sometimes we miss what’s right in front of us. Fortunately, Christ keeps crawling into our boats anyhow. So join me in the prayer of confession, not out of fear, but out of a desire to finally see who’s right in front of us. Let us pray:

VII. Prayer of Confession

**Loving God,
You call us by name.
You join us in the deep waters of life.
You invite us to drop our nets and follow you,
and yet, more often than we’d like to admit, we
are like Peter.**

**Over and over again, we stand slack jawed and surprised
to find you in our midst.**

Forgive us for drowning out your voice with our own.

Forgive us for assuming that we can tackle deep waters by ourselves.

Forgive us for forgetting that you will never stop climbing into our boat.

**Turn our hearts, our minds, and our spirits
toward you,
for you are the Lord our God, and it is in your
name that we pray.
Amen.**

VIII. Words of Forgiveness

Friends, Peter didn't exactly make a good first impression when Jesus got into his boat. He questioned dropping his nets, as they hadn't caught any fish all night. He was oblivious to who Christ was for quite some time, and once he realized the Divinity standing in his boat, he quickly deemed himself unworthy.

And even still, Jesus called Peter a disciple and a friend.

Church family, hear and believe this good news:
You can make a thousand bad impressions.
You can make every mistake in the book, roll your eyes, and assume you know better.
And *even still*, Christ will forgive you, claim you, and continue to seek your heart.
That is the good news of the gospel. Rest, celebrate, and trust in that.
Amen.

IX. Affirmation of Faith

I believe in a God of abundance—
**a God who sees possibilities where I cannot,
and who holds onto hope when I am at the end
of my rope.**

I believe in a God who comforts—
**a God who says, “Do not be afraid;”
a God who joins me in life's deep waters.**

I believe in a God who invites—
**a God who says, “Follow me,”
and, “You will be fishers of people.”**

I believe in a God who seeks after me relentlessly and persistently—
**a God of second chances and boundless mercy;
a God who calls us by name.**

**We believe.
Help our unbelief.
In Christ's name we pray.
Amen.**

X. Children Fourth Grade and Under Dismissed for Sunday School

XI. Scripture Reading Luke 5:1-11 (NRSV) (Dave Hoppe)

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when

Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

XII. Sermon – "Jesus Sought Me" (Rev. Jesse Kearns)

XIII. Hymn of Invitation – CH #620 "The Lord Will Make a Way Somehow" (Joshua Hegg)

Like a ship that's toss'd and driven,
battered by an angry sea,
When the storms of life are raging,
and their fury falls on me,
I wonder what I have done,
that makes this race so hard to run,
Then I say to my soul, take courage,
the Lord will make a way somehow.

The Lord will make a way somehow,
when beneath the cross I bow;
He will take away each sorrow,
let Him have your burdens now;

When the load bears down so heavy
the weight is shown upon my brow,
There's a sweet relief in knowing,
oh, the Lord will make a way somehow.

Try to do my best in service,
Try to live the best I can,
When I choose to do the right thing,
Evil's present on ev'ry hand,
I look up and wonder why
That good fortune pass me by,
Then I say to my soul, be patient,
The Lord will make a way somehow.

The Lord will make a way somehow,
when beneath the cross I bow;
He will take away each sorrow,
let Him have your burdens now;
When the load bears down so heavy
the weight is shown upon my brow,
There's a sweet relief in knowing,
oh, the Lord will make a way somehow.

Often there's misunderstanding
Out of all the good I do,
Go to friends for consolation
And I find them complaining too,
So many nights I toss in pain,
Wondering what the day will bring,
But I say to my heart, don't worry,
The Lord will make a way somehow.

The Lord will make a way somehow,
when beneath the cross I bow;
He will take away each sorrow,
let Him have your burdens now;
When the load bears down so heavy
the weight is shown upon my brow,
There's a sweet relief in knowing,
oh, the Lord will make a way somehow.

XIV. Moments for Mission: Week of Compassion

XV. Prayers of the People

XVI. Communion Song – CH #393 “One Bread, One Body” (Joshua Hegg)

One bread, one body, one Lord of all;
one cup of blessing which we bless,
and we, though many throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.

Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
woman or man, no more.

One bread, one body, one Lord of all;
one cup of blessing which we bless,
and we, though many throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.

Many the gifts, many the works,
one in the Lord of all.

One bread, one body, one Lord of all;
one cup of blessing which we bless,
and we, though many throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
gathered to one, for all.

One bread, one body, one Lord of all;
one cup of blessing which we bless,
and we, though many throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.

XVII. Institution of Communion (Barbara Poetker, elder)

XVIII. Partaking Communion Together

XIX. Blessing/Benediction

XX. Postlude (Joshua Hegg)

Attendance

February 11th, 2024:

Sanctuary: 45 Online: 11 Total: 56

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This Sunday—Week of Compassion Begins; First Sunday in Lent

- 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, **Fireside**
- 1:00 p.m. Iglesia de Cristo Agua Viva, Sanctuary
- Safe Space, Koinonia Hall

Monday—President's Day; Church Office closed

- 7:00 p.m. Faith in Films, Room 6
- Safe Space, Koinonia Hall

Tuesday

- 1:00 p.m. String Ensemble, Chapel
- 2:00 p.m. WICS, Bethany
- 7:00 p.m. Elders meeting, Zoom
- Safe Space, Koinonia Hall

Wednesday

- 7:00 p.m. Faith in Films, Room 6
- Safe Space, Koinonia Hall

Thursday

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Breakfast, Cozy Diner
- 11:30 a.m. Music Practice, Room 4
- 6:30 p.m. Bible Study begins! Room 6 and Zoom
- Safe Space, Koinonia Hall

Friday

- 1:00 p.m. Healing Circle, Bethany
- 3:00 p.m. Crafting Companions, Room 6
- Safe Space, Koinonia Hall

Saturday

- 2:00 p.m. Journeys of the Heart Bereavement Group, Spiritual Care Center
- Safe Space, Koinonia Hall

Next Sunday—Week of Compassion Ends; Second Sunday in Lent

- 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, **Fireside**
- 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.