



FACING OUR DEMONS



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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. Welcome (Pastor Jesse)

- Zoom Check-In on Tuesday at 1:00 p.m.
- Elder's Meeting Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
- Ecumenical Lenten Service in Faith Lutheran's Zoom Room 7:00 p.m.
- Regional Anti-Racism Training, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Sacred Grounds, 9:00 a.m. next Sunday
- Worship, 10:00 a.m. next Sunday

III. Opening Hymn – CH #190 “Tell Me the Stories of Jesus”

Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear;
Things I would ask Him to tell me if He were here;
Scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea,
Stories of Jesus, tell them to me.

First let me hear how the children stood round His knee,
And I shall fancy His blessing resting on me;
Words full of kindness, deeds full of grace,
All in the love light of Jesus' face.

Into the city I'd follow the children's band,
Waving a branch of the palm tree high in my hand;
One of His heralds, yes, I would sing
Loudest hosannas, “Jesus is King!”

IV. Call to Worship – (Joe Rogers)

Welcome this day to the beginning of a journey.
Where will this journey take us?
It will take you to the Cross of Christ and beyond.
How much time do we have to get ready?
The time is now at hand for this journey.
Help us to be ready for this, O Lord. AMEN.

V. Black History Month Quote (Joe Rogers)

In the act of worship itself, the experience of liberation becomes a constituent of the community's being . . . It is the power of God's Spirit invading the lives of the people, "building them up where they are torn down and propping them up on every leaning side."

- Rev. James H. Cone

VI. Children's Moment (Pastor Jesse)

VII. Mark 1:9-15 NRSV – (Mary Kearns)

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

VIII. Sermon - "Facing Our Demons" (Pastor Jesse)

IX. Song of Reflection CP #181 "The Storm is Strong"

The storm is strong; we face the wind
The water rises; waves crash in.
Where are we now? Where will we be?
There is no mercy on this sea

But you, Christ, you are with us here
We turn to you in all our fear
The single word you say is "peace,"
and wind and waves and storm all cease.

Who can you be? What power you say
that even winds and sea obey?

Remove our fear of death and harm
Give us your faith and still our storm.

**X. Moment for Mission – “Forty Days” Richard
Bruxvoort Colligan**

XI. Prayers of the People – (Mary Kearns)

**XII. Communion Song CH #408 “Come, Share
the Lord”**

We gather here
In Jesus’ name
His love is burning in our hearts like living flame
For thru his loving son
The father makes us one
Come take the bread
Come drink the wine
Come share the lord

No one is stranger here
Ev'ry one belong
Finding our forgiveness here
We in turn forgive all wrongs

He joins us here
He breaks the bread
The lord who pours the cup is risen from the dead

The one we love the most, is now our gracious host
Come take the bread
Come drink the wine
Come share the lord

We are now a family
Of which the lord is head
Though unseen he meets us here
In the breaking of the bread

We'll gather soon
Where angels sing
We'll see the glory of our lord and coming king
Now we anticipate
The feast for which we wait
Come take the bread
Come drink the wine
Come share the Lord

**XIII. Institution of Communion (Elders Max
Erwin and Jacky Smith)**

XIV. Blessing/Benediction

XV. Postlude - (Joshua Hegg)

XVI. Fellowship Time in breakout rooms.

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.
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CALENDAR

February 21st-28th, 2021

This Sunday—Week of Compassion

- 9:00 a.m.-Sacred Grounds Adult Faith Formation Christian Education, on [Zoom](#)
10:00 a.m.-Worship Streamed Live on [Zoom](#) and [Facebook](#)

Tuesday

- 1:00 p.m.-Weekly Check-in on [Zoom](#)
2:00 p.m.-Healing Circle on [Zoom](#) following the weekly check-in

Wednesday

- 7:00 p.m.-Ecumenical Worship Streamed Live on Faith Lutheran's [Zoom](#)
Meeting ID: 847 8302 7230
Passcode: Lent; if calling from landline,
Passcode is : 587883
This week is Holy Trinity Chico

Saturday—Feb Camp for high school age students
[Register here for Feb Camp 2021](#)

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Looking Ahead

- Ecumenical Lenten Wednesday Worship— Wednesdays, at 7 pm, starting February 24th (this will NOT be in our usual Zoom room)
- March-Chico Pride and Trans* month
- March 13th, Spring Renewal (will be online) [Click here to register](#)
- April 24th, 10 am-4 pm, via zoom. The 167th Christian Church of Northern California region's Annual Gathering. \$25 per household. [Register here.](#)

In honor of Black History Month:



Guion Stewart Bluford Jr.

Guion Stewart Bluford Jr was born November 22nd, 1943 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in aerospace engineering from Penn State University in 1964. He attended pilot training at Williams Air Force Base and received his

pilot wings in 1966. His Wikipedia page is a solid wall of text listing numerous degrees including a BS, MS, MB, and PhD, honors, accomplishments (over 40), and listed him as a member of over 20 organizations.

He is an aerospace engineer, retired U.S. Air Force officer and fighter pilot (and rose to the rank of colonel) and a former NASA astronaut. He is also the first African American and the second person of African descent to go to space (the first was Cuban cosmonaut Arnaldo Tamayo Méndez). He participated in four Space Shuttle flights between 1983 and 1992. While in the Air Force he logged over 5,200 hours of jet flight time. He also has a FAA commercial pilot license. Upon completion of his fourth NASA flight, Bluford has logged over 688 hours in space. Bluford was inducted into the international Space Hall of Fame in 1997, the US Astronaut Hall of Fame in 2010, and the National Aviation Hall of Fame in 2019. He was married in 1964 to Linda Tull and has two sons, Guion III and James. His hobbies include reading, swimming, jogging, racquetball, handball, scuba diving, and golf.

In 2002, scholar Molefi Kete Asante listed Bluford on his list of 100 Greatest African Americans, and four years later, recognized as a distinguished alumnus of Penn State by being selected as the Grand Marshal for his alma mater's Homecoming celebration.

Sources:

- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Guion_Bluford
- <https://www.instagram.com/p/CK7BMUrAvfM/?igshid=1fbax4tikdktv>

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