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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. Welcome and Announcements - (Georgeanne Bennett)

- Zoom Check-In on Tuesday at 1:00
- Board Meeting Tuesday at 7:00 on Zoom.
- Ash Wednesday Service at noon in sanctuary.
- Scouts in K-Hall on Wednesday at 6:00.
- Music jam at 11:00 on Thursday.
- Bible Study Thursday at 7:00 on Zoom.
- All Day Friday – Chico Ballet rehearsal
- Bereavement group Friday at 6:30
- All Day Saturday – Chico Ballet Spaghetti Dinner and performance
- Sacred Grounds, 9:00 next Sunday.
- Worship, 10:00 in the sanctuary, Zoom and FaceBook Live.

## III. Opening Hymn – CH #25 “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” (Nancy Thompson)

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, who rules all creation!

O my soul, worship the wellspring of health and salvation!

All ye who hear; now to God’s temple draw near, join me in glad adoration.

2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so  
wondrously reigneth;  
Who, as on wings of an eagle uplift and sustain us!  
Hast thou not seen all that is needful hath been  
Granted by in what God ordaineth?

3. Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper your work and  
defend thee;  
surely God's goodness and mercy shall daily attend  
thee.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,  
Who with great love doth befriend thee.

5. Praise to the Lord! O let all of earth's peoples and  
races  
All that has life and breath, give thanks for manifold  
graces.  
Let the Amen sound from God's people again;  
gladly forever sing praises.

#### **IV. Call to Worship – (Georgeanne Bennett)**

We are brought here today to glimpse the hope that  
Christ has for us.  
**Open our hearts to receive that hope.**

We are brought here today to be healed of our fears.  
**Heal us, Lord Jesus, with your love and power.**

Come, let us receive the vision and healing love of  
God.  
**Praise be to God who continues to bless and  
restore us. AMEN.**

#### **V. Children Dismissed for Story Time – (Peggy Davidson)**

#### **VI. 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 NRSV – (Georgeanne Bennett)**

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

### **VII. Sermon - "Be Free" (Jesse Kearns)**

### **VIII. Song of Invitation – CH #66 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" (Nancy Thompson)**

Immortal, invisible, God only wise  
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes  
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days  
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light  
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might  
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest to both great and small  
In all life thou livest, the true life of all  
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree  
And wither and perish but naught changeth thee

Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light  
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight  
All praises we render; O help us to see  
That only the splendor of light hideth thee.

### **IX. Moments for Mission – Week of Compassion**

### **X. Prayers of the People – (Mary Kearns)**

### **XI. Communion Song CH #404 "A Hymn of Joy We Sing" (Nancy Thompson)**

A hymn of joy we sing, around the table Lord;  
Again our grateful tribute bring, our solemn vows  
record

Here do we see your face, and feel your presence here  
So may the savor of your grace in word and life appear

In self-forgetting love be our communion shown  
Until we join the church above and know as we are  
known.

### **XII. Institution of Communion (Elders Nancy Morgans Ferguson and Bill Peterson)**

### **XIII. Partaking Communion Together**

XIV. Blessing/Benediction (Jesse Kearns)

XV. Postlude - (Nancy Thomson)



ASH WEDNESDAY

**Service at Noon in Sanctuary  
March 2nd**

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Feb. 27th-Mar. 6th, 2022

## CALENDAR

### **This Sunday**

9:00 a.m.-Sacred Grounds Adult Faith Formation Christian Education, Room 6 and on [Zoom](#)

10:00 a.m.-Indoor Worship in Sanctuary (please bring masks) and Worship Streamed Live on [Zoom](#) and [Facebook](#)

No Fellowship until March

### **Tuesday**

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

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

### **Wednesday**

Noon Ash Wednesday Service, Sanctuary

6:00 p.m Boy Scouts Troop 2 Koinonia Hall, Fireside

### **Thursday**

11:00 a.m. Music Jam for all fully vaccinated musicians, Room 4

7:00 p.m. Bible Study on [Zoom](#)

### **Friday**

All Day Chico Ballet Spaghetti Dinner rehearsals, Koinonia Hall, Fireside, Kitchen, 6, 10

6:30 p.m. Journeys of the Heart Bereavement Group, Spiritual Care Center (Group closed)

### **Saturday**

All Day Chico Ballet Spaghetti Dinner performance, Koinonia Hall, Fireside, Kitchen, 6, 10

### **Next Sunday—Boy Scout Sunday**

9:00 a.m.-Sacred Grounds Adult Faith Formation Christian Education, Room 6 and on [Zoom](#)

10:00 a.m.-Indoor Worship in Sanctuary (please bring masks) and Worship Streamed Live on [Zoom](#) and [Facebook](#)

Fellowship following Worship, Fireside

## 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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