



February 4th, 2024

Scout Sunday

Rev. Jesse Kearns, Pastor
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 (Joshua Hegg)

II. Ringing of the Bell

III. Welcome and Announcements – (Barbara Poetker)

- Today – Scout Sunday! Fellowship following service.
- Tuesday -- 1:00 p.m. String Ensemble, Chapel; 7:00 p.m. Church Board meeting, Zoom
- Wednesday – 6:00 p.m. Scouts BSA, Koinonia Hall, Fireside
- Thursday – 8:30 a.m. Worship Breakfast, Cozy Diner; 2:30 p.m. Music Practice, Room 4; 6:30 p.m. Living the Questions Bible Study, Room 6 and Zoom (last day).
- Saturday—2:00 p.m. Journeys of the Heart, Spiritual Care Center
- Sunday – 8:30 a.m. Sacred Grounds Room 6 and Zoom; 10:00 a.m. Worship in sanctuary, Zoom, and FaceBook Live; Fellowship in K-Hall following the service.
- Offerings may be put in the offering plate which is near the bulletins near the entrance of the sanctuary

IV. Call to Worship – (Barbara Poetker)

Welcome! Open your hearts to God's love this day!

Praise be to God who has called us here!

Let the words wash over you and offer you healing
and hope.

Praise be to God who continually blesses us!

Place your hope and trust in God!

**With joyful hearts, we come to worship and praise
God who continually blesses and provides for
us. AMEN.**

V. Opening Hymn – CH #276 “We Gather Together” (Joshua Hegg)

We gather together to ask for God's blessing,
To turn to a wisdom surpassing our own;
The pow'rs that oppress us now cease to distress us.
O God, be present with us, and make your will
known.

Beside us to guide us, O God, we perceive you
Ordaining, maintaining the power of life.
Yes, yours be the glory; let all tell the story.
Our God, be ever with us, in gladness and strife.

May all sing your praises, Redeemer triumphant,
Defend us, befriend us, whatever may be.
May your congregation escape tribulation.
Your name be praised forever, O God, make us free!

VI. Children Fourth Grade and Under Dismissed for Sunday School

VII. Laughing Bird Psalm 147:1-11, 20 (Barbara Poetker)

LORD, we sing your praises!

We love to sing your praises,
for you are incredibly generous
and you deserve all the credit we can give.

You, LORD, are the one who rebuilds the ruined city
and brings home those who have been kicked out.

You bandage the wounds of the brokenhearted,
and nurse them back to health.

It was you who counted out the stars,
and called them all by name.

You are the greatest, LORD,
your strength is off the scale,
and your grasp of what's going on is mind boggling.

You put those who have been ground into the dirt
back on their feet,
and you knock those who are callous and corrupt off
their perches.

Our songs are full of thanks to you, LORD,
as we strike up the band in your honour.

It is you who spread the clouds across the sky,
ready to rain on the earth,
ready to bring the grass springing up green.

It is you who feeds the animals;
you who responds to the hungry cry of a currawong
chick.

You are not impressed by massive horsepower;
you don't get your kicks watching tests of speed.

You would much rather that people were awestruck
by your love, LORD,
and that they built their future on the solid rock of
your faithfulness.
LORD, we sing your praises!

VIII. Scripture Reading Mark 1:29-39 (NRSV) (Barbara Poetker)

As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the
house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John.
Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever,
and they told him about her at once. He came and
took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever
left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all
who were sick or possessed with demons. And the
whole city was gathered around the door. And he
cured many who were sick with various diseases, and
cast out many demons; and he would not permit the
demons to speak, because they knew him. In the
morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and
went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed.
And Simon and his companions hunted for him.
When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is
searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the
neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the
message there also; for that is what I came out to do."
And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the
message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

IX. Sermon – “Keeping Secrets” (Rev. Jesse Kearns)

X. Hymn of Invitation – CP #108 “As the Deer” (Joshua Hegg)

As the deer pants for the water,
So my soul longs after you.
You alone are my heart's desire,
And I long to worship you.

You alone are my strength and shield;
To you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire,
And I long to worship you.

You're my friend and you are my brother
Even though you are a king.
I love you more than any other,
So much more than anything.

You alone are my strength and shield;
To you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire,
And I long to worship you.

I want you more than gold or silver;
Only you can satisfy.
You alone are the real-joy-giver
And the apple of my eye.

You alone are my strength and shield;
To you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire,
And I long to worship you.

XI. Moments for Mission: BSA Troop 2

XII. Prayers of the People

XIII. Communion Song – CP 169 “We Remember You” (Joshua Hegg)

We remember you,
We remember you;

By your sacrifice of love
All glory now is due.
At this table here
Mercy hovers near.
Thanks is offered up;
In this bread and cup
We remember you.

Precious risen Lamb,
Jesus who was slain,
Now enthroned in glory,
Forever you will reign.
Gladly we embrace
Both these signs of grace.
Thanks is offered up;
In this bread and cup
We remember you.

XIV. Institution of Communion (Gary Cantwell and Bill Peterson, elders)

XV. Partaking Communion Together

XVI. Blessing/Benediction

XVII. Postlude (Joshua Hegg)

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 January 28th, 2024:

Sanctuary: 52 Online: 18 Total: 70

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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.