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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 and Announcements – (Barbara Poetker)

- Today – Fellowship following service.
- Tuesday – 11:00 a.m. Music jam in Room 4; 7:00 p.m. Board Meeting on Zoom.
- Wednesday – Noon Chico Area Interfaith Council at Iverson Center; 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts in K-Hall and Fireside;
- Thursday – 4:30 p.m. String Ensemble practice in chapel; 7:00 p.m. Bible Study in Room 6 and on Zoom.
- Saturday – Noon Wedding Shower for Sam Marvel/Graham Kearns; 2:00 p.m. Journeys of the Heart Bereavement Group in Spiritual Care Center.
- Sunday – 9:00 a.m. Sacred Grounds; 10:00 a.m. Worship in sanctuary, Zoom and FaceBook Live; Fellowship in K-Hall following the service; Safe Space Winter Shelter begins.

III. Opening Hymn – CH #2 “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” (Joshua Hegg)

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive our fear and doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain
call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou the Father, Christ our Brother,
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the happy chorus;
stars of morning, take your part;
love divine is reigning o'er us,
binding those of tender heart.
Ever singing, move we onward,
victors in the midst of strife,
joyful music lifts us sunward
in the triumph song of life.

IV. Call to Worship – (Barbara Poetker)

God in Christ has shown us the beauty of holiness.

**We come now to express our gratitude to God
with our best gifts.**

What are these gifts?

**Our prayers, our praise, and the gifts of our
hands.**

These we should offer unto the God, but these are
not all God asks. God also asks that we surrender
ourselves to God's healing and put our words into
actions.

We would do all that the God asks.

God asks that we attend to those in need within and
outside our fellowship.

We would do all that the Lord asks.

**V. Children Fourth Grade and Under Dismissed
for Sunday School**

VI. 2 Corinthians 1:7-11 NRSV – (Barbara Poetker)

Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation. We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, of the affliction we experienced in Asia; for we were so utterly, unbearably crushed that we despaired of life itself. Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death so that we would rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead. He who rescued us from so deadly a peril will continue to rescue us; on him we have set our hope that he will rescue us again, as you also join in helping us by your prayers, so that many will give thanks on our behalf for the blessing granted to us through the prayers of many.

VII. Sermon - “Opening Spaces” (Jesse Kearns)

VIII. Song of Invitation – CH #346 “Where He Leads Me” (Joshua Hegg)

I can hear my Savior calling,
I can hear my Savior calling,
I can hear my Savior calling,
“Take thy cross and follow, follow me.”

Where he leads me, I will follow
Where he leads me, I will follow
Where he leads me, I will follow
I’ll go with him, with him all the way.

I’ll go with him through the garden,
I’ll go with him through the garden,
I’ll go with him through the garden,
I’ll go with him, with him all the way.

Where he leads me, I will follow
Where he leads me, I will follow
Where he leads me, I will follow
I’ll go with him, with him all the way.

He will give me grace and glory,
he will give me grace and glory,
he will give me grace and glory,
and go with me, with me all the way.

Where he leads me, I will follow
Where he leads me, I will follow
Where he leads me, I will follow
I’ll go with him, with him all the way.

IX. Moment for Mission – Safe Space Winter Shelter

X. Prayers of the People (Jesse Kearns)

XI. Communion Song CH #284 “Gather Us In” (Joshua Hegg)

Here in this place new light is streaming
Now is the darkness vanished away
See in this space our fears and our dreamings
Brought here to you in the light of this day

Gather us in, the lost and forsaken
Gather us in, the blind and the lame
Call to us now and we shall awaken
We shall arise at the sound of our name

We are the young, our lives are a mystery
We are the old who yearn for your face
We have been sung throughout all of history
Called to be light to the whole human race

Gather us in, the rich and the haughty
Gather us in, the proud and the strong
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly
Give us the courage to enter the song

Here we will take the wine and the water
Here we will take the bread of new birth
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters
Call us anew to be salt for the earth

Give us to drink the wine of compassion
Give us to eat the bread that is you
Nourish us well and teach us to fashion
Lives that are holy and hearts that are true

Not in the dark of buildings confining
Not in some heaven light years away
But here in this place the new light is shining
Now is the kingdom, now is the day

Gather us in and hold us forever
Gather us in and make us your own
Gather us in, all peoples together
Fire of love in our flesh and our bones
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XII. Institution of Communion (Peggy Davidson, Bobbi Robinson, elders)

XIII. Partaking Communion Together

XIV. Blessing/Benediction

XV. Postlude – (Joshua Hegg)

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**WICS will be serving a Soup
Supper after church, TODAY,
Sunday, February 5th!**

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CALENDAR

This Sunday

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

Tuesday

- 11:30 a.m. Music Jam, Room 4
- 7:00 p.m. Church Board Meeting on [Zoom](#)

Wednesday

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

Thursday

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Team Breakfast at Cozy Diner
- 4:30 p.m. String Ensemble Rehearsals, Chapel

Saturday

- Noon Graham Kearns and Samantha Marvel Wedding Shower, Koinonia Hall and Fireside
- 2:00 p.m. Journeys of the Heart Grief Group, Spiritual Care Center

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- 10:00 a.m. Indoor 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.
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- **Masks:** Masks are recommended but not required. Adult and child size masks are available in the Sanctuary as well as hand sanitizer.