

January 15th, 2023  
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(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. Welcome and Announcements – (Gary Cantwell)

- Today – Fellowship following service.
- Monday – Office Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday.
- Tuesday – 11:00 a.m. Music jam in Room 4; 2:00 p.m. WICS in Chapel; 7:00 p.m. Elder's Meeting on Zoom.
- Wednesday – 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 – 8:00 a.m. Boy Scouts workday in K-Hall and Room 8; 2:00 p.m. Journeys of the Heart Bereavement Group in Spiritual Care Center; 5:00 p.m. North Valley Intergroup Speaker Meeting in K-Hall.
- 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.

### III. Opening Hymn – CP #114 “Take My Life” (Joshua Hegg)

Holiness, holiness  
Is what I long for  
Holiness is what I need  
Holiness, holiness  
Is what You want from me

Faithfulness, faithfulness  
Is what I long for  
Faithfulness is what I need  
Faithfulness, faithfulness  
Is what You want from me

So take my heart and form it  
Take my mind transform it  
Take my will conform it  
To Yours, to Yours, O Lord

Righteousness, righteousness  
Is what I long for  
Righteousness is what I need  
Righteousness, righteousness  
Is what You want from me

So take my heart and form it  
Take my mind transform it  
Take my will conform it

To Yours, to Yours, oh Lord  
To Yours, to Yours, oh Lord  
To Yours, to Yours, oh Lord.

### IV. Call to Confession and Words of Assurance – (Gary Cantwell)

We’re just ordinary folks.  
What do you expect us to do?  
Who will listen to us anyway?  
Even if they do, they’ll only get mad.

**You’d do better to find someone else—  
someone older, someone younger,  
someone more articulate,  
someone with more courage,  
someone with more faith.**

But still we hear our call and your promise.

**Forgive our feet of clay—  
when we try and evade your call,  
when we make excuses,  
when we doubt your presence,  
when we reject your prophets,  
when we reject ourselves.  
In the opportunities and challenges in our lives,  
help us see that you are there,  
and help us respond in faith, hope, and love.**

God is our rock and our fortress.  
In God we find our hope and our strength.  
We are always surrounded by God's forgiving love,  
a love that has known us from birth  
and will never leave us.

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

### **VI. Isaiah 49:1-7 NRSV – (Gary Cantwell)**

Listen to me, O coastlands,  
pay attention, you peoples from far away!  
The Lord called me before I was born,  
while I was in my mother's womb he named me.  
He made my mouth like a sharp sword,  
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;  
he made me a polished arrow,  
in his quiver he hid me away.  
And he said to me, 'You are my servant,  
Israel, in whom I will be glorified.'  
But I said, 'I have laboured in vain,  
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;  
yet surely my cause is with the Lord,  
and my reward with my God.'

And now the Lord says,  
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,

to bring Jacob back to him,  
and that Israel might be gathered to him,  
for I am honoured in the sight of the Lord,  
and my God has become my strength—  
he says,  
'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant  
to raise up the tribes of Jacob  
and to restore the survivors of Israel;  
I will give you as a light to the nations,  
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.'

Thus says the Lord,  
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,  
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,  
the slave of rulers,  
'Kings shall see and stand up,  
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,  
because of the Lord, who is faithful,  
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.'

### **VII. Sermon - "You Are Chosen" (Jesse Kearns)**

### **VIII. Song of Invitation – CP #99 "Make Me a Servant" (Joshua Hegg)**

Make me a servant  
Humble and meek  
Lord, let me lift up  
Those who are weak

And may the prayer of my heart always be  
Make me a servant  
Make me a servant  
Make me a servant today.  
(Repeat)

### **IX. An Affirmation of Faith**

At the dawn of creation  
you were the light that split open the darkness  
and brought all things into being.  
You called a people to live in your presence  
and walk in the light of your law and prophets.

**In Jesus the Christ you have proclaimed to us  
the good news of the nearness of heaven  
and called us to repent  
and to follow him as disciples.  
He was killed but you raised him to new life,  
and although his cross is mocked as foolishness,  
to us it is your power at work,  
breaking the grip of our oppressors,  
teaching us your truth,  
healing our sicknesses,  
increasing our joy  
and leading us home to your house of prayer.**

This we confess. Amen.

### **X. Prayers of the People (Jesse Kearns)**

### **XI. Communion Song CH #386 “We Come As Guests Invited” (Joshua Hegg)**

We come as guests invited  
when Jesus bids us dine,  
his friends on earth united  
to share the bread and wine;  
the bread of life is broken  
the wine is freely poured  
for us, in solemn token  
of Christ our dying Lord.

We eat and drink, receiving  
from Christ the grace we need,  
and in our hearts believing  
on him by faith we feed;  
with wonder and thanksgiving  
for love that knows no end,  
we find in Jesus living  
our ever-present friend.

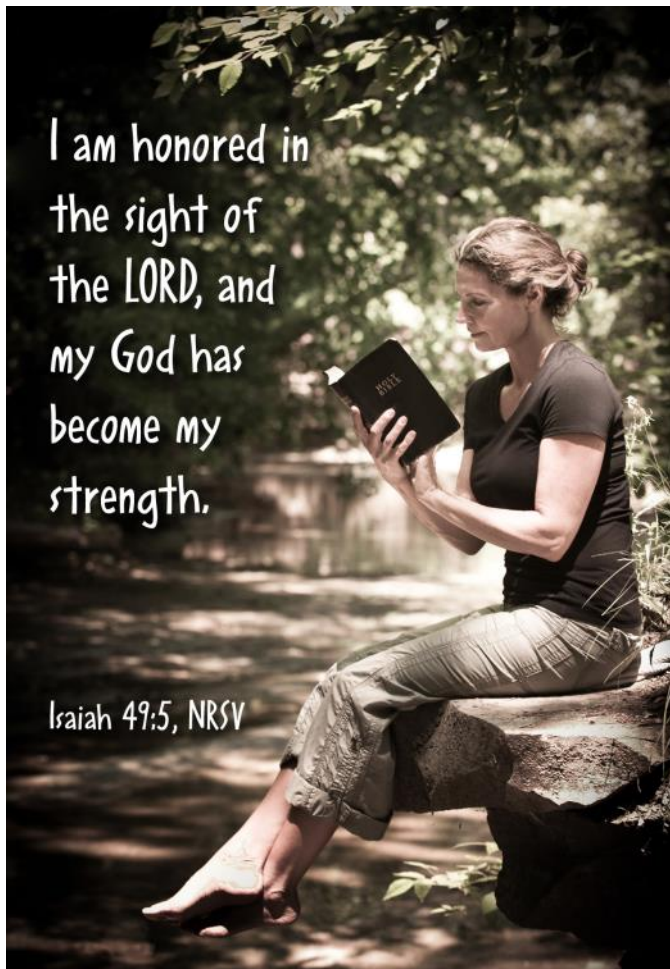
One bread is ours for sharing,  
one single, fruitful vine,  
our fellowship declaring  
renewed in bread and wine:  
renewed, sustained, and given  
by token, sign, and word,  
the pledge and seal of heaven,  
the love of Christ our Lord.

**XII. Institution of Communion (Max Erwin,  
Nancy Morgans-Ferguson, elders)**

**XIII. Partaking Communion Together**

**XIV. Blessing/Benediction**

**XV. Postlude – (Joshua Hegg)**



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## CALENDAR

### **This Sunday—Caller Deadline**

- 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](#)
- Fellowship, Koinonia Hall
- 1:00 p.m. Iglesia de Cristo Agua Viva, Sanctuary

### **Monday—Church Office Closed in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day**

#### **Tuesday**

- 11:00 a.m. Music Jam, Room 4
- 2:00 p.m. WICS, Chapel
- 7:00 p.m. Elders meeting, [Zoom](#)

#### **Wednesday**

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

#### **Thursday**

- 4:30 p.m. String Ensemble Rehearsals, Chapel
- 7:00 p.m. Bible Study, Room 6 and on [Zoom](#)

#### **Saturday**

- 7:00 a.m. Scouts, Koinonia Hall, 8
- 2:00 p.m. Journeys of the Heart Grief Group, Spiritual Care Center
- 5:00 p.m. North Valley Intergroup Speaker meeting, Koinonia Hall

#### **Next 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](#)
- Fellowship, Koinonia Hall
- 1:00 p.m. Iglesia de Cristo Agua Viva, Sanctuary

## 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.