

Words of Affection



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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 - (Pastor Jesse)

- Office closed Monday for MLK holiday
- Zoom Check-In on Tuesday at 1:00
- WICS Tuesday at 2:00
- Elder's meeting on Tuesday at 7:00
- 6:00 Boy Scouts in K-Hall
- Music practice at 11:00 on Thursday.
- Bible Study Thursday at 7:00 on Zoom.
- Bereavement group Friday at 6:00
- Sacred Grounds, 9:00 next Sunday.
- Worship, 10:00 in the sanctuary, Zoom and FaceBook Live.
- Meeting next Sunday after church (location to be announced) for all Bazaar workers and DWM participants to discuss the Bazaar and future of DWM. Contact Peggy Davidson or Nancy Thompson for more information

IV. Opening Hymn – CH #530 “I’ve Got Peace Like a River” (Joshua Hegg)

I've got peace like a river
I've got peace like a river
I've got peace like a river in my soul
I've got peace like a river
I've got peace like a river
I've got peace like a river in my soul

I've got joy like a fountain
I've got joy like a fountain
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul
I've got joy like a fountain
I've got joy like a fountain
I've got joy like a in my soul

I've got love like an ocean
I've got love like an ocean
I've got love like an ocean in my soul
I've got love like an ocean
I've got love like an ocean
I've got love like an ocean in my soul

V. Call to Worship – (Mary Kearns)

How can we keep still this day?
There is joy in this place!

God's steadfast love extends to everyone.
God reaches out to us all in forgiveness and compassion.

Thanks to God for all the wonderful blessings we have received.
Let us celebrate God's joyful love for and with us!
AMEN.

VI. Children's Moment (Pastor Jesse)

VII. Isaiah 62:1-5 NRSV (Mary Kearns)

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.
The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the Lord will give.
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
You shall no more be termed Forsaken
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her
and your land Married
for the Lord delights in you,
and your land shall be married.
For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your builder marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

VIII. Sermon - "Words of Affection" (Pastor Jesse)

IX. Song of Invitation – CH #683 “O For a World” (Joshua Hegg)

O for a world where everyone
respects each other's ways
Where love is lived and all is done
With justice and with praise

O for a world where goods are shared
And misery relived
Where truth is spoken children spared
Equality achieved

We welcome one world family
And struggle with each choice
That opens us to unity
And gives our vision voice

The poor are rich the weak are strong
The foolish ones are wise
Tell all who mourn outcasts belong
Who perishes will rise

O for a world preparing for
God's glorious reign of peace
Where time and tears will be
No more and all but love will cease

X. Moment for Mission – Surprise!

XI. Prayers of the People (Mary Kearns)

XII. Communion Song 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

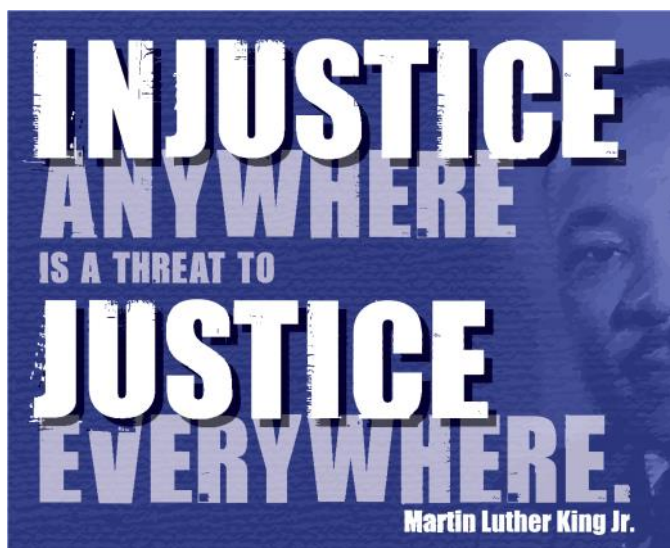
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XIII. Institution of Communion (Georgeanne Bennett and Max Erwin)

XIV. Partaking Communion Together

XV. Blessing/Benediction (Pastor Jesse)

XVI. Postlude - (Joshua Hegg)



California Mask Mandate Extended to February 15th: Everyone must wear a mask in public indoor gatherings.

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January 16th-23rd, 2022

CALENDAR

This Sunday

9:00 a.m.-Sacred Grounds Adult Faith Formation Christian Education, Chapel 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 after February 15th

Monday—Church Office Closed in honor of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Tuesday

2:00 p.m. Women In Christian Service (WICS), Bethany

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

7:00 p.m. Elders meeting on [Zoom](#)

Wednesday

6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts (Jay Nelson), Koinonia Hall and Fireside

Thursday

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

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

Friday

Chico Creek Performance postponed

11:00 a.m. Memorial for Florence Baker (Nonmember), Sanctuary

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

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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.
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