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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

- Today – Fellowship following service; 2:00 p.m. Mt. Lassen district meeting with **Regional Minister LaTaunya Bynum in Chapel**.
- Monday – 7:00 Faith and Films: *Father Stu* in Room 6.
- Tuesday – 11:00 Music jam in Room 4.
- Wednesday – 7:00 Boy Scouts in K-Hall and Fireside, 7:00 Faith and Films discussion group in Room 6 and Zoom.
- Thursday – 4:30 String Ensemble practice in the Chapel, 7:00 Bible Study in Room 6 and on Zoom.
- Friday – 1:00 Healing Circle in Chapel
- Saturday – 2:00 Journeys of the Heart Bereavement Group in Spiritual Care Center.
- Sunday – 8:30 Sacred Grounds; 10:00 Worship in sanctuary, Zoom and FaceBook Live; Fellowship in K-Hall following the service.

III. Opening Hymn – CH #420 “I Come With Joy” (Nancy Thompson)

I come with joy a child of God
Forgiven, loved and free
The life of Jesus to recall
In love laid down for me
In love laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near
To find, as all are fed
The new community of love
In Christ's communion bread
In Christ's communion bread

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share
Each proud division ends
The love that made us, makes us one,
And strangers now are friends
And strangers now are friends

The Spirit of the risen Christ
Unseen but ever near,
Is in such friendship better known
Alive among us here
Alive among us here

Together met, together bound
By all that God has done,
We'll go with joy to give the world
The love that makes us one,
The love that makes us one.

**IV. Call to Worship (congregational response
from CP #42 "Lord, Be Glorified") – (Kathy
Moran)**

Sing praise to God all you people! Praise God who
gave us the gift of life and love!

**In our lives, Lord
Be glorified, be glorified
In our lives, Lord
Be glorified today.**

Sing praise to God who has called us together as one
body in Christ to shine the light of God's love in the
world.

**In our church, Lord
Be glorified, be glorified
In our church, Lord
Be glorified today.**

Sing praise to the one who fills us with hope through
the power of the Holy Spirit.

**In our prayers, Lord
Be glorified, be glorified
In our prayers, Lord
Be glorified today.**

Lord, open our hearts to the surprising ways in which
you offer to us your love and your presence. Help us
to truly believe in the wondrous ways that you work in
our lives. Give us hearts and spirits for service to you.
In Jesus' Name, we pray.

V. Children Fourth Grade and Under Dismissed for Sunday School

VI. 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 NRSV – (Kathy Moran)

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?

I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.)

For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

VII. Sermon - "United in Mind and Purpose" (Jesse Kearns)

VIII. Song of Invitation – CH #495 "Weave" (Nancy Thompson)

Weave, weave, weave us together
Weave us together in unity and love
Weave, weave, weave us together
Weave us together, together in love.

Weave, weave, weave us together
Weave us together in unity and love
Weave, weave, weave us together
Weave us together, together in love.

IX. An Affirmation of Faith

**As members of the Christian Church,
We confess that Jesus is the Christ,
the Son of the living God,
and proclaim him Lord and Savior of the world.
In Christ's name and by his grace
we accept our mission of witness
and service to all people.
We rejoice in God,
maker of heaven and earth,
and in God's covenant of love
which binds us to God and to one another.**

Through baptism into Christ
we enter into newness of life
and are made one with the whole people of God.
In the communion of the Holy Spirit
we are joined together in discipleship
and in obedience to Christ.
At the Table of the Lord
we celebrate with thanksgiving
the saving acts and presence of Christ.
Within the universal church
we receive the gift of ministry
and the light of scripture.
In the bonds of Christian faith
we yield ourselves to God
that we may serve the One
whose kingdom has no end.
Blessing, glory, and honor
be to God forever. Amen.

X. Prayers of the People (Jesse Kearns)

XI. Communion Song CH #330 “Alleluia! Hear God’s Story” (Nancy Thompson)

Alleluia! Hear God’s story,
still unfolding with each dawn.
Taste the wine and body broken:
God’s creative love lives on.
Who the neighbor? Who the hungry?
Who is thirsty for shalom?

God of journey, in your story;
lead us, with the neighbor, home.

Alleluia! Sing the story;
God’s great faithfulness proclaim.
Tell of prophets and apostles;
sing the power of Jesus’ name.
Who the neighbor? Who the listener?
Who has ears to hear our song?
God of history, tune our voices,
make our hopeful witness strong.

Alleluia! Dance the story;
every sinew now engage.
Tethered close in truthful worship,
boldly face the coming age.
Who the neighbor? Who the watchful?
Who will welcome life’s embrace?
God of gospel, tell the story
through our dancing of your grace.

XII. Institution of Communion (Bill Peterson and Kevin Zeitler elders)

XIII. Partaking Communion Together

XIV. Blessing/Benediction

XV. Postlude – (Nancy Thompson)

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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](#)
- Fellowship, Koinonia Hall
- 1:00 p.m. Iglesia de Cristo Agua Viva, Sanctuary
- 2:00 p.m. Mt. Lassen district meeting with Regional Minister LaTaunya Bynum in Chapel.

Monday

- 7:00 p.m. Faith in Films, *Father Stu*

Tuesday

- 11:00 a.m. Music Jam, Room 4

Wednesday

- 6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Troop 2 Koinonia Hall, Fireside
- 7:00 p.m. Faith in Films Discussion, *Father Stu*, Room 6 and on [Zoom](#)

Thursday

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Team Breakfast at Cozy Diner
- 4:30 p.m. String Ensemble Rehearsals, Chapel
- 7:00 p.m. Bible Study, Room 6 and on [Zoom](#)

Friday

- 1:00 p.m. Healing Circle, **Chapel**

Saturday

- 2:00 p.m. Journeys of the Heart Grief Group, Spiritual Care Center

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- 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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