



RISE AND PLEAD YOUR CASE

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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 – “Soldier, Poet, King” (The Upbeats)

II. Welcome and Announcements

Tuesday – 11:30 a.m. Music jam in Room 4.

Wednesday – 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts in K-Hall and Fireside.

Thursday – 8:30 a.m. Worship Team breakfast at Cozy Diner; 4:30 p.m. String Ensemble practice in the Chapel, 7:00 p.m. Bible Study in Room 6 and on Zoom.

Saturday – 2:00 p.m. Journeys of the Heart Bereavement Group in Spiritual Care Center.

Sunday – 8:30 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 – “I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord/I Will Enter His Gates” (The Upbeats)

I will enter His gates with thanksgiving in my heart,
I will enter His courts with praise
I will say this is the day that the Lord has made,
I will rejoice for He has made me glad
He has made me glad, He has made me glad,
I will rejoice for He has made me glad
He has made me glad, He has made me glad,
I will rejoice for He has made me glad

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever
I will sing, I will sing
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord

With my mouth, will I make known
Thy faithfulness, thy faithfulness
With my mouth, will I make known
Thy faithfulness to all generations

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IV. Call to Worship – (Jerry Hambleton)

Come and hear the good news.
No matter what is happening in your life,
God's blessing and love is with you.
Come and hear what God wants you to do:
live lives of justice and love and truth.
Come and get courage and strength
to be fools for Christ,
embracing Kingdom values
rather than those of the world.

**We're here, ready to listen, open to change,
expecting to be blessed by our time together.**

V. Children Fourth Grade and Under Dismissed for Sunday School

VI. Micah 6:1-8 NRSV – (Jerry Hambleton)

Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before
the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear,
you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you

enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. “O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.”

“With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

VII. Sermon - “Rise and Plead Your Case” (Jesse Kearns)

VIII. Song of Invitation – “All Day Song” (The Upbeats)

Love Him in the morning
When you see the son arising
Love Him in the evening
Cause He took you through the day
And in the in-between time
When you feel the pressure coming
Remember that He loves you
And he promises to stay

When you think you’ve got to worry
‘Cause it seems the thing to do
Remember He ain’t in a hurry
He’s always got time for you, so

Love Him in the morning
When you see the son arising
Love Him in the evening
Cause He took you through the day
And in the in-between time
When you feel the pressure coming
Remember that He loves you
And he promises to stay

When He went away to heaven
Said He still has work to do
The Father has some extra mansions
He’s savin’ one for you, so

Love Him in the morning
When you see the son arising
Love Him in the evening
Cause He took you through the day
And in the in-between time
When you feel the pressure coming
Remember that He loves you
And he promises to stay

IX. Moment for Mission

X. Prayers of the People (Jesse Kearns)

XI. Communion Song United Methodist Hymnal #261 “Lord of the Dance” (The Upbeats) Please see music at end of bulletin

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the
earth.

At Bethlehem I had my birth.

Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
but they would not dance and they would not follow
me;

I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;
they came to me and the dance went on.

Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

I danced on the sabbath when I cured the lame,
the holy people said it was a shame;
they whipped and they stripped and they hung me
high;
and they left me there on a cross to die.

Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

I danced on a Friday and the sky turned black;
it's hard to dance with the devil on your back;
they buried my body and they thought I'd gone,
but I am the dance and I still go on.

Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

Lord of the Dance

They cut me down and I leapt up high,
I am the life that'll never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

XII. Institution of Communion (Max Erwin and Georgia Nelson elders)

XIII. Partaking Communion Together

XIV. Blessing/Benediction

XV. Postlude "People Get Ready" – (The Upbeats)

Unison

1. I danced in the morn-ing when the world was be-gun, and I
2. I danced for the scribe and the Phar-i-see, but they
3. I danced on the sab-bath when I cured the lame, the
4. I danced on a Fri-day and the sky turned black; it's
5. They cut me down and I leapt up high,

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would not dance and they would not fol-low me; I
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hard to dance with the dev-il on your back; they
I am the life that -'ll nev-er, nev-er die; I'll

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bur-ied my bod-y and they thought I'd gone, but
live in you if you'll live in me;

Beth-le-hem I had my birth.
came to me and the dance went on.
left me there on a cross to die. Dance, then, wher-
I am the dance and I still go on.
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

Refrain

WORDS: Sydney Carter, 1963

MUSIC: 19th cent. Shaker tune; adapt. by Sydney Carter, 1963;
harm. by Gary Alan Smith, 1988LORD OF THE DANCE
Irr. with Refrain

LIFE AND TEACHING

ev - er you may be; I am the Lord of the
Dance, said he. And I'll lead you all wher - ev - er you may
be, and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

The musical score is written for piano and voice. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score is divided into three systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The first system has a treble staff with a melody and a bass staff with a simple accompaniment. The second system has a treble staff with a melody and a bass staff with a simple accompaniment. The third system has a treble staff with a melody and a bass staff with a simple accompaniment. The lyrics are: 'ev - er you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. And I'll lead you all wher - ev - er you may be, and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.'

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

Jan. 29th—Feb. 5th, 2023

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

Tuesday

- 11:30 a.m. Music Jam, Room 4

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

- 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](#)
- **WICS serving Soup Supper for 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.
- **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.