



Rise and Shine!

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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.
- Tuesday – 9:30 a.m. Koinonia Krafters in Fireside, 11:00 a.m. Music jam in Room 4.
- Wednesday – 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts in K-Hall and Fireside.
- Thursday – 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 – CH #66 “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” (Nancy Thompson)

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish, but naught changest thee.

Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all praises we render: O help us to see
that only the splendor of light hideth thee.

IV. Call to Confession – (Kathy Moran)

All-glorious God, we have faith in Jesus Christ, and
love towards your people, yet we are not without
blemish in your sight, not full of love, wisdom, and
other spiritual blessings you still have available for
us. Our love is not as inclusive as yours, and there
is much we need to learn.

**Give us clearer vision of all that we are meant to
be, so that by becoming fulfilled, we may
increase the glory that is properly revealed in
Jesus Christ, your beloved. Amen**

V. Words of Forgiveness - (Kathy Moran)

God has declared that through our union with Christ
and through our faith in him
we may enter God's presence with all confidence.
Our sins are no longer held against us,
God's grace has been given to us.

Sisters and Brothers,
your sins are forgiven;
be at peace.

VI. Children Fourth Grade and Under Dismissed for Sunday School

VII. Isaiah 60:1-6 NRSV – (Kathy Moran)

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of
the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover
the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the
Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear
over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings
to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and
look around; they all gather together, they come to
you; your sons shall come from far away, and your
daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then
you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and
rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be
brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come
to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the
young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from
Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and
frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the
Lord.

VIII. Sermon - “Rise and Shine!” (Jesse Kearns)

IX. Song of Invitation – CH #469 “I Am the Light of the World” (Nancy Thompson)

I am the Light of the World
You people come and follow me.
If you follow and love, you’ll learn the mystery
Of what you were meant to do and be.

When the song of the angels is stilled.
When the star in the sky is gone.
When the magi and the shepherds have found their
way home.
The work of Christmas is begun!

I am the Light of the World
You people come and follow me.
If you follow and love, you’ll learn the mystery
Of what you were meant to do and be.

To find the lost and lonely one,
To heal that broken soul with love,
To feed the hungry children with warmth and good
food,
To feel the earth below the sky above!

I am the Light of the World
You people come and follow me.
If you follow and love, you’ll learn the mystery
Of what you were meant to do and be.

To free the prisoner from his chains,
To make the powerful care,
To rebuild the nations with strength and goodwill,
To see God’s children everywhere.

I am the Light of the World
You people come and follow me.
If you follow and love, you’ll learn the mystery
Of what you were meant to do and be.

To bring hope to every task you do,
To dance at a baby’s new birth,
To make music in an old person’s heart,
And sing to the colors of the earth!

X. An Affirmation of Faith

Let us lift up our hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise, O
God,
for you are the fulfillment of all our searching.

**Since the time you created all things
you have had a plan
— hidden in mystery through the ages —
to draw all the world into one body,
and to share with all peoples your promises of
glory.**

**And now the light has risen,
the mystery is made known:
your beloved child, Jesus, is revealed to the whole
world
as Saviour and Redeemer,
and as the King who reigns in justice and peace.
You made him known first
to the magi from the east,
who came to pay him homage,
though they knew of him only what the silent
stars could tell.**

**And now, you draw us again to the feet of Jesus
— the crucified and risen Christ —
to offer our gifts of praise to the light of the
world.**

XI. Prayers of the People (Jesse Kearns)

XII. Communion Song CH #484 “We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations” (Nancy Thompson)

We’ve a story to tell to the nations,
that shall turn their hearts to the right,
a story of truth and mercy,
a story of peace and light,
a story of peace and light.

For the darkness shall turn to dawning,
and the dawning to noonday bright;
and Christ’s great kingdom shall come on earth,
the kingdom of love and light.

We’ve a song to be sung to the nations,
that shall lift their hearts to the Lord;
a song that shall conquer evil
and shatter the spear and sword,
and shatter the spear and sword.

For the darkness shall turn to dawning,
and the dawning to noonday bright;
and Christ’s great kingdom shall come on earth,
the kingdom of love and light.

We’ve a message to give to the nations,
that the Lord who reigneth above
hath sent us his Son to save us,
and show us that God is love,
and show us that God is love.

For the darkness shall turn to dawning,
and the dawning to noonday bright;
and Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth,
the kingdom of love and light.

We've a Savior to show to the nations,
who the path of sorrow hath trod,
that all of the world's great peoples
might come to the truth of God,
might come to the truth of God

For the darkness shall turn to dawning,
and the dawning to noonday bright;
and Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth,
the kingdom of love and light.

**XIII. Institution of Communion (Max Erwin and
Bobbie Robinson, elders)**

XIV. Partaking Communion Together

XV. Blessing/Benediction

XVI. Postlude – (Nancy Thompson)

Taking Down Christmas Decorations—Date Change!!

We need help with taking down the Christmas
Decorations. If you can help, please show up
TODAY Sunday, January 8th, at 3:00 p.m.!

**Christmas Cards Received After Jan. 1 Bulletin
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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

Tuesday

- 9:30 a.m. Koinonia Krafters, Fireside
- 11:00 a.m. Music Jam, Room 4

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](#)

Friday

Saturday

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

Next Sunday—Caller Deadline

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- 10:00 a.m. Indoor Worship in Sanctuary and Worship Streamed Live on [Zoom](#) and [Facebook](#)
- Fellowship, 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.
- **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.