



Our Mission and Witness to All



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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 - (Barbara Poetker)

- Today – Fellowship hosted by Peggy Davidson.
- Tuesday –9:30 a.m., Koinonia Krafters in Fireside Room.
- Wednesday – 11:30 a.m., Celebration of Life for Opal Crowder in the sanctuary followed by a reception in Koinonia Hall; 6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Troop 2 in Koinonia Hall and Fireside.
- Thursday – 10:00 a.m. Music Jam in Room 4 and Bible Study 7:00 p.m. in Room 6 and on Zoom.
- Friday – 2:00 p.m. Journeys of the Heart Bereavement Group in the Spiritual Care Center.
- Next Sunday - 9:00 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.

## III. Opening Hymn – CH #356 “We Your People, God Confessing” (Nancy Thompson)

We your people, God, confessing  
Jesus Christ your Son as Lord  
Gather here in common worship  
Praising your incarnate word

Through the power of Christ within us  
We are strengthened to proclaim  
Gospel truth in witness, service,  
Offered in Christ's holy name.

We your people, God, rejoicing  
In your vast creative power  
Bind ourselves, each with the other  
Covenant in love this hour  
Through baptismal rite we enter  
Rising newly born to be  
Unified with your whole people  
Here in perfect liberty

We, your people, God, communing  
Through the Holy Spirit here  
Joined together as disciples,  
In obedience now draw near  
At the table where the emblems  
Of Christ's sacrifice are spread  
Here we celebrate his presence  
With the cup and broken bread

We, your people, God receiving  
Gifts of ministry outpoured  
In the light of holy scripture  
Are set free, refreshed, restored  
In the bonds of faith we serve you,  
God of all, whom we adore  
Yours the blessing, yours the glory,  
One God, reigning evermore!

#### **IV. Call to Worship – (Barbara Poetker)**

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.**

#### **V. Children Dismissed for Sunday School – (Peggy Davidson)**

#### **VI. Luke 4:14-21 NRSV – (Barbara Poetker)**

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit,  
returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread  
through all the surrounding country. He began to  
teach in their synagogues and was praised by  
everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had  
been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the  
sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read,  
and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him.  
He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it  
was written:

‘The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.'

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

### **VII. Sermon - "Our Mission and Witness to All" (Jesse Kearns)**

### **VIII. Song of Invitation – CH #344 "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" (Nancy Thompson)**

I have decided to follow Jesus  
I have decided to follow Jesus  
I have decided to follow Jesus  
No turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me  
The world behind me, the cross before me  
The world behind me, the cross before me  
No turning back, no turning back.

Though none go with me, I still will follow  
Though none go with me, I still will follow  
Though none go with me, I still will follow  
No turning back, no turning back.

Will you decide now, to follow Jesus?  
Will you decide now, to follow Jesus?  
Will you decide now, to follow Jesus?  
No turning back, no turning back.

### **IX. Moments for Mission – Surprise!**

### **X. Prayers of the People – (Mary Kearns)**

### **XI. Communion Song CH #386 "We Come As Guests Invited" (Nancy Thompson)**

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 (Elders Nancy Morgans-Ferguson and Georgia Nelson)**

## **XIII. Partaking Communion Together**

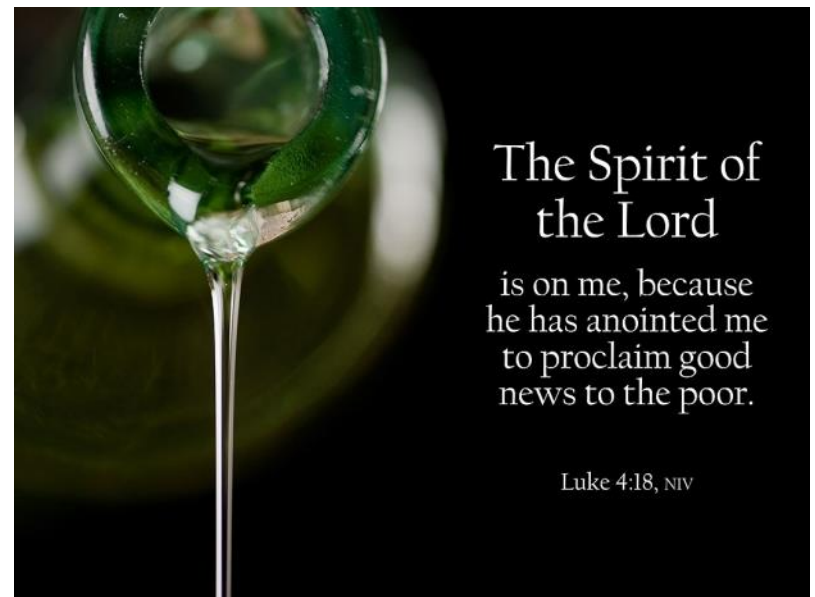
## **XIV. Blessing/Benediction (Jesse Kearns)**

## **XV. Postlude – (Nancy Thompson)**

**Upper Room Devotionals:** The July-August Upper Room Devotionals are available on the bookshelves in the narthex of the Sanctuary.

## **Credits**

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July 10th-17th, 2022

## CALENDAR

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- Fellowship following Worship, Koinonia Hall, hosted by Peggy Davidson

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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.
- **Visit our website to donate online, subscribe to our mailing lists, and learn more about us!** [www.fccchico.com](http://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.