



Covering For Our Mistakes



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(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 – (Nancy Thompson)

II. Jacob Bachmann Baptism Service (Tom Shifflett and Family)

III. Welcome and Announcements - (Pastor Jesse)

- Zoom Check-In on Tuesday at 1:00
- Music Jam Thursday at 11:00
- Thursday Bible study on Zoom at 7:00
- Sacred Grounds, 9:00 next Sunday
- Worship, 10:00 in the sanctuary, Zoom and FaceBook Live

IV. Opening Hymn – CH #261 “Sweet, Sweet Spirit” (Nancy Thompson)

There's a sweet, sweet spirit in this place
And I know that it's the Spirit on the Lord;
There are sweet expressions on each face
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.
Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove
Stay right here with us filling us with your love
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise
Without a doubt we'll know
That we have been revived
When we shall leave this place.

V. Call to Worship – (Mary Kearns)

Turn your hearts to God.

What shall we do when we are worried?

Place your trust in God's love and mercy.

What shall we do when our lives seem too crowded and busy?

Take time for the refreshing words of God's love for you.

Open our hearts, O Lord, and make us ready for your words to us. AMEN.

VI. Children's Moment

VII. 2 Samuel 11:1-15 NRSV – (Mary Kearns)

In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites, and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.

It happened, late one afternoon, when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful. David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, 'This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite.' So David sent messengers to fetch her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying

herself after her period.) Then she returned to her house. The woman conceived; and she sent and told David, 'I am pregnant.'

So David sent word to Joab, 'Send me Uriah the Hittite.' And Joab sent Uriah to David. When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab and the people fared, and how the war was going. Then David said to Uriah, 'Go down to your house, and wash your feet.' Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king. But Uriah slept at the entrance of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house. When they told David, 'Uriah did not go down to his house', David said to Uriah, 'You have just come from a journey. Why did you not go down to your house?' Uriah said to David, 'The ark and Israel and Judah remain in booths;* and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field; shall I then go to my house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do such a thing.' Then David said to Uriah, 'Remain here today also, and tomorrow I will send you back.' So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day. On the next day, David invited him to eat and drink in his presence and made him drunk; and in the evening he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house.

In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah. In the letter he wrote, 'Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, so that he may be struck down and die.'

VIII. Sermon - “Covering for Our Mistakes” (Pastor Jesse)

IX. Song of Invitation – [CH #295 “In This Very Room”](#) (Nancy Thompson)

In this very room, there’s quite enough love for one like me
And in this very room there’s quite enough joy for one like me
And there’s quite enough hope, and quite enough power
To chase away any gloom
For Jesus, Lord Jesus is in this very room.

In this very room there’s quite enough love for all of us
And in this very room there’s quite enough joy for all of us
And there’s quite enough hope, and quite enough power
To chase away any gloom
For Jesus, Lord Jesus is in this very room.

In this very room there’s quite enough love for all the world
And in this very room there’s quite enough joy for all the world
And there’s quite enough hope, and quite enough power
To chase away any gloom
For Jesus, Lord Jesus is in this very room.

X. Moment for Mission – (Surprise)

XI. Prayers of the People – (Mary Kearns)

XII. Communion Song 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

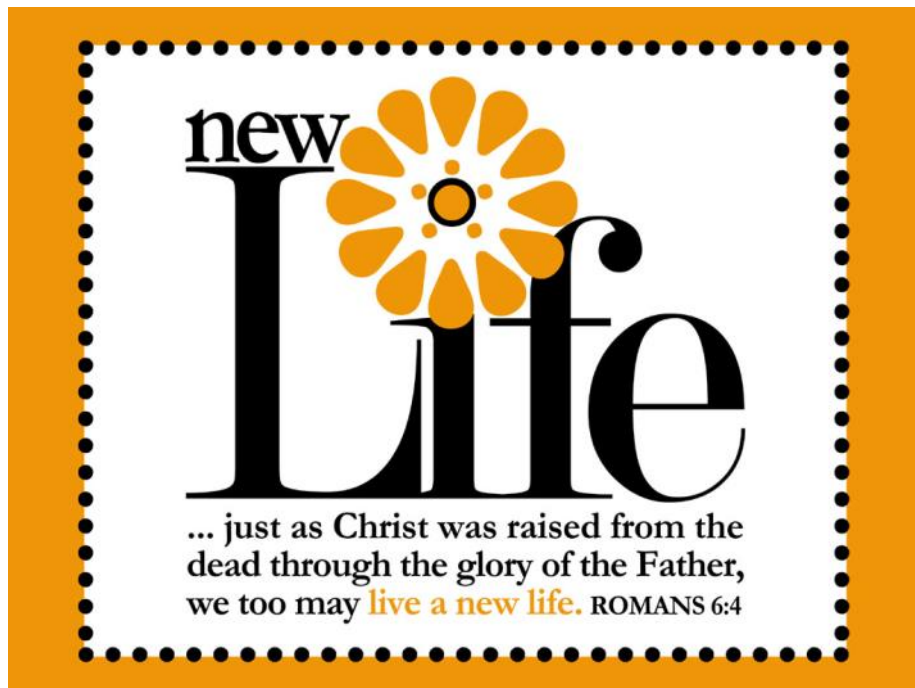
Together met, together bound by all that God has done
We’ll go with joy to give the world the love that makes us one
The love that makes us one.

XIII. Institution of Communion (Elders Peggy Davidson and Georgia Nelson)

XIV. Partaking Communion Together

XV. Blessing/Benediction (Pastor Jesse)

XVI. Postlude - (Nancy Thompson)



Looking Ahead

- August 7th, Saturday, Disciples Virtual Gathering
To learn more about the event and to register please go to: <https://disciples.org/2021-virtual-gathering>
- Planning Memorial Service Guidelines are available in Sanctuary, and online here: <https://www.fccchico.com/resources.html>

July 18th-25th

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](#)

Monday

1:30 p.m.—Endowment Meeting, Business Office
6:30 p.m.—Journeys of the Heart Bereavement,
Spiritual Care Center

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

9:00 a.m.—PEO Meeting, Fireside

Thursday

11:00 a.m.-Music Jam practice, all fully vaccinated
musicians welcome! Room 4 or Sanctuary
7:00 p.m.-Bible Study on [Zoom](#)

Saturday

10:00 a.m.-Shalom Free Clinic Yoga Class, Koinonia
Hall

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[Zoom](#) and [Facebook](#)

Church Office Administrative Assistant Briony works
remotely from home on Fridays.

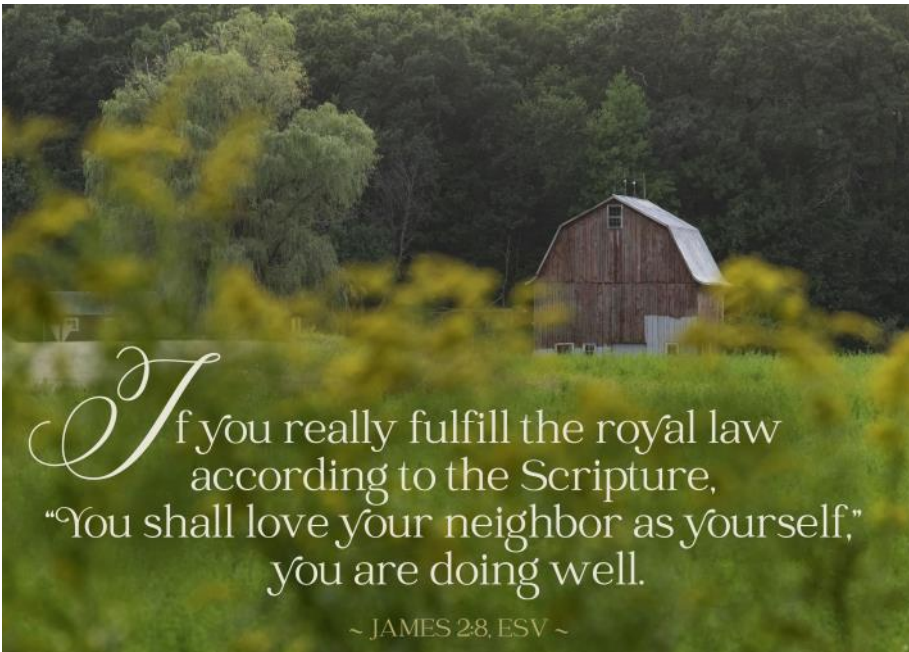
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If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture,
“You shall love your neighbor as yourself,”
you are doing well.

~ JAMES 2:8, ESV ~

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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Changes to In Person Worship

New Mask Guidelines for California

The following is pasted from the website: <https://covid19.ca.gov/masks-and-ppe/>

California has now changed its mask requirements to match the CDC's.

- **Vaccinated people do not need to wear masks in most circumstances**
- Unvaccinated people should wear masks in indoor, public settings
- **Everyone should wear masks in:** Public transit, Hospitals, Long-term care facilities, Homeless shelters, Indoors in K-12 schools, childcare, and other youth settings

What FCC Chico is doing:

- **Please continue to bring a mask because we will be trying congregational singing with masks on (because we have vulnerable people who are unable to get vaccinated at this time).**
- **We will be asking unvaccinated people to wear masks.**

Our top priority is the safety of our church family and visitors.

1. **We are continuing to have live-streaming options via Zoom, and FaceBook Live.** Jesse will only be able to interact with Zoom and FaceBook live people during Prayers of the People.

2. We will take temperatures upon entry and names and contact information will be collected to aid in any contact tracing (separate jars of clean sanitized and used pens).
3. Communion will be single-serve, pre-packaged sealed cups of juice with wafers sealed on top. Think Lunchables. The wafers are NOT gluten free. You may bring your own communion if you prefer.
4. Songs will be on the monitors and the bulletin will be emailed out on Fridays and again on Sunday mornings. We encourage you to either print your own copy to use during the service, or download it before coming. There will be no public wifi available as we need ALL the bandwidth to livestream.
5. Offering plates will not be passed. You may place your offerings in the plate as directed at the beginning or end of the service.
6. **Please do NOT attend the in person services if you are unwell, or think you may have been exposed to COVID-19.**
 - After every service, the sanctuary will be disinfected.
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