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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 – “Wayfaring Stranger” (The Upbeats)

II. Welcome and Announcements - (Georgeanne Bennett)

- Tuesday – 7:00 p.m. Church Board Meeting.
- Wednesday – 6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Troop 2 in Fireside and K-Hall
- Thursday – 10:00 a.m. Music Jam in Room 4; Boy Scouts Troop 2 in Fireside, 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 – “Thank You Dear Lord” (The Upbeats)

Thank you, dear Lord, for the sunshine
Thank you, dear Lord, for the sunshine
‘Cause you’ve given us your son
And we’ve only just begun
Thank you, dear Lord, for the sunshine.

Thank you, dear Lord, for the morning

Thank you, dear Lord, for the morning
'Cause you've given us your son
And we've only just begun
Thank you, dear Lord, for the morning.

Thank you, dear Lord, for these people
Thank you, dear Lord, for these people
'Cause you've given us your son
And we've only just begun
Thank you, dear Lord, for these people.

Thank you, dear Lord, for the good times
Thank you, dear Lord, for the good times
'Cause you've given us your son
And we've only just begun
Thank you, dear Lord, for the good times.

Thank you, dear Lord, for the sunshine
Thank you, dear Lord, for the sunshine
'Cause you've given us your son
And we've only just begun
Thank you, dear Lord, for the sunshine.

IV. Call to Worship – (Georgeanne Bennett)

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 the covenant of love
Which binds us to God and 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.**

V. Children Dismissed for Sunday School –

VI. John 14:15-26 NRSV – (Georgeanne Bennett)

Jesus said, 'If you love me, you will keep my
commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will
give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever.
This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot
receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him.
You know him, because he abides with you, and he
will be in you.

‘I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.’ Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, ‘Lord, how is it that you will reveal yourself to us, and not to the world?’ Jesus answered him, ‘Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.’

‘I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you.’

VII. Sermon - “Joined Together in Discipleship” (Jesse Kearns)

VIII. Song of Invitation – “Lean on Me” (The Upbeats)

Sometimes in our lives we all have pain
We all have sorrows
But if we are wise
We know that there’s always tomorrow

Lean on me, when you’re not strong
And I’ll be your friend, I’ll help you carry one
For, it won’t be long
Till I’m going to need somebody to lean on

Please swallow your pride
If I have things you need to borrow
For no one can fill those of your needs
That you don’t let show

Lean on me, when you’re not strong
And I’ll be your friend, I’ll help you carry one
For, it won’t be long
Till I’m going to need somebody to lean on

If there is a load, you have to bear that you can’t carry
I’m right up the road
I’ll share your load if you just call me.

Lean on me, when you’re not strong
And I’ll be your friend, I’ll help you carry one

For, it won't be long
Till I'm going to need somebody to lean on

So just call on me brother when you need a hand
We all need somebody to lean on
I just might have a problem that you'd understand
We all need somebody to lean on

Lean on me, when you're not strong
And I'll be your friend, I'll help you carry one
For, it won't be long
Till I'm going to need somebody to lean on

Lean on me, when you're not strong
And I'll be your friend, I'll help you carry one
For, it won't be long
Till I'm going to need somebody to lean on

IX. Moments for Mission – Surprise!

X. Prayers of the People – (Mary Kearns)

XI. Communion Song CP #161 “Here Is Bread” (The Upbeats)

Here is bread, here is wine
Christ is with us, he is with us
Break the bread, drink the wine
Christ is with us here

Here is grace, here is peace
Christ is with us, he is with us
Know his grace, find his peace
Feast on Jesus here

In this bread, there is healing
In this cup is life forever
In this moment, by the spirit
Christ is with us here

Here we are, joined as one
Christ is with us, he is with us
We'll proclaim, 'til he comes
Jesus crucified.

In this bread, there is healing
In this cup is life forever
In this moment, by the spirit
Christ is with us here

Here is bread, here is wine
Christ is with us, he is with us
Break the bread, drink the wine
Christ is with us here
Christ is with us here

**XII. Institution of Communion (Max Erin and
Barbara Poetker)**

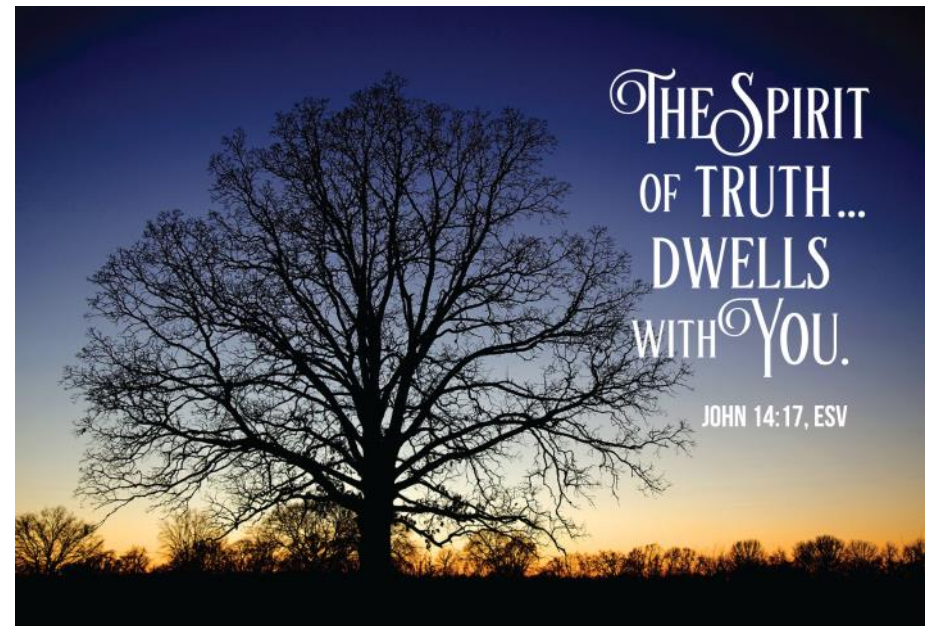
XIII. Partaking Communion Together

XIV. Blessing/Benediction (Jesse Kearns)

XV. Postlude – (Josh Hegg)

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July 31st-Aug. 7th, 2022

CALENDAR

This 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](#)
- 12 noon Connie Wakefield use, Fireside

Tuesday

- 7:00 p.m. Church Board Meeting

Wednesday

- 6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Troop 2 Koinonia Hall, Fireside

Thursday

- 10:00 a.m. Music Jam, Room 4
- 2:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Eagle Scout class, Fireside
- 7:00 p.m. Bible Study, Room 6 and on [Zoom](#)

Friday

- 2:00 p.m. Journeys of the Heart Bereavement Grief Group, 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](#)

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.