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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 – (Joshua Hegg)

II. Welcome and Announcements – (Jerry Hambleton)

Monday – Office closed in observance of Independence Day.

Wednesday – Boy Scouts in K-Hall at 6:00 p.m.

Thursday - Music practice at 10:00 a.m. in Room 4.

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

Sunday - Sacred Grounds at 9:00 a.m. on Zoom and Room 6; Worship at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary, Zoom and FaceBook Live. Fellowship in KHall hosted by Peggy Davidson.

III. Opening Hymn – CH #357 “We Call Ourselves Disciples” (Joshua Hegg)

We call ourselves disciples,
as pilgrims on the way.

We seek the truth in wisdom,
and beauty in each day.

As women, men, and children,
we serve Christ's path to clear.

In joyful expectation
we see God's reign draw near.

The cup and cross before us,
proclaim our hope above,
the sign of our Redeemer,
the vessel of his love.
Once more the cross is lifted,
the cup poured out for all.
When gathered at the table
we hear our common call.

We're baptized in the Spirit,
in waters God provides.
In Christ we rise to newness,
for in him we have died.
Now dead to powers of evil,
and free from hopeless fears,
we live with faith and purpose,
creative through the years.

We join with all disciples
to live the Word in deed,
to share the cup of water
and bread with all in need;
to work till God's compassion
and righteousness prevail,
till all this planet's people
know justice without fail.

So now the vision brightens,
the light of Christ burns still
in hearts of all disciples

to be the church God wills.
From quiet meditation,
and joyous hymns of praise,
we go to do God's mission!
Christ, lead us all our days!

IV. Call to Worship (Jerry Hambleton)

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 God's covenant of love
which binds us to God and to 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.

At the Table of the Lord
we celebrate with thanksgiving
the saving acts and presence of Christ.

Within the universal church
we receive the gift of ministry
and the light of scripture.

In the bonds of Christian faith
we yield ourselves to God
that we may serve the One
whose kingdom has no end.
Blessing, glory, and honor
be to God forever. Amen.

V. Scripture Reading Matthew 16:13-21 NRSV (Jerry Hambleton)

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and

on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.'

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

VI. Sermon - "Lord and Savior of the World" (Pastor Jesse)

VII. Song of Invitation – CH #381 "Take My Gifts" (Joshua Hegg)

Take my gifts and let me love you,
God who first of all loved me,
gave me light and food and shelter
gave me life and set me free.

Now, because your love has touched me,
I have love to give away,
now the bread of love is rising,
loaves of love to multiply.

Take the fruit that I have gathered
from the tree your Spirit sowed,
harvest of your own compassion,
juice that makes the wine of God,
spiced with humor, laced with laughter
flavor of the Jesus life,
tang of risk and new adventure,
taste and zest beyond belief.

Take whatever I can offer
gifts that I have yet to find,
skills that I am slow to sharpen,
talents of the hand and mind,
things made beautiful for others
in the place where I must be:
take my gifts and let me love you,
God who first of all loved me.

VIII. Moment for Mission

IX. Prayers of the People (Mary Kearns)

X. Communion Song CH #384 “Here at Thy Table, Lord” (Joshua Hegg)

Here at thy table, Lord, this sacred hour,
O let us feel thee near, in loving power;
calling our thoughts away from self and sin.
As to thy banquet hall we enter in.

Sit at the feast, dear Lord, break thou the bread;
fill thou the cup that brings life to the dead;
that we may find in thee, pardon and peace;
and from all bondage win a full release.

Come then, O holy Christ, feed us, we pray;
touch with thy pierced hand each common day;
making this earthly life full of thy grace,
till in the home of heaven we find our place.

XI. Institution of Communion (Elders Peggy Davidson and Bill Peterson)

XII. Partaking Communion Together

XIII. Blessing/Benediction (Pastor Jesse)

XIV. Postlude - (Joshua Hegg)

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July 3rd-10th, 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](#)
- Fellowship following Worship, Koinonia Hall, hosted by the Maxwells and Caprealians

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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.
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- **Masks:** Masks are recommended but not required. Adult and child size masks are available in the Sanctuary as well as hand sanitizer.



Therefore let us be grateful
for receiving a kingdom
that cannot be shaken,
and thus let us offer
to God
acceptable
worship,
with
reverence
and awe.

HEBREWS 12:28, ESV