



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH CHICO  
(DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

July 4th, 2021

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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 - (Pastor Jesse)

Office closed on Monday, July 5

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

## III. Opening Hymn – CH #284 “Gather Us In” (Joshua Hegg)

Here in this place new light is streaming  
Now is the darkness vanished away  
See in this space our fears and our dreamings  
Brought here to you in the light of this day

Gather us in, the lost and forsaken  
Gather us in, the blind and the lame  
Call to us now and we shall awaken  
We shall arise at the sound of our name

We are the young, our lives are a mystery  
We are the old who yearn for your face  
We have been sung throughout all of history  
Called to be light to the whole human race

Gather us in, the rich and the haughty  
Gather us in, the proud and the strong  
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly  
Give us the courage to enter the song

Here we will take the wine and the water  
Here we will take the bread of new birth  
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters  
Call us anew to be salt for the earth

Give us to drink the wine of compassion  
Give us to eat the bread that is you  
Nourish us well and teach us to fashion  
Lives that are holy and hearts that are true

Not in the dark of buildings confining  
Not in some heaven light years away  
But here in this place the new light is shining  
Now is the kingdom, now is the day

Gather us in and hold us forever  
Gather us in and make us your own  
Gather us in, all peoples together  
Fire of love in our flesh and our bones  
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#### **IV. Call to Worship – (Mary Kearns)**

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

**He makes me to lie down in green pastures  
He leads me besides still waters  
He restores my soul**

He leads me in right paths for his name's sake  
Even though I walk through the darkest valley  
I fear no evil

**For you are with me  
Your rod and your staff they comfort me**

You prepare a table before me  
In the presence of my enemies

**You anoint my head with oil;  
My cup overflows.**

Surely goodness and mercy  
Shall follow me all the days of my life

**And we shall dwell in the house of the Lord  
forever.**

#### **V. Children's Moment**

## **VI. 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10 NRSV – (Mary Kearns)**

When all the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron, and said, ‘Look, we are your bone and flesh. For some time, while Saul was king over us, it was you who led out Israel and brought it in. The Lord said to you: It is you who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you who shall be ruler over Israel.’

David occupied the stronghold, and named it the city of David. David built the city all around from the Millo inwards. And David became greater and greater, for the Lord, the God of hosts, was with him.

## **VII. Sermon - “Marking Our Territory” (Pastor Jesse)**

## **VIII. Song of Invitation – CP #72 “Humble Thyself” (Joshua Hegg)**

Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord  
Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord  
And God will lift you up  
Higher and higher  
And God will lift you up (x3)

## **IX. Moment for Mission – (Surprise)**

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

## **XI. Communion Song CP #168 “Table of Love” (Joshua Hegg)**

Here we are, you and me  
Wonder if we’re supposed to be  
Here at this table  
Draw me in as I am  
I hope that you will understand  
Why I come at this table of love

I am tired, I am worn,  
I am broken, I am torn  
so I come to this table  
I let your peace fill my soul,  
cleansing my heart and make me whole  
Here at this table of love

I’ve come here to lay it all down  
You’ve come to lift me up  
Now we’re forever bound  
By this bread and by this cup  
Here at this table of love

I was lost, now I’m found since we all have gathered  
round  
Here at this table  
I was blind, now I see all the ways You welcome me  
Here at this table of love

I've come here to lay it all down  
You've come to lift me up  
Now we're forever bound  
By this bread and by this cup  
Here at this table of love  
Here ... at this table ... of love

**XII. Institution of Communion (Georgeanne Bennett and Max Erwin)**

**XIII. Blessing/Benediction (Pastor Jesse)**

**XIV. Postlude - (Joshua Hegg)**

**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>

# CALENDAR

**July 4th-11th, 2021**

**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—Church Office closed in observance of  
Independence Day**

**Tuesday**

1:00 p.m.-Check-in on [Zoom](#)  
No Church Board Meeting this month

**Thursday**

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

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

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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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## 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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