



July 9th, 2023

Guest Preacher **Georgianne Bennett**  
Rev. **Jesse Kearns, Pastor**

**First Christian Church Chico**

**(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. Ringing of the Bell

## III. Welcome and Announcements (Barbara Poetker)

- Today – Fellowship following service
- Tuesday – 9:30 a.m. Koinonia Krafters, Fireside; 4:30 p.m. String Ensemble Practice in the Chapel.
- Wednesday – 6:00 p.m. Scouts BSA, K-Hall and Fireside.
- Thursday — 8:30 a.m. Worship Breakfast with Guest Preacher Rev. Tom Shifflet at the Cozy Diner
- Sunday – 8:30 a.m. Sacred Grounds; 10:00 a.m. Worship in sanctuary, Zoom and FaceBook Live; Fellowship in K-Hall following the service
- Offerings may be put in the collection plate which is near the bulletins near the entrance of the Sanctuary

#### **IV. Opening Hymn – CH #2 “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” (Nancy Thompson)**

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee,  
Op'ning to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;  
Drive our fear and doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
Fill us with the light of day!

All Thy works with joy surround Thee,  
Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,  
Stars and angels sing around Thee,  
Center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain  
Call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving,  
Ever blessing, ever blest,  
Wellspring of the joy of living,  
Ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother,  
All who live in love are Thine;  
Teach us how to love each other,  
Lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the happy chorus,  
Stars of morning take your part;  
Love divine is reigning o'er us,  
Binding those of tender heart  
Ever singing, move we onward,  
Victors in the midst of strife,  
Joyful music leads us Sunward  
In the triumph song of life.

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

Sing psalms, hymns, and sacred songs;

**Let us sing to God with thanksgiving in our hearts.**

Let everything you do or say be done in the name of the Lord Jesus,

**Giving thanks to God through Jesus Christ.**

## **VI. Children Dismissed for Sunday School**

## **VII. Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 (NRSV)– (Barbara Poetker)**

“But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of

heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. “Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

## **VIII. Sermon - “Let’s Dance” (Rev. Georgeanne Bennett)**

## **IX. Song of Reflection – CH #259 “Spirit of the Living God” x2 (Nancy Thompson)**

Spirit of the living God

Fall afresh on me

Spirit of the living God,

Fall afresh on me

Melt me, mold me,

fill me, use me

Spirit of the living God  
Fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God  
Fall afresh on me  
Spirit of the living God,  
Fall afresh on me  
Melt me, mold me,  
fill me, use me  
Spirit of the living God  
Fall afresh on me.

## **X. Moments for Mission (Georgeanne Bennett)**

## **XI. Prayers of the People**

## **XII. Communion Song CH #393 “One Bread, One Body” (Nancy Thompson)**

One bread, one body, one Lord of all;  
one cup of blessing which we bless,  
and we, though many throughout the earth,  
we are one body in this one Lord.

Gentile or Jew, servant or free,  
woman or man, no more.

One bread, one body, one Lord of all;  
one cup of blessing which we bless,  
and we, though many throughout the earth,  
we are one body in this one Lord.

Many the gifts, many the works,  
one in the Lord of all.

One bread, one body, one Lord of all;  
one cup of blessing which we bless,  
and we, though many throughout the earth,  
we are one body in this one Lord.

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,  
gathered to one, for all.

One bread, one body, one Lord of all;  
one cup of blessing which we bless,

and we, though many throughout the earth,  
we are one body in this one Lord.

**XIII. Institution of Communion (Max Erwin and  
Georgia Nelson, elders)**

**XIV. Partaking Communion Together**

**XV. Blessing/Benediction (Rev. Georgeanne  
Bennett)**

**XVI. Postlude – (Nancy Thompson)**

Upper Room Devotionals for July and August  
are available on the bookshelves in the narthex

**Attendance**

**Attendance for July 2nd, 2023:**

Online: 11      Sanctuary: 40      Total: 51

**Credits**

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## CALENDAR

### **This Sunday—Guest Preacher Rev. Georgeanne Bennett**

- 8:30 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, Koinonia Hall
- 1:00 p.m. Iglesia de Cristo Agua Viva, Sanctuary

### **Tuesday**

- 9:30 a.m. Koinonia Krafters, Fireside
- 4:30 p.m. String Ensemble, Chapel

### **Wednesday**

- 6:00 p.m. Scouts BSA, Koinonia Hall, Fireside

### **Thursday**

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Breakfast with Guest Preacher Rev. Tom Shifflet at the Cozy Diner

### **Saturday—Deadline for articles for the August edition of the monthly newsletter, *The Caller***

### **Next Sunday—Guest Preacher Tom Shifflet**

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- Fellowship, Koinonia Hall
- 1:00 p.m. Iglesia de Cristo Agua Viva, Sanctuary

Pastor Jesse will be on Sabbatical June 26th through September 17th

## 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.