



When the Right Choice Seems Wrong



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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. Welcome and Announcements - (Pastor Jesse)

- Zoom Check-In on Tuesday at 1:00
- Elder's Meeting Tuesday at 7:00
- Caller Deadline Tuesday
- Chico Pride Interfaith Spiritual Service, 7:00 Faith Lutheran
- Sacred Grounds, 9:00 next Sunday
- Worship, 10:00 in the sanctuary, Zoom and FaceBook Live

III. 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 of 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.

IV. Call to Worship – (Mary Kearns)

God interrupted Samuel with an unexpected call.
“Here I am, Lord. Send me!”
God surprised Jesse, choosing his youngest son,
David, to be king.
“Here I am, Lord. Send me!”

We join with Christ and are a part
of God's new creation.

O Mighty God, we come to join the harvest.

Gather us in, O Holy One,
for we would be your people.

Amen.

V. Laughing Bird Psalm 20 (Pastor Jesse)

Be there for your chosen ones when trouble hits,
LORD.

.....Use the influence of your name to protect them!
Send help from your sacred home,
.....and give them support from Mount Zion.
Remember all they have given you in the past,
.....and treasure the gifts they have offered up to you.

Give them their heart's desire, LORD,
.....and make all their plans come out right.
Prove yourself a winner and set them cheering;
.....inspire them to fly your flag and chant your name.
Give them all they ask for, LORD.

We know you will help your chosen ones, LORD;
.....you will reach out your hand from heaven
.....and answer their prayers with a great victory.

Some people get arrogant about their military might,
.....or the resources at their disposal,
but the only thing we put our pride in, O LORD our
God,

.....is belonging to you and bearing your name.
That mob are heading for disaster,
.....but we will come out on top and stand proud.

Give victory to your chosen ones, LORD;
.....be there for us when we call.

VI. 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13 NRSV – (Mary Kearns)

Then Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the Lord was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel.

The Lord said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And the Lord said, “Take a heifer with you, and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.’ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.” Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, “Do you come peaceably?” He said, “Peaceably; I have come to

sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the Lord’s anointed is now before the Lord.” But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.” Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The Lord has not chosen any of these.” Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.” He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, “Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.” Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

VII. Sermon - “When the Right Choice Seem Wrong” (Pastor Jesse)

VIII. Song of Reflection – CH #356 “We Your People, God, Confessing” (Nancy Thompson)

We your people, God, confessing
Jesus Christ your Son as Lord
Gather here in common worship
Praising your incarnate word
Through the power of Christ within us
We are strengthened to proclaim
Gospel truth in witness, service,
Offered in Christ’s holy name.

We your people, God, rejoicing
In your vast creative power
Bind ourselves, each with the other
Covenant in love this hour
Through baptismal rite we enter
Rising newly born to be
Unified with your whole people
Here in perfect liberty

We, your people, God, communing
Through the Holy Spirit here
Joined together as disciples,
In obedience now draw near
At the table where the emblems
Of Christ’s sacrifice are spread

Here we celebrate his presence
With the cup and broken bread

We, your people, God receiving
Gifts of ministry outpoured
In the light of holy scripture
Are set free, refreshed, restored
In the bonds of faith we serve you,
God of all, whom we adore
Yours the blessing, yours the glory,
One God, reigning evermore!

IX. Moment for Mission – (Surprise!)

X. Prayers of the People – (Mary Kearns)

XI. Communion Song CH #403 “In Remembrance of Me” (Nancy Thompson)

In remembrance of Me eat this bread
In remembrance of Me drink this wine
In remembrance of Me pray for the time
When God's own will is done

In remembrance of me heal the sick
In remembrance of me feed the poor
In remembrance of me open the door
And let your brother in, let him in

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Take eat and be comforted
Drink and remember too
That this is my body and precious blood
Shed for you, shed for you

In remembrance of me search for truth
In remembrance of me always love
In remembrance of me don't look above
But in your heart, in your heart
Look in your heart for God

Do this in remembrance of Me
Do this in remembrance of Me
In remembrance of Me

XII. Institution of Communion (Elders Margaret Maxwell and Bill Peterson)

XIII. Blessing/Benediction (Pastor Jesse)

IX. Postlude - (Nancy Thompson)

This Sunday

9:00 a.m.-Sacred Grounds Adult Faith Formation
Christian Education, Chapel and on [Zoom](#)
10:00 a.m.-Socially distanced Indoor Worship in
Sanctuary (masks required) and Worship
Streamed Live on [Zoom](#) and [Facebook](#)

Tuesday

1:00 p.m.-Weekly Check-in on [Zoom](#)
7:00 p.m.-Elders meeting, [Zoom](#)

Thursday

No Bible Study this week!
7:00 p.m.-Chico Pride Interfaith Spiritual Service,
Faith Lutheran

Next Sunday—Father's Day

9:00 a.m.-Sacred Grounds Adult Faith Formation
Christian Education, Chapel and on [Zoom](#)
10:00 a.m.-Socially distanced Indoor Worship in
Sanctuary (masks required) and Worship
Streamed Live on [Zoom](#) and [Facebook](#)

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

Credits



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- Opening - CH #2 “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” Words: Henry van Dyke, 1907, alt. Music: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824; arr. Edward Hodges, 1864; desc. Susan Adams, 1995. Desc. © 1995 Chalice Press CCLI # 25321
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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

- 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.**
- We are meeting in the Sanctuary with every other pew roped off. **As of April 1st, 2021, we are now in the orange tier!** This means we are at 50% of capacity or around 100 people. Services will be socially distanced, masks are required.
- We will take temperatures upon entry and names and contact information will be collected to aid in any contact tracing.
- 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.
- There will be no corporate singing
- **There will be no hymnals or paper bulletins available.** 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.
- Offering plates will not be passed. You may place your offerings in the plate as directed at the beginning or end of the service.
- 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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