



**Plan Ahead,
Be Flexible**

**June 18th, 2023
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 – (Joshua Hegg)

II. Ringing of the Bell

III. Welcome and Announcements – (Tom Shifflet)

- Today – Fellowship following service.
- Monday – Church Office closed
- Tuesday – 11:30 a.m. Music Jam in Room 4; 4:00 p.m. String Ensemble practice in Chapel; 7:00 p.m. Elders meeting on Zoom.
- Wednesday – 6:00 p.m. Scouts BSA, Koinonia Hall, Fireside
- Thursday – 8:30 a.m. Worship Team Breakfast at Cozy Diner
- Friday – 1:00 p.m. Healing Circle, Bethany
- Saturday – All Day Ann Nelson CPR (makeup) Class, Fireside; 2:00 p.m. Journeys of the Heart Bereavement Group in the Spiritual Care Center.
- 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 – CP #55 “This Is Holy Ground” (Joshua Hegg)

This is Holy Ground, we’re standing on Holy Ground
For the Lord is present, and where God is, is Holy
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For the Lord is present, and where God is, is Holy

These are holy hands, God’s given us holy hands,
God works through these hands, and so these hands
are holy.

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are holy.

V. Call to Worship – (Tom Shifflet)

Raise your voices in response to God’s goodness.

**We praise you, O Lord, for all the blessings you
have given us.**

Lift your hearts in sweet surrender to God’s mercy.

**We thank you, O Lord, for hearing the prayers
of our hearts.**

God is good; Praise be to God!

**The love and mercy of God never fail. AMEN.
VI. Children Fourth Grade and Under Dismissed
for Sunday School**

**VII. Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 Laughing Bird Version
(Tom Shifflet)**

I love you, LORD!
How could I not love you
when you always respond to my cries?

You are always ready to listen to me,
so I will bring my needs to you as long as I live.

How can I ever repay you, LORD?
What gift could ever express my gratitude?

I will raise my glass in your honour,
I will name you as the one who saved me.

I will make good on all I promised you, LORD,
and I’ll let everyone know its for you.

Whenever one of your faithful people dies

it affects you deeply.

LORD, you have released me from my chains.

I will serve you forever,

just as my forebears have done.

I will bring a gift to say thanks;

I will pray to you, and you alone.

I will be true to the vows I've made;

and I won't keep it hidden.

In full view of all your people,

in the public place of worship,

I'll do all I promised you, LORD.

All the praise and all the credit are yours, LORD!

VIII. Matthew 9:35-10:8 NRSV – (Tom Shifflet)

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest

to send out laborers into his harvest."

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

IX. Sermon – "Plan Ahead, Be Flexible" (Jesse

Kearns)

X. Song of Invitation – CH #455 “You Have Called Me” (Joshua Hegg)

You have called me from my hiding place and given
me a name
From this moment on my life can never be the same
I have seen the beckoning vision, though I wanted to
remain,
Here I am, send me, here I am.

Who will go into the darkness where my people live in
fear?
Who will speak of truth and charity so all of them
can hear?
If you go where I am sending you, I always will be
near.
Here I am, go for me, here I am.

You have called me from my wilderness and given me
a way.
The many paths I've traveled have but brought me to
this day.
And the journey that is calling me no longer will delay.
Here I am, send me, here I am.

Who will go into the darkness where my people live
in fear?
Who will speak of truth and charity so all of them
can hear?
If you go where I am sending you, I always will be
near.
Here I am, go for me, here I am.

You have called me from my silence and have given
me a word.
I was dying in my coldness till a fire within me stirred.
Now I can keep still no longer, I must speak what I
have heard.
Here I am, send me, here I am

Who will go into the darkness where my people live
in fear?
Who will speak of truth and charity so all of them
can hear?
If you go where I am sending you, I always will be
near.
Here I am, go for me, here I am.

XI. Moments for Mission

XII. Prayers of the People (Jesse Kearns)

XIII. Communion Song CP #161 “Here is Bread” (Joshua Hegg)

Here is bread, here is wine. Christ is with us. He is
with us.

Break the bread, taste the wine; Christ is with us 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 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 in one. Christ is with us. He is
with us.

We'll proclaim till 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.

XIV. Institution of Communion (Peggy Davidson, Bill Peterson)

XV. Partaking Communion Together

XVI. Blessing/Benediction

XVII. Postlude – (Joshua Hegg)

Attendance

Attendance for June 11th, 2023:

Online: 16 Sanctuary: 43 Total: 59

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CALENDAR

This Sunday—Father’s Day

- 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](#)
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- 1:00 p.m. Iglesia de Cristo Agua Viva, Sanctuary

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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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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.