



*When the Weak are  
Powerful*



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**June 20th, 2021—Happy Father's Day  
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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)**

- Zoom Check-In on Tuesday at 1:00
- Thursday Bible study on Zoom at 7:00
- Friday Healing Circle 1:00 – 3:00 Room 6
- Sacred Grounds, 9:00 next Sunday
- Worship, 10:00 in the sanctuary, Zoom and FaceBook Live

## **III. Opening Hymn – CP #40 “Shout to the North” (Joshua Hegg)**

Men of faith rise up and sing  
Of the great and glorious King  
You are strong when you feel weak  
In your brokenness complete

Shout to the north and the south  
Sing to the east and the west  
Jesus is savior to all  
Lord of heaven and earth

Rise up women of the truth  
Stand and sing to broken hearts  
Who can know the healing power  
Of our awesome King of love

Shout to the north and the south  
Sing to the east and the west  
Jesus is savior to all  
Lord of heaven and earth

We've been through fire, we've been through rain  
We've been refined by the power of His name  
We've fallen deeper in love with You  
You've burned the truth on our lips

Shout to the north and the south  
Sing to the east and the west  
Jesus is savior to all  
Lord of heaven and earth  
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#### **IV. Call to Worship – (Mary Kearns)**

In the midst of life's storms, God is there.  
**What have we to fear?**  
In the darkness and terror, God is with us.  
**Of whom shall we be afraid?**  
Rise up, people of God, for you are loved and saved.  
**Thanks be to God who cares deeply for us.**  
**AMEN.**

#### **V. 1 Samuel 17:32-39 NRSV – (Mary Kearns)**

Now the Philistines gathered their armies for battle; they were gathered at Socoh, which belongs to Judah, and encamped between Socoh and Azekah, in Ephesdammim. Saul and the Israelites gathered and encamped in the valley of Elah, and formed ranks against the Philistines. The Philistines stood on the mountain on the one side, and Israel stood on the mountain on the other side, with a valley between them. And there came out from the camp of the Philistines a champion named Goliath, of Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span. He had a helmet of bronze on his head, and he was armed with a coat of mail; the weight of the coat was five thousand shekels of bronze. He had greaves of bronze on his legs and a javelin of bronze slung between his shoulders. The shaft of his spear was like a weaver's beam, and his spear's head weighed six hundred shekels of iron; and his shield-bearer went before him. He stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, "Why have you come out to draw up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you not servants of Saul? Choose a man for yourselves, and let him come down to me. If he is able to fight with me and kill me, then we will be your servants; but if I prevail against him and kill him, then you shall be our servants and serve us." And the Philistine said, "Today I defy the ranks of Israel! Give me a man, that we may fight together." When Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, they were dismayed and greatly afraid.

Now David was the son of an Ephrathite of Bethlehem in Judah, named Jesse, who had eight sons. In the days of Saul the man was already old and advanced in years. The three eldest sons of Jesse had followed Saul to the battle; the names of his three sons who went to the battle were Eliab the firstborn, and next to him Abinadab, and the third Shammah. David was the youngest; the three eldest followed Saul, but David went back and forth from Saul to feed his father's sheep at Bethlehem. For forty days the Philistine came forward and took his stand, morning and evening. Jesse said to his son David, "Take for your brothers an ephah of this parched grain and these ten loaves, and carry them quickly to the camp to your brothers; also take these ten cheeses to the commander of their thousand. See how your brothers fare, and bring some token from them." Now Saul, and they, and all the men of Israel, were in the valley of Elah, fighting with the Philistines. David rose early in the morning, left the sheep with a keeper, took the provisions, and went as Jesse had commanded him. He came to the encampment as the army was going forth to the battle line, shouting the war cry. Israel and the Philistines drew up for battle, army against army. David left the things in charge of the keeper of the baggage, ran to the ranks, and went and greeted his brothers. As he talked with them, the champion, the Philistine of Gath, Goliath by name, came up out of the ranks of the Philistines, and spoke the same words

as before. And David heard him. All the Israelites, when they saw the man, fled from him and were very much afraid. The Israelites said, "Have you seen this man who has come up? Surely he has come up to defy Israel. The king will greatly enrich the man who kills him, and will give him his daughter and make his family free in Israel." David said to the men who stood by him, "What shall be done for the man who kills this Philistine, and takes away the reproach from Israel? For who is this uncircumcised Philistine that he should defy the armies of the living God?" The people answered him in the same way, "So shall it be done for the man who kills him." His eldest brother Eliab heard him talking to the men; and Eliab's anger was kindled against David. He said, "Why have you come down? With whom have you left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know your presumption and the evil of your heart; for you have come down just to see the battle." David said, "What have I done now? It was only a question." He turned away from him toward another and spoke in the same way; and the people answered him again as before.

When the words that David spoke were heard, they repeated them before Saul; and he sent for him. David said to Saul, "Let no one's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine." Saul said to David, "You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are

just a boy, and he has been a warrior from his youth.” But David said to Saul, “Your servant used to keep sheep for his father; and whenever a lion or a bear came, and took a lamb from the flock, I went after it and struck it down, rescuing the lamb from its mouth; and if it turned against me, I would catch it by the jaw, strike it down, and kill it. Your servant has killed both lions and bears; and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, since he has defied the armies of the living God.” David said, “The Lord, who saved me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, will save me from the hand of this Philistine.” So Saul said to David, “Go, and may the Lord be with you!” Saul clothed David with his armor; he put a bronze helmet on his head and clothed him with a coat of mail. David strapped Saul’s sword over the armor, and he tried in vain to walk, for he was not used to them. Then David said to Saul, “I cannot walk with these; for I am not used to them.” So David removed them.

Then he took his staff in his hand, and chose five smooth stones from the wadi, and put them in his shepherd’s bag, in the pouch; his sling was in his hand, and he drew near to the Philistine. The Philistine came on and drew near to David, with his shield-bearer in front of him. When the Philistine looked and saw David, he disdained him, for he was only a youth, ruddy and handsome in appearance. The Philistine said to David, “Am I a dog, that you come

to me with sticks?” And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. The Philistine said to David, “Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the field.” But David said to the Philistine, “You come to me with sword and spear and javelin; but I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This very day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head; and I will give the dead bodies of the Philistine army this very day to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the earth, so that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, and that all this assembly may know that the Lord does not save by sword and spear; for the battle is the Lord’s and he will give you into our hand.”

When the Philistine drew nearer to meet David, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine. David put his hand in his bag, took out a stone, slung it, and struck the Philistine on his forehead; the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell face down on the ground.

## **VI. Sermon - “When the Weak are Powerful” (Pastor Jesse)**

**VII. Song of Reflection – CH #86 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” (Joshua Hegg)**

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not  
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be

Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness  
Morning by morning new mercies I see  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest  
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love

Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness  
Morning by morning new mercies I see  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside

Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness  
Morning by morning new mercies I see  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me

**VIII. Moment for Mission – (Surprise!)**

**IX. Prayers of the People – (Mary Kearns)**

**X. Communion Song CP #94 “Breathe on Me” (Joshua Hegg)**

Breathe on me, O breathe of God  
Grant your life to me.  
Make of me a rushing wind  
Come and breathe on me  
Come and breathe on me

Shine on me, O light of God  
Grant that I may see.  
Make of me a living light  
Come and shine on me  
Come and shine on me.

**XI. Institution of Communion (Elders Barbara Poetker and Peggy Davidson)**

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

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

# CALENDAR

**June 20th-27th, 2021**

## **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 (please bring masks) and Worship  
Streamed Live on [Zoom](#) and [Facebook](#)

## **Tuesday**

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

## **Thursday**

7:00 p.m.-Bible Study on [Zoom](#)

## **Friday**

1:00 p.m.-Healing Circle, Room 6 (or prayer garden  
if weather permits)

## **Saturday**

11:00 a.m.-Velma Crowson's Memorial Service,  
Sanctuary

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Christian Education, Chapel and on [Zoom](#)

10:00 a.m.-Socially distanced Indoor Worship in  
Sanctuary (please bring masks) and Worship  
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Church Office Administrative Assistant Briony works  
remotely from home on Fridays.

## **Looking Ahead**

- June 28th-WICS Special Outing, Carpool to Jonesville, Members will be meeting at the church parking lot at 10:25. The carpool will depart at 10:30. Each member is asked to bring a sack lunch. We will be enjoying lunch on the deck of Barbara Mann's cabin. We will leave Jonesville at 1:30 and plan to be back at the church by 2:30.
- July 8th—Upbeats are welcome to meet on Thursdays at 11 am (location to be determined) to practice music for Sundays. Music may be recorded to play during Sunday mornings instead of live performing. If you have an interest in singing or playing music, please join us! To join in on the practice sessions, you do need to be vaccinated so we can protect vulnerable people.
- 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>





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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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