



Two Sparrows for a Penny

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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 – (The Upbeats)

II. Ringing of the Bell

III. Welcome and Announcements (Connie Wakefield)

- Today – Fellowship following service
- Tuesday – 4:30 p.m. String Ensemble Practice in the Chapel.
- Wednesday – 6:00 p.m. Scouts BSA, K-Hall and Fireside.
- Saturday – 2:00 p.m. Journeys of the Heart Bereavement Support 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 – CH #611 “Rise Up O Saints of God” (Nancy Thompson)

Rise up, O saints of God!
Have done with lesser things
Give heart and soul and mind and strength
To serve the King of Kings

Rise up, O saints of God!
The kingdom tarries long
Bring in the day of righteousness
And end the night of wrong.

Rise up, O saints of God!
The church for you doth wait
With strength unequal to the task
Rise up and make it great

Lift high the cross of Christ
Tread where Christ’s feet have trod
Come sisters, brothers in the faith
Rise up, O saints of God

V. Call to Worship – (Connie Wakefield)

Welcome! This is a time to celebrate and worship God
who loves us!

**We are grateful and thankful for all God’s
blessings in our lives.**

We gather to remember that Christ gave his life for us.
We humbly praise God for such a gift!

Come, friends! Come and worship the God of love
and hope.

**Praise be to God at all times and in all places!
AMEN.**

VI. Psalm 86:1-10,16-17 Laughing Bird Version (Connie Wakefield)

Tune in and answer my cries, LORD,
because I have been left with nothing and no one.

Protect me and save my life,
for I am your devoted servant and I trust you.

You are my God.

All day long I cry out to you, Lord,
begging you to give me a break.

Give me something to smile about, Lord,
for I am your servant and I am being up front with
you.

After all, Lord, you are good and forgiving;
full of unfailing love for those who look to you for
help.

Tune in to my prayer, LORD,
and give your attention to my plea for help.

This is the worst day of my life,
but I'm confident you will answer my cry.

None of the things people worship compare to you,
Lord;
your actions are in a league of their own.

You made every nation, Lord,
and they will all come and honour you,
bowing down and naming you as the greatest.

So they should, given all the great and amazing things
you do,
for you are the one and only God.

I am your servant, Lord,
and my mother was your servant too.
Take note of me, and treat me with compassion;
save me and give me strength.

Give me a sign that you are on my side;
something that will be seen by those who hate me
and send them off with their tails between their legs.

You, LORD, have come to my help;
you have given me comfort.

VII. Children Dismissed for Sunday School

VIII. Matthew 10:24-39 – (Connie Wakefield)

“A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above
the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the
teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have
called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much

more will they malign those of his household! “So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. “Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the

cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

IX. Sermon - “Two Sparrows for a Penny” (Jesse Kearns)

X. Song of Invitation – CH# 625 “Precious Name” (Nancy Thompson)

Take the Name of Jesus with you,
Child of sorrow and of woe,
It will joy and comfort give you;
Take it then, where’er you go.

Precious Name, oh, how sweet!
Hope of earth and joy of Heaven;
Precious Name, oh, how sweet!
Hope of earth and joy of Heaven.

Take the Name of Jesus ever,
As a shield from every snare;
If temptations round you gather,
Breathe that holy Name in prayer.

Precious Name, oh, how sweet!
Hope of earth and joy of Heaven;
Precious Name, oh, how sweet!
Hope of earth and joy of Heaven.

Oh, the precious Name of Jesus!
How it thrills our souls with joy,
When His loving arms receive us,
And His songs our tongues employ!

Precious Name, oh, how sweet!
Hope of earth and joy of Heaven;
Precious Name, oh, how sweet!
Hope of earth and joy of Heaven.

At the Name of Jesus bowing,
Falling prostrate at His feet,
King of kings in heaven we'll crown Him,
When our journey is complete.

Precious Name, oh, how sweet!
Hope of earth and joy of Heaven;
Precious Name, oh, how sweet!
Hope of earth and joy of Heaven.

XI. Moments for Mission (Georgia Nelson)

XII. Prayers of the People

XIII. Communion Song CH #414 Eat This Bread (Nancy Thompson)

Eat this bread, drink this cup,
come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
trust in me and you will not thirst.

XIV. Institution of Communion (Georgeanne Bennett and Bobbi Robinson, elders)

XV. Partaking Communion Together

XVI. Blessing/Benediction

XVII. Postlude – (Nancy Thompson and Shelley Fairchild)

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

Attendance

Attendance for June 18th, 2023:
Unavailable

Credits

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June 25th-July 2nd, 2023

CALENDAR

This Sunday

- 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

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

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.