



Song of the Bow



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. Welcome and Announcements - (Pastor Jesse)

- **No Zoom Check-In on Tuesday!**
- Thursday Bible study on Zoom at 7:00
- Sacred Grounds, 9:00 next Sunday
- Worship, 10:00 in the sanctuary, Zoom and FaceBook Live

III. Opening Hymn – CP #288 “O God of Vision” (Nancy Thompson)

O God of vision far greater than all human scheming
Gather us now in your presence refreshing redeeming
Show us anew, life in your breathtaking view
Lovely beyond all our dreaming

Pour out your Spirit on all now all assembled before you
May our diversity here be a means to adore you
Women and men, young, old, and youthful again
Make us as one we implore you

Grant to us insight, O God, for this time of decision
May we dream challenging dreams of both depth and
precision
Speak through the dark. Dispel by lightning's bright
spark
Whatever clouds dim our vision.

Break the sun's rays into color, a rainbow around us
Storm clouds, though real and near, are not enough to
confound us.

Arched in the sky, beauty and promise are high
Giving us hope to astound us.

Grateful, we come now by Christ's invitation clear
spoken

We seek the nourishment round in fruit crushed and
bread broken

Christ for us all! Come, let us answer the call
Offering our lives as the token.

IV. Call to Worship – (Mary Kearns)

Out of the depths of our lives, we call to you, O
Lord.

Lord, hear our cries!

Hear our voices!

Lord, hear our cries!

Heal our wounds, restore our lives.

Lord, hear our cries and heal our lives. AMEN.

V. Children's Moment

VI. 2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27 NRSV – (Mary Kearns)

After the death of Saul, when David had returned
from defeating the Amalekites, David remained two
days in Ziklag. David intoned this lamentation over

Saul and his son Jonathan. (He ordered that The Song
of the Bow be taught to the people of Judah; it is
written in the Book of Jashar.) He said: Your glory, O
Israel, lies slain upon your high places! How the mighty
have fallen! Tell it not in Gath, proclaim it not in the
streets of Ashkelon; or the daughters of the Philistines
will rejoice, the daughters of the uncircumcised will
exult. You mountains of Gilboa, let there be no dew or
rain upon you, nor bounteous fields! For there the
shield of the mighty was defiled, the shield of Saul,
anointed with oil no more. From the blood of the slain,
from the fat of the mighty, the bow of Jonathan did
not turn back, nor the sword of Saul return empty. Saul
and Jonathan, beloved and lovely! In life and in death
they were not divided; they were swifter than eagles,
they were stronger than lions. O daughters of Israel,
weep over Saul, who clothed you with crimson, in
luxury, who put ornaments of gold on your apparel.
How the mighty have fallen in the midst of the battle!
Jonathan lies slain upon your high places. I am
distressed for you, my brother Jonathan; greatly beloved
were you to me; your love to me was wonderful, passing
the love of women. How the mighty have fallen, and
the weapons of war perished!

VII. Sermon - "Song of the Bow" (Pastor Jesse)

VIII. Song of Reflection – CH #627 “I Want Jesus to Walk With Me” (Nancy Thompson)

I want Jesus to walk with me
I want Jesus to walk with me
All along my pilgrim journey
O, I want Jesus to walk with me.

In my trials, Lord, walk with me
In my trials, Lord, walk with me
When me heart is almost breaking
O, I want Jesus to walk with me.

When I’m troubled, Lord, walk with me
When I’m troubled, Lord, walk with me
When my head is bowed in sorrow
O, I want Jesus to walk with me.

IX. Moment for Mission – (Memorial Guides)

X. Prayers of the People – (Mary Kearns)

XI. Communion Song CH #346 “Where He Leads Me, I Will Follow” (Nancy Thompson)

I can hear my savior calling,
I can hear my savior calling
I can hear my savior calling,
“Take my cross and follow, follow me.”

Where he leads me I will follow
Where he leads me I will follow
Where he leads me I will follow –
I’ll go with him, with him all the way.

I’ll go with him through the judgement
I’ll go with him through the judgement
I’ll go with him through the judgement
I’ll go with him, with him all the way.

Where he leads me I will follow
Where he leads me I will follow
Where he leads me I will follow –
I’ll go with him, with him all the way.

He will give me grace and glory
He will give me grace and glory
He will give me grace and glory
And go with me, with me all the way.

Where he leads me I will follow
Where he leads me I will follow
Where he leads me I will follow –
I’ll go with him, with him all the way.

XII. Institution of Communion (Elders Kevin Zeitler and Georgeanne Bennett)

XIII. Blessing/Benediction (Pastor Jesse)

XIV. Postlude - (Nancy Thompson)

Looking Ahead

- 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>

CALENDAR

June 27th-July 4th, 2021

This Sunday

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

Monday

10:25 a.m.-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.

Tuesday

No check-in on zoom this week!

Thursday

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

Credits



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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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