



June 4th, 2023

Rev. Jesse Kearns, Pastor

First Christian Church Chico

(Disciples of Christ)



**AGREE TO DIFFER • RESOLVE TO LOVE • UNITE TO SERVE**

Wi-Fi Network: FCCDOC Password: 5303433727

Ph. 530-343-3727 • [chicodisciples@gmail.com](mailto:chicodisciples@gmail.com) • [fccchico.com](http://fccchico.com)

[f fccchico](https://www.facebook.com/fccchico) [i fccchico](https://www.instagram.com/fccchico) [t ChicoFCC](https://www.twitter.com/ChicoFCC) [You Tube FCCChico](https://www.youtube.com/FCCChico)

**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 – (Barbara Poetker)

- Today – Fellowship following service.
- Tuesday – 11:30 a.m. Music Jam in Room 4; 4:00 p.m. String Ensemble practice in Chapel; 7:00 p.m. Board Meeting on Zoom.
- Wednesday – No Scouts this week.
- Thursday – 8:30 a.m. Worship Team Breakfast at Cozy Diner; 7:00 p.m. Bible Study in Room 6 and Zoom.
- Saturday – All Day – CPR Class in Fireside; 1:00 p.m. Memorial service for Martha Atkins, with a reception to follow in Koinonia Hall; 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 – CH #459 “Lord, You Give the Great Commission” vs. 1, 2, 3, and 5

Lord, you give the great commission  
“Heal the sick and preach the word.”  
Lest the church neglect its mission  
And the gospel go unheard  
Help us witness to your purpose  
With renewed integrity.

Lord, you call us to your service;  
“In my name baptize and teach”  
That the world may trust your promise  
Life abundant meant for each  
Give us all new fervor, draw us  
Closer in community

Lord, you make the common holy  
“This my body, this my blood.”  
Let us all, for earth’s true glory,  
Daily lift life heavenward  
Asking that the world around us  
Share your children’s liberty

Lord, you bless with words assuring:  
“I am with you to the end.”  
Faith and hope and love restoring  
May we serve as you intend  
And amidst the cares that claim us  
Hold in mind eternity.

#### V. Call to Worship – (Barbara Poetker)

Good Morning!  
**Good Morning!**

How are you doing today?  
**We’re OK. Sometimes good; other times not so good.**

Welcome to this house of the Lord, here you will find  
healing for your souls.  
**We come with great joy, for we need this healing love.**

Here you will also find a vision of peace for a broken world.

**Help us to become part of that vision and be those who serve God with just hearts and kind spirits. AMEN**

## **VI. Children Fourth Grade and Under Dismissed for Sunday School**

## **VII. Psalm 8 Laughing Bird Version (Barbara Poetker)**

Our LORD and ruler,  
all over the world  
the mere mention of your name sets hearts pounding!

Your glory fills the universe!

The gurgling of babies makes more sense  
than the clever arguments of your enemies.  
The innocent chatter of children  
silences the venomous talk of your opponents.

When I gaze at your handiwork in the night skies  
— the moon, the stars, the milky way —  
the whole cosmos under your control;  
I can't help but wonder why you bother with us.  
Why do you care so much for mere human beings  
when we count for so little in the scheme of things?

And yet, for reasons known to you alone,  
you created us almost on a par with yourself  
and decorated us with the highest honours and glory.

You have even entrusted us with power over your  
precious creation;  
you placed the future of all life in our hands:  
sheep and cattle;  
emu and kangaroo  
insects, reptiles, birds, and sea creatures;  
air, land and water and the planet itself.

Our LORD and ruler,  
all over the world  
the mere mention of your name sets hearts pounding!

### **VIII. Matthew 28:16-20 NRSV – (Barbara Poetker)**

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.’

### **IX. Sermon – “Okay, Go!” (Jesse Kearns)**

### **X. Song of Invitation – CH #430 “Lo, I Am With You” (Joshua Hegg)**

Lo, I am with you to the end of the world  
Lo, I am with you to the end of the world,  
Lo, I am with you, Lo I am with you  
Lo, I am with you to the end of the world.

Lo, I am with you in the breaking of bread  
Lo, I am with you in the breaking of bread  
Lo, I am with you, Lo I am with you  
Lo, I am with you in the breaking of bread

Lo, I am with you in the drinking of wine  
Lo, I am with you in the drinking of wine  
Lo, I am with you, Lo I am with you,  
Lo, I am with you in the drinking of wine

### **XI. Moments for Mission**

### **XII. Prayers of the People (Jesse Kearns)**

### **XIII. Communion Song CH #477 “Pass It On” (Joshua Hegg)**

It only takes a spark  
To get a fire going  
And soon all those around will warm up to its  
glowing  
That’s how it is with God’s love  
Once you’ve experienced it  
You spread God’s love to everyone  
You want to pass it on

What a wonderful time is spring,  
When all the trees are budding  
The birds begin to sing,  
The flowers start their blooming  
That's how it is with God's love  
Once you've experienced it  
You want to sing, it's fresh like spring  
You want to pass it on.

I wish for you my friend  
This happiness that I've found  
On God you can depend  
It matters not where you're bound  
I'll shout it from the mountain top (Praise God!)  
I want my world to know  
The Lord of love has come to me  
I want to pass it on.

#### **XIV. Institution of Communion (Max Erwin, Kevin Zeitler)**

#### **XV. Partaking Communion Together**

#### **XVI. Blessing/Benediction**

#### **XVII. Postlude – (Joshua Hegg)**

### **Attendance**

#### **Attendance for May 28th, 2023:**

Online: 13      Sanctuary: 42      Total: 55

### **Credits**

- Bulletin graphic: Photo by [Nicolas Hoizey](#) on [Unsplash](#)
- “Lord, You Give the Great Commission” Words: Jeffery Rowthorn, 1978. Music: Cyril V. Taylor, 1941. Words © 1978 Hope Publishing Co.; music © 1942, renewed 1970, Hope Publishing Co. CCLI# 230673
- “Lo, I am with You” Words: St. 1, 4, 5, 6, 7 Iona Community, 1988; st. 2, 3 Guy Aydelott, 1991 Music: John Bell, 1988. St. 1, 4, 5, 6, 7 and music © 1988 Iona Community; used by permission of GIA Publications, Inc. CCLI# 1539500
- “Pass It On” Words and Music: Kurt Kaiser, 1969. © 1969 Bud John Songs, Inc. CCLI# 14284
- Hymns Used by Permission CCLI Copyright License #37151

**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**

- 11:30 a.m. Music Jam, Room 4
- 4:00 p.m. String Ensemble practice, Chapel
- 7:00 p.m. Church Board Meeting, on [Zoom](#)

**Wednesday**

- No Scouts this week

**Thursday**

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Team Breakfast at Cozy Diner
- 7:00 p.m. Bible Study, Room 6 and on [Zoom](#)

**Saturday**

- All Day-Ann Nelson CPR Class, Fireside
- 1:00 p.m. Memorial for Martha Atkins, Sanctuary, with reception to follow in Koinonia Hall
- 2:00 p.m. Journeys of the Heart Grief Group, Spiritual Care Center

**Next 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

**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.
- **Visit our website to donate online, subscribe to our mailing lists, and learn more about us!** [www.fccchico.com](http://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.