



Who Needs a King Anyway?



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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
- CAIC Annual Event Tuesday at 7:00
- Saturday – Regional Board Meeting
- Sacred Grounds, 9:00 next Sunday
- Worship, 10:00 in the sanctuary, Zoom and FaceBook Live

III. Opening Hymn – CH #668 “For the Healing of the Nations” (Joshua Hegg)

For the healing of the nations,

Lord, we pray with one accord;
for a just and equal sharing
of the things that earth affords.

To a life of love in action

help us rise and pledge our word.

Lead your people into freedom,

from despair your world release,
that, redeemed from war and hatred,
all may come and go in peace.

Show us how, through care and goodness,
fear will die and hope increase.

All that kills abundant living,

let it from the earth be banned:
pride of status, race or schooling,
dogmas that obscure your plan.

In our common quest for justice
may we hallow life's brief span.

You, Creator-God, have written
your great name on humankind;
for our growing in your likeness,
bring the life of Christ to mind;
that by our response and service
earth its destiny may find.

IV. Call to Worship – (Mary Kearns)

This is the day that the Lord has made!
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!
This is a day of new beginnings!
This is a time for growing into new disciples for Jesus.
Come, let us prepare ourselves for worship
Let us be prepared for service to God. AMEN.

V. “The Nature of Peace” (Pastor Jesse)

Peace is not the product of terror or fear
Peace is not the silence of cemeteries
Peace is not the result of violent repression
Peace is the generous, tranquil contribution of all to
the good of all
Peace is dynamism. Peace is generosity.
It is right and duty. – *Oscar A. Romero*

VI. 1 Samuel 8:4-20 NRSV – (Mary Kearns)

Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, and said to him, “You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations.” But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, “Give us a king to govern us.” Samuel prayed to the Lord, and the Lord said to Samuel, “Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. Now then, listen to their voice; only—you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them.” So Samuel reported all the words of the Lord to the people who were asking him for a king. He said, “These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots; and he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plow his ground and to reap his harvest, and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards

and give them to his courtiers. He will take one-tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and his courtiers. He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle and donkeys, and put them to his work. He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the Lord will not answer you in that day.” But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, “No! but we are determined to have a king over us, so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles.”

VII. Sermon - “Who Needs a King Anyway?” (Pastor Jesse)

VIII. Song of Reflection – CH #680 “O God of Every Nation” (Joshua Hegg)

O God of every nation,
of every race and land,
redeem the whole creation
with your almighty hand.
Where hate and fear divide us
and bitter threats are hurled,
in love and mercy guide us,
and heal our strife-torn world.

From search for wealth and power
and scorn of truth and right,
from trust in bombs that shower
destruction through the night,
from pride of race and station
and blindness to your way,
deliver every nation,
eternal God, we pray!

Lord, strengthen all who labor
that we may find release
from fear of rattling saber,
from dread of war's increase.
When hope and courage falter,
Lord, let your voice be heard;
with faith that none can alter,
your servants undergird.

Keep bright in us the vision
of days when war shall cease,
when hatred and division
give way to love and peace,
till dawns the morning glorious
when truth and justice reign,
and Christ shall rule victorious
o'er all the world's domain.

IX. Moment for Mission – (Surprise!)

X. Prayers of the People – (Mary Kearns)

CALENDAR

June 6th-13th, 2021

XI. Communion Song CH #404 “A Hymn of Joy We Sing” (Joshua Hegg)

A hymn of joy we sing
around Thy table Lord;
Again our grateful praises bring,
to Him with one accord.

Here have we seen Thy face
and felt Thy presence near,
So may the savor of Thy grace
in word and life appear.

Unto Your house we come
with songs of joy and praise,
And sing to You, O God Most High,
our cheerful voices raise.

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

XIII. Postlude - (Joshua Hegg)

XIV. Blessing/Benediction (Pastor Jesse)

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 (masks required) and Worship
Streamed Live on [Zoom](#) and [Facebook](#)

Tuesday

1:00 p.m.-Weekly Check-in on [Zoom](#)
7:00 p.m.-Chico Area Interfaith Council event,
FCC [Zoom](#)

Thursday

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

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

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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

- 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.**
- We are meeting in the Sanctuary with every other pew roped off. **As of April 1st, 2021, we are now in the orange tier!** This means we are at 50% of capacity or around 100 people. Services will be socially distanced, masks are required.
- We will take temperatures upon entry and names and contact information will be collected to aid in any contact tracing.
- 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.
- There will be no corporate singing
- **There will be no hymnals or paper bulletins available.** 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.
- Offering plates will not be passed. You may place your offerings in the plate as directed at the beginning or end of the service.
- 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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