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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 (Pastor Jesse)

- Zoom Check-In on Tuesday at 1:00
- WICS Meeting on Tuesday at 2:00
- Elders' Meeting on Tuesday at 7:00
- Ecumenical Lenten Service in *Faith Lutheran's* Zoom Room, First Christian Church Hosting Wednesday at 7:00
- Sacred Grounds, 9:00 next Sunday
- Worship, 10:00 next Sunday

III. Opening Hymn – CH #530 “I’ve Got Peace Like a River”

I’ve got peace like a river I’ve got peace like a river

I’ve got peace like a river in my soul.

I’ve got peace like a river I’ve got peace like a river

I’ve got peace like a river in my soul.

I’ve got joy like a fountain I’ve got joy like a fountain

I've got joy like a fountain in my soul.
I've got joy like a fountain I've got joy like a
fountain
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul.

I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like
an ocean
I've got love like an ocean in my soul
I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like
an ocean
I've got love like an ocean in my soul

IV. Call to Worship – (Mary Kearns)

We gather to share in our love of God.
Lord, open our hearts and let us share your
Good News.
We gather to share our witness to God's
goodness.
Lord, let our lives bear witness through
service to your people.
We gather to praise God whose love is
eternal.
Lord, open our hearts today to sing your
praises. AMEN.

V. Laughing Bird Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 (Pastor Jesse)

Thank you, LORD! Thank you for being so
good.

.....Your rock-solid love will never end.

LORD, we freely and openly acknowledge
.....that it was you who got us out of
trouble;

.....you who put us back on the right
track.

You gathered us from the four corners of the
globe,

.....from wherever we had been lost or
exiled.

Some of us had wrecked our health in
destructive living;

.....involvement in evil left us sick and
injured.

We were off our food, weak and broken;
.....a painful death was knocking at the
door.

In sheer despair, we cried out to you, LORD,
.....and in a flash, you came to our rescue.
Your words healed us; got us back on our
feet;
.....pulled us free of the jaws of death.

So let us tell you how grateful we are,
LORD.
.....Thank you for your rock-solid love
.....and for the great things you do for
everyone;
.....Let us bring gifts to say thank you,
.....and sing and dance to celebrate
what you've done.

VI. Children's Moment (Pastor Jesse)

VII. John 314-21 NRSV – (Mary Kearns)

And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in
the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be
lifted up, that whoever believes in him may
have eternal life. "For God so loved the
world that he gave his only Son, so that
everyone who believes in him may not

perish but may have eternal life. "Indeed, God
did not send the Son into the world to
condemn the world, but in order that the
world might be saved through him. Those who
believe in him are not condemned; but those
who do not believe are condemned already,
because they have not believed in the name of
the only Son of God. And this is the judgment,
that the light has come into the world, and
people loved darkness rather than light
because their deeds were evil. For all who do
evil hate the light and do not come to the
light, so that their deeds may not be exposed.
But those who do what is true come to the
light, so that it may be clearly seen that their
deeds have been done in God."

VIII. Sermon - "Grace When It Counts" (Pastor Jesse)

IX. Song of Reflection CH #467 "Fill the World With Love"

With the vision in our minds of how the world
could be

And the fullness of our hearts from the
suffering we see
When we make all that we are and have part
of God's destiny
We can fill the world with love, we can fill
the world with love.

All the people in the world living lives of pain
and fear
Crying out into the night wonderin' when
someone will hear
While there are so many others having so
much they can share
Can we fill the world with love, we will fill
the world with love

We whose spirits long to share, long to
comfort and to heal
Know that when we act alone, hope is
difficult to feel
But together as we labor God's compassion to
reveal
We will fill the world with love we will fill
the world with love

Let us hesitate no longer in our doubt and
our dismay
There's a pow'r at work within us that has
promised a new day
And the time will surely come, it will not be
long delayed
When God fills the world with love, when
God fills the world with love.

X. Moment for Mission – (Surprise!)

XI. Prayers of the People – (Mary Kearns)

XII. Communion Song CH #499 “When Love is Found”

When love is found
and hope comes home,
sing and be glad
that two are one.
When love explodes
and fills the sky,
praise God, and share
our Maker's joy.

When love has flowered
in trust and care,
build both each day,
that love may dare
to reach beyond
home's warmth and light,
to serve and strive
for truth and right.

When love is tried
as loved-ones change,
hold still to hope,
though all seems strange,
till ease returns
and love grows wise
through listening ears
and opened eyes.

**XIII. Institution of Communion (Elders
Margaret Maxwell and Barbara
Meade)**

XIV. Blessing/Benediction

XV. Postlude - (Joshua Hegg)

XVI. Fellowship Time in breakout rooms.



Easter Offering

a special day offering of Disciples Mission Fund
March 28 and April 4, 2021

Imagine
what God can do
when we share our gifts.

The Easter Offering reaches deep and wide
with the limitless power of the risen Christ.

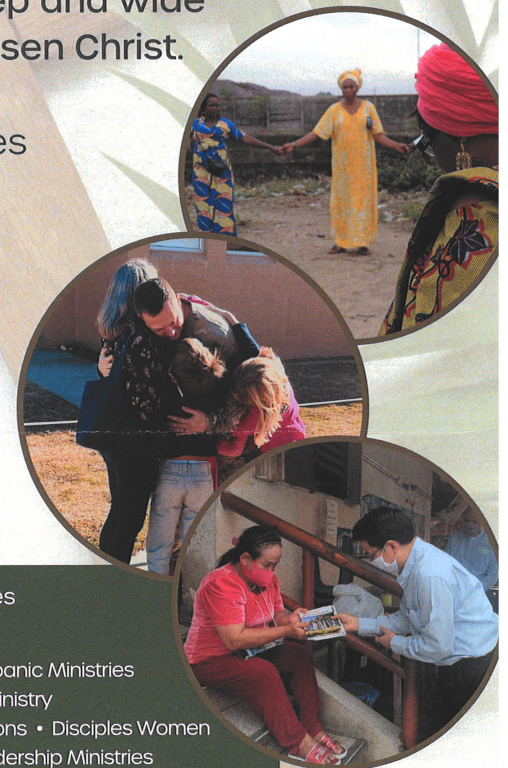
- developing Disciples
- forming new faith communities
- connecting with ministry partners around the world
- serving God's people in need

Imagine what God can do:

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. — John 20:1

The Easter Offering supports these general ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ):

Center for Faith and Giving • Central Pastoral Office for Hispanic Ministries
Communication Ministries • Christian Unity and Interfaith Ministry
Disciples of Christ Historical Society • Disciples Home Missions • Disciples Women
Division of Overseas Ministries • Higher Education and Leadership Ministries
National Benevolent Association • National Convocation
New Church Ministry • North American Pacific/Asian Disciples
Office of the General Minister and President • Treasury Services



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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Calendar

March 14th-21st, 2021

This Sunday—Daylight Saving Time Begins; Safe Space Continues

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

Tuesday

1:00 p.m.-Weekly Check-in, [Zoom](#)
2:00 p.m.-WICS, [Zoom](#)
7:00 p.m.-Elders meeting, [Zoom](#)

Wednesday—St. Patrick's Day

7:00 p.m.-Ecumenical Lenten Service in [Faith Lutheran's Zoom](#); Pastor Jesse Preaching!

Next Sunday—Safe Space Ends

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

Looking Ahead

- March is Women's History Month
- March-Chico Pride and Trans* month [click here for information](#)
- February 24th-March 24th—Weekly Ecumenical Virtual Lenten Services begin at [Faith Lutheran Church's Zoom](#) at 7:00 p.m.
- March 13th, Spring Renewal over Zoom. [Click here to register](#)
- March 17—**St. Patrick's Day** AND First Christian Church hosts Wednesday Ecumenical Service on [Faith Lutheran Church's Zoom](#)
- March 28th - **Palm Sunday**, both virtual and socially distanced service in church parking lot at 10 am. Don't forget your mask.
- April 1st—**Maundy Thursday Virtual service** at 7:00 followed by a 24- hour virtual prayer vigil at your home from 8:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Good Friday.
- April 4th - **Easter Sunrise Service** at 7:00 both virtual and socially distanced in the church parking lot at 10:00 am. Don't forget your mask.
- April 24th, 10am-4pm, via zoom. The 167th Christian Church of Northern California region's Annual Gathering. \$25 per household. [Register here.](#)
- May 16th—**Pentecost**—we're hoping for a potluck where everyone can socially distance and bring their own food. More information will come as we get closer to the date, announced on Sunday mornings and in the weekly Callerito email.

In honor of Women's History Month



Alice Ball

Alice Augusta Ball was born in 1892 in Seattle, Washington. She developed the first successful treatment for leprosy (Hansen's disease) in the early twentieth century. The so-called Ball Method continued

to be the best treatment until the 1940's. Ball was both the first woman and the first African American to receive a master's degree from the University of Hawaii and the first female chemistry professor at the same university. Unfortunately, Ball became ill during her research, and died in 1916 at the age of 24. The true cause of her death is unknown but may have been tuberculous or poisoning due to chlorine exposure.

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