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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
- Healing Circle Tuesday at 1:00
- Ecumenical Lenten Service in *Faith Lutheran's* Zoom Room Bethel AME 7:00
- Sacred Grounds, 9:00 next Sunday
- Palm Sunday Worship, 10:00 next Sunday in the Parking Lot!

III. Opening Hymn – CH #79 “God Is My Shepherd (Brother James’ Air)”

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want.
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; He leadeth me
The quiet waters by.
He leadeth me, He leadeth me,
the quiet waters by.

My soul He doth restore again;
And me to walk doth make

Within the paths of righteousness,
Ee'n for His own Name's sake.
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Ee'n for His own Name's sake.

Yea, though I pass through shadows death,
Yet will I fear no ill;
For Thou art with me; and Thy rod
And staff me comfort still.
Thy rod and staff they comfort still
They comfort still.

My table Thou hast furnishd
In presence of my foes;
My head with oil thou dost anoint,
And my cup overflows.
My head thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my days
Will surely follow me;
And in my father's heart always
My dwelling place shall be.

IV. Call to Worship – (Mary Kearns)

Lord, come to us today and heal our wounds.
Be in our hearts and our spirits, we pray.
Give us courage to put aside the greed and
selfishness in our hearts.
Heal our spirits and help us to follow you.
AMEN.

V. Laughing Bird Psalm 119:9-16 (Pastor Jesse)

If anyone wants to avoid polluting their life,
LORD,
.....they should use your word as
protection.

I am giving my all to getting close to you;
.....don't let me stumble off the track you
have set for us.

Everything you have said, I treasure in my
heart,
.....to keep myself from doing the wrong
thing by you.

You are the best, LORD,
.....teach me all you require of your people.

My mouth is ready, willing and able
.....to repeat whatever you have to say.

The path you have set for us is my greatest
delight;
.....it is worth more to me than all the
money in the world.

I will keep my mind fixed on your teachings,
.....and my eyes fixed on the track you
have set for us.

I will cherish the rules you have given us,
.....and never forget the things you have to
say.

VI. Children's Moment (Pastor Jesse)

VII. John 12:20-33 NRSV – (Mary Kearns)

Now among those who went up to worship
at the festival were some Greeks. They came

to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee,
and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.'
Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and
Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered
them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man
to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a
grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it
remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it
bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose
it, and those who hate their life in this world
will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me
must follow me, and where I am, there will my
servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father
will honor.

'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I
say—"Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is
for this reason that I have come to this hour.
Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came
from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will
glorify it again.' The crowd standing there
heard it and said that it was thunder. Others
said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' Jesus
answered, 'This voice has come for your sake,
not for mine. Now is the judgement of this

world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

VIII. Sermon - "The Troubled Soul" (Pastor Jesse)

IX. Song of Reflection CH #86 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father
There is no shadow of turning with Thee
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they
fail not
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be

Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy
faithfulness
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me

Summer and winter, and springtime and
harvest
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love

Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy
faithfulness
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to
guide
Strength for today and bright hope for
tomorrow
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside

Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy
faithfulness
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me

X. Moment for Mission – (Surprise!)

XI. Prayers of the People – (Mary Kearns)

XII. Communion Song CH #422 “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

Let us talents and tongues employ
Reaching out with a shout of joy;
Bread is broken, the wine is poured
Christ is spoken and seen and heard
Jesus lives again
Earth can breathe again
Pass the Word around: Loaves Abound!

Christ is able to make us one
At the table he sets the tone
Teaching people to live to bless
Love in word and in deed express.
Jesus lives again
Earth can breathe again
Pass the Word around: Loaves Abound!

Jesus calls us in, sends us out
Bearing fruit in a world of doubt
Gives us love to tell, bread to share
God, Immanuel, everywhere!
Jesus lives again
Earth can breathe again
Pass the Word around: Loaves Abound!

XIII. Institution of Communion (Elders Bill Peterson and Kevin Zeitler)

XIV. Blessing/Benediction

XV. Postlude - (Joshua Hegg)

XVI. Fellowship Time in breakout rooms.

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 21st-28th, 2021

This 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](#)

Tuesday

1:00 p.m.-Weekly Check-in, [Zoom](#)
2:00 p.m.-Healing Circle, [Zoom](#)

Wednesday

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

Next Sunday – Palm Sunday

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 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. Don't forget your mask.
- April 4th - Easter Service at 10:00 am both virtual and (hopefully) socially distanced in the church sanctuary. 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



Wilma Rudolph

Wilma Glodean Rudolph was born June 23rd, 1940 in Saint Bethlehem, Tennessee. She suffered from pneumonia, scarlet fever and infantile paralysis caused by polio by the age of 5, requiring a leg brace for 7 years

and two years of weekly 50-mile bus rides for treatments. Yet she was able to win several Olympic medals for sprinting, being known as the “fastest woman in the world” after the 1960 Rome Olympics. She spent the rest of her life dedicated to the Wilma Rudolph Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting amateur athletics for children who would otherwise not have the opportunity to compete. She died November 12th, 1994 of brain and throat cancer, at the age of 54. Her accomplishments and celebrity helped break down gender and race barriers on the track. She said, “The triumph cannot be had without the struggle. And I know what struggle is. I have spent a lifetime trying to share what it has meant to be a woman first in the world of sports so that other young women have a chance to reach their dreams.”

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