



March 24th, 2024—Palm Sunday
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 First Christian Church Chico



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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 “Hornpipe” by G. F. Handel (Shelley Fairchild’s String Ensemble)

II. Ringing of the Bell

III. Welcome and Announcements (Georgia Nelson)

- Today – Fellowship following service in Koinonia Hall.
- Thursday –Maundy Thursday Service at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary
- Friday –Healing Circle at 1:00 p.m. in Bethany
- Next Sunday – Sunrise Service at 6:45 a.m., Easter Service at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary, with a special fellowship and Easter Egg Hunt for children
- Please see the back of your bulletins for the calendar.
- Offerings may be put in the offering plate which is near the bulletins near the entrance of the sanctuary.

IV. Opening Hymn – CH #192 “All Glory, Laud and Honor” (Nancy Thompson)

All glory, laud and honor
 To you Redeemer King
 To whom the lips of children

Made sweet hosannas ring!
You are the child of Israel
Great David's greater son
You ride in lowly triumph
Messiah blessed one.

The company of angels
Are praising you on high
And we with all creation
In chorus make reply
The people of the Hebrews
With palms before you went
Our praise and prayer and anthems
Before you we present

To you before your passion
They sang their hymns of praise
To you now high exalted
Our melody we raise
As you received their praises
Now hear us as we pray
Since you delight in goodness
Rule in our hearts today

V. Call to Worship (Georgia Nelson)

Sing songs of loudest praise!
Hosanna!
Sing songs that are unashamed.

Hosanna!

Sing songs without being afraid.

Hosanna!

Sing for the God of tomorrow and today.

Hosanna!

Let us worship the One worthy to be praised.

VI. Call to Confession

The Gospel of John tells us that crowds gathered to praise Jesus as he entered Jerusalem, singing and shouting with confidence.

After describing the crowd, however, the Gospel writer zooms in on the disciples and tells us that while the crowds shouted praise at Jesus, the disciples were confused. The text says, “the disciples did not understand what was happening”.

A lot of our lives may look like this: either we understand God's presence in our lives and want to shout it from the rooftop—or we're standing on the side of the parade missing our chance to sing.

That is why we need the prayer of confession. Because life happens fast, and without a doubt, we have stood where the disciples stood. So let us pray, for we don't want to miss our chance to sing:

VII. Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, we want to run into the streets and
sing your praise!**

**We want to be bold and unashamed of this good-
news Gospel.**

**However, too often we find ourselves standing
against the wall.**

Too often we stay quiet.

Too often we let others carry the song.

**Forgive us for the moments when we could lead
the parade**

**but instead find ourselves standing on the
sidelines.**

Show us which songs are ours to sing.

Show us which parades are ours to lead,

**and then give us the courage and conviction to do
both.**

With hope and honesty we pray, amen.

VIII. Words of Forgiveness

Friends, no matter where you are on the parade route—whether you are waving palm branches through the streets or standing against the wall, quiet and cautious—Jesus marched for you. Jesus' love, his striving for justice and mercy, it was for you.

You are included in this story and nothing can ever change that.

So hear these words and trust them deep in your bones:

We have reason to sing, for Jesus Christ loved you yesterday. Jesus Christ loves you today. And Jesus Christ will love you tomorrow. You are forgiven, claimed, and sent to serve. Go out and sing. Go out trusting these words. Amen.

IX. Affirmation of Faith

We believe in Jesus of Nazareth,
**who rode through the streets of Jerusalem on a
donkey.**

We believe in Jesus of Nazareth,
**who challenged Rome's oppressive power with
peaceful protest.**

We believe in Jesus of Nazareth,
**who was surrounded by crowds of dreamers and
believers.**

We believe in Jesus of Nazareth,
**so even today, we will sing songs of loudest
praise.**

Hosanna!

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the
Lord!**

**X. Children Fourth Grade and Under Dismissed
for Sunday School**

**XI. Scripture Reading John 12:12-16 (NRSV)
(Georgia Nelson)**

The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord—the King of Israel!” Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written: “Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey’s colt!” His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him.

**XII. Sermon – “Songs of Loudest Praise” (Rev.
Jesse Kearns)**

**XIII. Song Invitation – CH #611 “Rise Up O
Saints of God” (Nancy Thompson)**

Rise up, O saints of God!
Have done with lesser things
Give heart and soul and mind and strength
To serve the King of Kings

Rise up, O saints of God!
The kingdom tarries long
Bring in the day of righteousness
And end the night of wrong.

Rise up, O saints of God!
The church for you doth wait
With strength unequal to the task
Rise up and make it great

Lift high the cross of Christ
Tread where Christ’s feet have trod
Come sisters, brothers in the faith
Rise up, O saints of God

**XIV. Moments for Mission: Crisis Care Advocacy
and Triage, Lisa Currier and Georgia Nelson**

XV. Prayers of the People

**XVI. Communion Song CH #413 “Take Our
Bread” (Nancy Thompson)**

Take our bread, we ask you
Take our hearts, we love you
Take our lives, O Father
We are yours, we are yours

Yours as we stand at the table you set
Yours as we eat the bread our hearts can't forget
We are the sign of your life with us yet,
We are yours, we are yours.

Take our bread, we ask you
Take our hearts, we love you
Take our lives, O Father
We are yours, we are yours

Your holy people standing washed in your blood
Spirit filled yet hungry we await your food
We are poor, but we've brought ourselves the best
that we could
We are yours, we are yours.

Take our bread, we ask you
Take our hearts, we love you
Take our lives, O Father
We are yours, we are yours

**XVII. Institution of Communion (Joe Rogers and
Kevin Zeitler, elder) Instrumental Music: CH:
198 "Were You There" (Shelley Fairchild's
String Ensemble")**

XVIII. Partaking Communion Together

XIX. Blessing/Benediction (Rev. Jesse Kearns)

**XX. Postlude – "Ave Verum" by Mozart (Shelley
Fairchild's String Ensemble)**



Easter Flowers

Easter Flowers Once again, we will be decorating the Sanctuary with seasonal flowers. Envelopes are in the pew racks. The cost is \$12. The deadline to order flowers is, **TODAY, Palm Sunday, March 24th.**

Attendance for March 17th, 2024

Sanctuary: 31 Online: 17 Total: 48

Credits

- “Then They Remembered” by Lisle Gwynn Garrity | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org
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CALENDAR

This Sunday—Palm Sunday

- 8:30 a.m. Sacred Grounds Adult Faith Formation Christian Education, Room 6 and on [Zoom](#)
- 10:00 a.m. 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

- 1:00 p.m. String Ensemble, Chapel

Wednesday

- 6:00 p.m. Ecumenical Lenten Soup Supper, Faith Lutheran Church
- 6:00 p.m. BSA Scouts, Koinonia Hall and Fireside

Thursday—Maundy Thursday

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Breakfast, Cozy Diner
- 11:30 a.m. Music Practice, Room 4
- 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service, Sanctuary

Friday—Good Friday; Church Office Closed

- 3:00 p.m. Crafting Companions, Room 6

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- 6:45 a.m. Sunrise Service
- 8:30 a.m. Sacred Grounds Adult Faith Formation Christian Education, Room 6 and on [Zoom](#)
- 10:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary and Worship Streamed Live on [Zoom](#) and [Facebook](#)
- Special Fellowship with Easter Egg Hunt for children, 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
- **Masks:** Masks are recommended but not required. Adult and child size masks are available in the Sanctuary as well as hand sanitizer.