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Rev. Jesse Kearns, Pastor

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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 – (Nancy Thompson)

## II. Welcome and Announcements - (Kevin Zeitler)

- Today - All Women Meeting, Room 6 after Fellowship; Fellowship hosted by Rich Campbell today
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### **III. Opening Hymn – CH #15 “Rejoice, You Pure in Heart” vs. 1-3 (Nancy Thompson)**

Rejoice, you pure in heart  
Lift praises to the sky  
Your festive banner wave with joy  
The cross of Christ raise high!  
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice give thanks and sing.

Bright youth and snow-crowned age  
Strong souls and spirits meek  
Raise high your free exulting song  
God’s wondrous praises speak  
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice give thanks and sing.

With voice as full and strong  
As ocean’s surging praise  
Send forth the hymns the saints have loved  
The psalms of ancient days  
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice give thanks and sing.

### **IV. Call to Worship – (Kevin Zeitler)**

Come, let us celebrate the forgiving, reconciling love  
of God.

**For once we were lost and felt so far away; now  
we have been found and welcomed home.**

Know that God’s love is lavished upon you forever.

**We rejoice at the news of forgiveness and hope!**

Come, let us celebrate and praise the God of Love.  
**AMEN!**

### **V. Children Dismissed for Story Time – (Peggy Davidson)**

### **VI. Luke 15:1-3; 11-32 NRSV – (Kevin Zeitler)**

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.” So he told them this parable:

Then Jesus said, “There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs

were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate. "Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never

given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

### **VII. Sermon - "Dealing With the F-Word" (Jesse Kearns)**

### **VIII. Song of Invitation – CH #16 "Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing" (Nancy Thompson)**

Come, thou font of every blessing  
Tune my heart to sing thy grace  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing  
Call for songs of loudest praise  
Teach me some melodious sonnet  
Sung by flaming tongues above  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it  
Mount of thy redeeming love

Here I raise to thee an altar  
Hither by thy help I'm come  
And I hope, by thy good pleasure  
Safely to arrive at home  
Jesus sought me when a stranger

Wandering from the fold of God  
He, to rescue me from danger,  
Interposed his precious blood

O to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be  
Let thy goodness like a fetter  
Bind my wandering heart to thee  
Prone to wander, how I feel it,  
Prone to leave the God I love  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it  
Seal it for thy courts above

**IX. Moments for Mission – General Church  
Easter Offering**

**X. Prayers of the People – (Mary Kearns)**

**XI. Communion Song CH #403 “In  
Remembrance of Me” (Nancy Thompson)**

In remembrance of me, eat this bread  
In remembrance of me, drink this wine  
In remembrance of me, pray for a time  
When God's own will is done.

In remembrance of me, heal the sick  
In remembrance of me, feed the poor  
In remembrance of me, open the door  
And let your neighbor in, let them in.

Take, eat and be comforted  
Drink and remember too  
That this is my body and precious blood  
Shed for you, shed for you.

In remembrance of me, search for truth  
In remembrance of me, always love  
In remembrance of me, don't look above  
But in your heart look for God  
Do this in remembrance of me.

**XII. Institution of Communion (Elders  
Georgeanne Bennett and Georgia Nelson)**

**XIII. Partaking Communion Together**

**XIV. Blessing/Benediction (Jesse Kearns)**

**XV. Postlude - (Nancy Thomson)**



Easter Flowers

**Easter Flowers** Envelopes are in the pew racks in the Sanctuary. You can place your envelope and check in the offering plate. **The last date to order flowers will be Palm Sunday, April 10th.**

The price remains \$10.00. After the flowers have been displayed in the Sanctuary, you may either take your flowers home after the Easter Service, or they may be delivered to those who are homebound.



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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.
- **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.