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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*.

## MARCH 7, 2021 ORDER OF WORSHIP

### I. Prelude (Joshua Hegg)

### II. Welcome (Pastor Jesse)

- Zoom Check-In on Tuesday at 1:00
- Ecumenical Lenten Service in *Faith Lutheran's* Zoom Room 7:00
- Sacred Grounds, 9:00 next Sunday
- Worship, 10:00 next Sunday

### III. Opening Hymn – CH #666 “The Voice of God is Calling”

The voice of God is calling its summons unto men;

As once He spoke in Zion, so now He speaks again;

“Whom shall I send to succor My people in their need?

Whom shall I send to loosen the bonds of shame and greed?”

“I hear My people crying in cot and mine and slum;

No field or mart is silent, no city street is dumb;

I see My people falling in darkness and despair

—  
Whom shall I send to shatter the fetters which they bear?"

We heed, O Lord, Your summons, and answer:  
Here are we!

Send us upon Your errand, let us Your servants be;

Our strength is dust and ashes, our years a passing hour—

But You can use our weakness to magnify Your pow'r.

From ease and plenty save us; from pride of place absolve;

Purge us of low desire; lift us to high resolve;  
Take us, and make us holy; teach us Your will and way;

Speak, and behold! we answer; command, and we obey!

#### **IV. Call to Worship – (Joe Rogers)**

Come with us on this Lenten Journey to the Temple

The temple is the great House of the Lord.

But sometimes even greed and selfishness can enter the Temple.

Be with us, Lord, as we take this step.

The Lord will be asking us to recognize our selfishness.

Lord, hear our cries. AMEN.

#### **V. Laughing Bird Psalm 19 (Joe Rogers)**

Your glory is written in the sky, God;

.....your artistry is carved on the face of the earth.

From one day to another, the message passes on,  
.....and each night puts the next one in the know.

Not a word is spoken,

.....not a sound do they make;

yet their silence reverberates around the earth

.....and their unspoken message echoes from pole to pole.

You made the sun at home flying across the sky.

.....It takes to its task with the eagerness of a bridegroom;

.....as exultant as an athlete breasting the tape.

As your messenger, God, it does its rounds,

.....from one end of the sky to the other,  
.....warming everything in its path.

Your revealed will is right on the mark, LORD;  
.....it gives our souls their second wind.  
What you says goes,  
.....and any fool can wise up by taking note.

Your instructions are spot on, LORD;  
.....anyone who follows them will be glad they  
did.  
What you direct us to do is easy to see,  
.....and once seen, everything become clear.

Respect for you keeps us true, LORD,  
.....nothing can corrupt it, now or ever.  
What you decide is always accurate;  
.....a fair ruling, beyond dispute.

Your Word is worth far more  
.....than even diamond encrusted gold!  
It is sweeter by far  
.....than any mouth watering delicacy,  
.....even chocolate dipped strawberries  
with cream!

But that's not all!  
.....Your Word, O LORD, keeps me out of

danger,  
.....and following it pays off richly.  
Can anyone put their finger on all their own faults?  
.....LORD, eradicate the bugs I haven't even  
identified yet.

Remind me not to entertain sour contemptuous  
thoughts,  
.....and don't let them start pulling my strings.  
Without them, I can stay on course,  
.....and keep my record clean.

That's what I want, O LORD.  
.....I want all the things I say,  
.....and all the things I mull over in my  
heart,  
.....to be things I'd be proud to offer to you,  
.....for you are the bedrock of my life;  
.....the one who puts me back where I  
belong.

## **VI. Children's Moment (Pastor Jesse)**

## **VII. John 2:13-22 NRSV – (Mary Kearns)**

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went  
up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people

selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

### **VIII. Sermon - "My Table or Jesus' Table?" (Pastor Jesse)**

### **IX. Song of Reflection CH #668 "For the Healing of the Nations"**

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.

**X. Moment for Mission – Message from  
General Minister and President Terry Horde  
Owens**

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

**XII. Communion Song CP #161 “Here Is  
Bread”**

Here is bread, here is wine  
Christ is with us, he is with us  
Break the bread, drink the wine  
Christ is with us here

Here is grace, here is peace  
Christ is with us, he is with us  
Know his grace, find his peace  
Feast on Jesus here

In this bread there is healing  
In this cup there's life forever  
In this moment, by the Spirit  
Christ is with us here

Here we are, joined in one  
Christ is with us, he is with us  
We'll proclaim, till he comes

Jesus crucified

**XIII. Institution of Communion (Elders Peggy  
Davidson and Georgia Nelson)**

**XIV. Blessing/Benediction**

**XV. Postlude - (Joshua Hegg)**

**XVI. Fellowship Time in breakout rooms.**



**Daylight Saving Time Begins  
Sunday, March 14th**

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## Some FAQs for Visitors

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- **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 7th—14th, 2021**

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### **This Sunday—Safe Space Begins**

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](#)

### **Wednesday**

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

### **Next Sunday—Daylight Saving Time Begins**

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

Safe Space ends March 21st

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## Looking Ahead

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- 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.

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## In honor of Women's History Month

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### Amy Tan

Amy Tan, born in 1952, in Oakland California, is a Chinese American novelist. Her "The Joy Luck Club" is a New York Times bestselling novel; she also wrote the screenplay for the motion

picture made in 1993. The book explored the relationship between Chinese mothers and their Chinese-American daughters. Her other works include, "Rules of the Game", "The Kitchen God's Wife", "The Hundred Secret Senses", "The Bonesetter's Daughter", "Saving Fish From Drowning", "The Valley of Amazement," and two children's books, "The Moon Lady" and "Sagwa, the Chinese Siamese Cat." The last was adapted for television. Tan lived in Montreux, Switzerland as a child, but attended college in Oregon and California. She currently lives with her husband, Lou DeMattei in San Francisco and New York.

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