



# What Is a Real Christian?



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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 and Announcements – (Barbara Poetker)

- Today – Fellowship hosted by Marion Brown's family
- Tuesday – 11:30 a.m. WICS at Olive Garden; Check-in at 1:00 p.m. on Zoom, Elders meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom
- Wednesday - Boy Scouts in K-Hall at 6:00 p.m.
- Thursday – Music practice at 10:00 a.m.
- Friday – 1:00 p.m. Healing Circle, Bethany Room
- Sunday – Sacred Grounds at 9:00 on Zoom and Room 6.
- Sunday – Worship at 10:00 in the sanctuary, Zoom, and Facebook Live. Fellowship hosted by Mike Caprealian and the Maxwells.

## IV. Opening Hymn – TOG #19 “Let It Shine” (Joshua Hegg)

Let it shine, let it shine  
The light of the world that shows the way  
Let it shine, let it shine  
And show us peace today

The church bears witness to God's grace  
Its mission crystal clear  
To show the world God's human face  
A world that God holds dear.

Let it shine, let it shine  
The light of the world that shows the way  
Let it shine, let it shine  
And show us peace today

When love replaces human greed  
A lasting peace will come  
As hands reach out to human need  
From hearts no longer numb

Let it shine, let it shine  
The light of the world that shows the way  
Let it shine, let it shine  
And show us peace today

Now let us give ourselves to God  
Within this war-torn world  
And work till justice walks abroad  
With flags of peace unfurled

Let it shine, let it shine  
The light of the world that shows the way  
Let it shine, let it shine  
And show us peace today

## **V. Call to Worship – (Barbara Poetker)**

Let praise to God resound in the heavens!  
**Let praise to God fill the earth!**

Let all God's angels offer praise and rejoicing!  
**Let all God's creatures sing praise and joy!**

Open your hearts and spirits today.  
**Let us praise the Lord today and always! AMEN.**

## **VI. Children Dismissed for Sunday School (Peggy Davidson)**

### **VII. Acts 11:1-18 NRSV (Barbara Poetker)**

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I

replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

#### **VIII. Sermon - "What Is a Real Christian" (Pastor Jesse)**

#### **IX. Song of Invitation – CH #61 "All Things Bright and Beautiful" (Joshua Hegg)**

All things bright and beautiful  
All creatures great and small  
All things wise and wonderful  
In love God made them all

Each little flower that opens  
Each little bird that sings  
God made their glowing colors  
And made their tiny wings

All things bright and beautiful  
All creatures great and small  
All things wise and wonderful  
In love God made them all

The purple headed mountain  
The river running by  
The sunset and the morning  
That brightens up the sky

All things bright and beautiful  
All creatures great and small  
All things wise and wonderful  
In love God made them all

The cold wind in the winter  
The pleasant summer sun  
The ripe fruits in the garden  
God made them every one

All things bright and beautiful  
All creatures great and small  
All things wise and wonderful  
In love God made them all

#### **X. Moment for Mission – (Surprise!)**

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

#### **XII. Communion Song CH #408 “Come, Share the Lord” (Joshua Hegg)**

We gather here in Jesus’ name  
His love is burning in our hearts like living flame  
For through the loving son  
The father makes us one  
Come take the bread  
Come drink the wine  
Come share the lord

No one is a stranger here  
Everyone belongs  
Finding our forgiveness here  
We in turn forgive all wrongs  
He joins us here

He breaks the bread  
The lord who pours the cup is risen from the dead  
The one we love the most, is now our gracious host  
Come take the bread  
Come drink the wine  
Come share the lord

We are now a family  
Of which the lord is head  
Though unseen he meets us here  
In the breaking of the bread

We’ll gather soon  
Where angels sing  
We’ll see the glory of our lord and coming king  
Now we anticipate  
The feast for which we wait  
Come take the bread  
Come drink the wine  
Come share the Lord

#### **XIII. Institution of Communion (Elders Max Erwin and Bill Peterson)**

#### **XIV. Partaking Communion Together**

#### **XV. Blessing/Benediction (Pastor Jesse)**

#### **XVI. Postlude - (Joshua Hegg)**



*“So then,  
even to Gentiles  
God has granted  
repentance that  
leads to life.”*

Acts 11:18, NIV

“**WHO WAS I  
... THAT I COULD HINDER  
GOD?**”

ACTS 11:17, NRSV

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### This Sunday

- 9:00 a.m. Sacred Grounds Adult Faith Formation Christian Education, Room 6 and on [Zoom](#)
- 10:00 a.m. Indoor Worship in Sanctuary and Worship Streamed Live on [Zoom](#) and [Facebook](#)
- Fellowship following Worship, Fireside, hosted by Marion Brown's family

### Tuesday

- 11:30 a.m. WICS lunch out at Olive Garden
- 1:00 p.m. Check-in on [Zoom](#)
- 7:00 p.m. Elders, on [Zoom](#)

### Wednesday

- 6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Troop 2 Koinonia Hall, Fireside

### Thursday

- 10:00 a.m. Music Jam for all fully vaccinated musicians, Room 4

### Friday

- 1:00 p.m. Healing Circle, Bethany

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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.