



Practicing Authentic Forgiveness



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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 - (Georgeanne Bennett)

- Today – Fellowship hosted by Nancy Thompson.
- Tuesday – 1:00 p.m. Zoom check-in; Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom.
- Wednesday –6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Troop 2 in Koinonia Hall and Fireside.
- Thursday - 10:00 a.m. Music Jam for all fully vaccinated musicians.
- Saturday – Nakyla Stolp’s yard sale fundraiser for Girl Scouts, church parking lot
- Next 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 hosted by Barbara Mann.

III. Opening Hymn – CH #233 “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus” (Joshua Hegg)

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus
risen now to reign in love
Alleluia! Praise the Savior;
with the multitudes above
There the songs of saints and martyrs
thunder like a mighty flood
Jesus out of every nation
has redeemed us by his blood

Alleluia! not as orphans
we are left in sorrow now
Alleluia Christ is near us,
faith believes, nor questions how
Though the cloud from sight received him
when the forty days are o'er
Shall our hearts forget the promise,
"I am with you evermore?"

Alleluia! bread of heaven
Be on earth our food and stay
Alleluia! here in the sinful
flee to you from day to day
Intercessor, friend of sinners,
earth's redeemer plead for me
Where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea

IV. Call to Worship – (Georgeanne Bennett)

Who releases us from our bondage to sin?
It is God who draws us up from Sheol!
Who feeds and tends our lives?
It is the Risen Christ who nourishes us!
Praise be to God who has saved us!
**Praise be to Christ who calls us to worship and
serve. AMEN.**

V. Children Dismissed for Sunday School – (Peggy Davidson)

VI. Acts 9:1-20 NRSV – (Georgeanne Bennett)

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and

at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.” But Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.” But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.” So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, “He is the Son of God.”

VII. Sermon - “Practicing Authentic Forgiveness” (Jesse Kearns)

VIII. Song of Invitation – CH #339 “Just As I Am” (Joshua Hegg)

Just as I am, without one plea,
But that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bid'st me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt;
Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Just as I am, Thy love unknown
Has broken every barrier down;
Now, to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

IX. Moments for Mission – Report on Annual Gathering

X. Prayers of the People – (Mary Kearns)

XI. Communion Song CH #424 “I’m Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table” (Joshua Hegg)

I’m gonna eat at the welcome table
I’m gonna eat at the welcome table, Allelu
I’m gonna eat at the welcome table
I’m gonna eat at the welcome table, Allelu

I’m gonna eat and drink with my Jesus
I’m gonna eat and drink with my Jesus, Allelu
I’m gonna eat and drink with my Jesus
I’m gonna eat and drink with my Jesus, Allelu

I’m gonna join with sisters, brothers,
I’m gonna join with sisters, brothers, Allelu
I’m gonna join with sisters, brothers,
I’m gonna join with sisters, brothers, Allelu

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

XIII. Partaking Communion Together

XIV. Blessing/Benediction (Jesse Kearns)

XV. Postlude – (Joshua Hegg)

May-June Upper Room Devotionals are available in the narthex of the sanctuary on top of the bookshelves.

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May 1st-8th, 2022

CALENDAR

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 Nancy Thompson

Tuesday

- 1:00 p.m. Check-in on [Zoom](#)
- 7:00 p.m. Church Board Meeting 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—Church Office Closed (Admin. Assistant Briony on vacation this day)

Saturday

- Nakyla Stolp Girl Scout Fundraiser Yard Sale, Church Parking Lot

Next Sunday—Mother's Day

- 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 Barbara Mann in honor of her mother, Helen Schaller and mother-in-law, Mary Mann

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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- **Masks:** Masks are recommended but not required. Adult and child size masks are available in the Sanctuary as well as hand sanitizer.