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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 - (Pastor Jesse)**

- Zoom Check-In on Tuesday at 1:00
- Board Meeting Tuesday at 7:00
- CAIC Annual Dessert – “Unity and Diversity” 7:00 at FCC Zoom Room
- Sacred Grounds, 9:00 next Sunday
- Worship, 10:00 in the sanctuary, Zoom and FaceBook Live
- Jesse on leave until further notice. Zoom meetings will still take place at normal times and places.

## **III. Opening Hymn – CP #7 “Let Us Go to the House of the Lord” (Joshua Hegg)**

I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the Lord.”

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Called from every nation, called from every race  
Gathered here for worship in this holy place  
God is here among us; lift your hearts and sing  
Make the walls and rafters sing

I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the Lord.”

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Here the poor are welcomed, here the lost are calmed  
Broken lives are mended; deepest fears are named  
Here the wise are children, and the weak are strong  
Here, in Christ we all belong.

I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the  
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house of the Lord.”

Words that must be spoken, grace that must be heard,  
Mercy and forgiveness from God’s holy Word  
Here will be repeated, peace to all proclaimed,  
Shouted out in Jesus’ name

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#### **IV. Call to Worship – (Mary Kearns)**

Come and sit with me. We shall study the word.

**Together we shall read and understand.**

Come and kneel with me. We shall break the bread.

**Together we shall eat and be satisfied.**

Come walk with me, we shall part the waters.

**Together we shall risk and behold, we shall be  
changed.**

#### **V. Luke 24:13-35 (Pastor Jesse)**

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, ‘What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?’ They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, ‘Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?’ He asked them, ‘What things?’ They replied, ‘The things about Jesus of Nazareth,\* who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel.\* Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found

it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah\* should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us\* while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

## **VI. Acts 8:26-40 NRSV – (Mary Kearns)**

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,  
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,  
so he does not open his mouth.  
In his humiliation justice was denied him.  
Who can describe his generation?  
For his life is taken away from the earth.'

The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the

road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

## **VII. Sermon - "We Are All Strangers" (Pastor Jesse)**

## **VIII. Song of Reflection – CH #352 "Spirit Song" (Joshua Hegg)**

Oh, let the Son of God enfold you with his Spirit and his love; Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul  
Oh, let him have the things that hold you, and his Spirit, like a dove, Will descend upon your life and make you whole

Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs  
Oh, come and sing the song with gladness as your hearts are filled with joy  
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to his name  
Oh, give him all your tears and sadness, give him all your years of pain, And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name

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

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

## **XI. Communion Song CP #162 "Remember Me" (Joshua Hegg)**

On the night you were betrayed you took the bread;  
After giving thanks, you broke it and said  
This is my body broken for you,  
And as you eat it, remember me.  
This is my body, broken for you,  
And as you eat it, remember me.

On the night you were betrayed you held the cup;  
After giving thanks, you lifted it up.  
This is my blood poured out for you,  
And as you drink it, remember me.  
This is my body, broken for you,  
And as you eat it, remember me.

So we thank you for the wine and for the bread  
For we see the life you gave and the blood you shed  
And we remember your wondrous love  
You gave your body, you shed your blood  
And we remember your wondrous love.  
You have your body, you shed your blood.

## **XII. Institution of Communion (Elders)**

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

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

### **Looking Ahead**

- **May 6th, 7 pm**, via FCC Zoom room, Chico Area Interfaith Council (CAIC) **Annual Event**
- **May 23rd—Pentecost Picnic In the Park!** Yes! We will be celebrating Pentecost at Wildwood park at **10:00 a.m.** This will be a picnic 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.
- **June 3rd Bible Study starts up again, 7 pm.** This Bible Study will be continuing Israel's monarchy with the Book of 2 Samuel. This will be over zoom and *maybe* in person. More information forthcoming! Sign up with Pastor Jesse or Briony in the church office.

# CALENDAR

**May 2nd-9th, 2021**

## **This Sunday**

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

## **Tuesday**

1:00 p.m.-Weekly Check-in on [Zoom](#)  
7:00 p.m.— Church Board Meeting, [Zoom](#)

## **Thursday**

7:00 p.m.— Chico Area Interfaith Council (CAIC)  
Annual Event, FCC [Zoom](#)

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Church Office Administrative Assistant Briony works  
remotely from home on Fridays.

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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.
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## Changes to In Person Worship

- We are continuing to have live-streaming options via Zoom, and FaceBook Live. **Jesse will only be able to interact with Zoom and FaceBook live people during Prayers of the People.**
- We are meeting in the Sanctuary with every other pew roped off. **As of April 1st, 2021, we are now in the orange tier!** This means we are at 50% of capacity or around 100 people. Services will be socially distanced, masks are required.
- We will take temperatures upon entry and names and contact information will be collected to aid in any contact tracing.
- Communion will be single-serve, pre-packaged sealed cups of juice with wafers sealed on top. Think Lunchables. The wafers are NOT gluten free. You may bring your own communion if you prefer.
- There will be no corporate singing
- **There will be no hymnals or paper bulletins available.** Songs will be on the monitors and the bulletin will be emailed out on Fridays and again on Sunday mornings. **We encourage you to either print your own copy to use during the service, or download it before coming.** There will be no public wifi available as we need ALL the bandwidth to livestream.
- Offering plates will not be passed. You may place your offerings in the plate as directed at the beginning or end of the service.
- Please do NOT attend the in person services if you are unwell, or think you may have been exposed to COVID-19.
- After every service, the sanctuary will be disinfected.
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