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**May 30th, 2021**

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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
- Sacred Grounds, 9:00 next Sunday
- Worship, 10:00 in the sanctuary, Zoom and FaceBook Live

## **III. Opening Hymn – CH #467 “Fill the World With Love” (Joshua Hegg)**

With the vision in our minds of how the world could be,  
And the fullness of our hearts from the suffering we see;

When we make all that we are and have part of God’s destiny,

We can fill the world with love, we can fill the world with love.

All the people in this world living lives of pain and fear,  
Crying out into the night, wond’ring when someone will hear;

While there are so many others having so much they can share,

Can we fill the world with love, can we fill the world with love.

We whose spirits long to share, long to comfort and  
to heal,  
Know that when we act alone, hope is difficult to feel;  
But together as we labor God's compassion to reveal  
We will fill the world with love, we will fill the world  
with love.

Let us hesitate no longer in our doubt and our  
dismay;  
There's a pow'r at work within us that has promised a  
new day.  
And the time will surely come, it will not be long  
delayed  
When God fills the world with love, when God fills  
the world with love.

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

Great is the Lord!  
**God's greatness is beyond our understanding.**

Yet God has revealed God's self in Jesus Christ.  
**Through Jesus we have come to know the  
absolute love of God.**

Lift up your hearts and praise the Lord!  
**May God continue to bless God's people with  
peace. AMEN.**

#### **V. John 15:12-17 (Pastor Jesse)**

'This is my commandment, that you love one another  
as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this,  
to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my  
friends if you do what I command you. I do not call  
you servants any longer, because the servant does not  
know what the master is doing; but I have called you  
friends, because I have made known to you everything  
that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose  
me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and  
bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will  
give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am  
giving you these commands so that you may love one  
another.

#### **VI. Romans 8:12-17 NRSV – (Mary Kearns)**

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to  
the flesh, to live according to the flesh— for if you  
live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the  
Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will  
live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are  
children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of  
slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a  
spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' it is  
that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we  
are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs  
of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we  
suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with  
him.

**VII. Sermon - "Love Ain't Easy" (Pastor Jesse)**

**VIII. Song of Reflection – CH #494 "They'll Know We Are Christians" (Joshua Hegg)**

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;  
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;  
And we pray that all unity will one day be restored.

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our  
love,  
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in  
hand;  
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in  
hand;  
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our  
land.

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our  
love,  
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will work with each other, we will work side by  
side;  
We will work with each other, we will work side by  
side;  
And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's  
pride.

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our  
love,  
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come;  
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son.  
And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one.

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our  
love,  
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

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

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

**XI. Communion Song CH #526 "The Gift of Love" (Joshua Hegg)**

Though I may speak with bravest fire,  
And have the gift to all inspire,  
And have not love, my words are vain,  
As sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess,  
And striving so my love profess,  
But not be given by love within,  
The profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,  
Our spirits long to be made whole.  
Let inward love guide every deed;  
By this we worship, and are freed.

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

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

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



**Rejoice  
in hope,  
be patient  
in tribulation,  
be constant  
in prayer.**

Romans 12:12, ESV

# CALENDAR

**May 30th-June 6th, 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](#)

## **Monday—Church Office closed in honor of Memorial Day**

## **Tuesday**

1:00 p.m.-Weekly Check-in on [Zoom](#)

7:00 p.m.-Church Board meeting, [Zoom](#)

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

## Looking Ahead

- **June 8th, 7 p.m.**, via FCC Zoom room, Chico Area Interfaith Council (CAIC) Annual Event
- **DATE CHANGE! June 10th 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.

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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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