



May 7th, 2023

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First Christian Church Chico

(Disciples of Christ)



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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. Ringing of the Bell

## III. Welcome and Announcements – (Kathy Moran)

- Today – Fellowship following service.
- Monday – 4:30 p.m. String Ensemble practice in Chapel.
- Tuesday – 9:30 a.m. Koinonia Krafters in Fireside; 11:30 a.m. Music Jam in Room 4; 7:00 p.m. Elder's Meeting on Zoom.
- Wednesday – 6:00 p.m. Scouts in K-Hall and Fireside
- Thursday – 8:30 a.m. Worship Team Breakfast at Cozy Diner; 2:00 p.m. Chico Ballet in Fireside and K-Hall; 7:00 p.m. Bible Study in Room 6 and Zoom.
- Friday – 3:00 p.m. Chico Creek and Chico Ballet in Fireside and K-Hall.
- Saturday – All Day – Chico Ballet/Chico Creek Dance in Fireside, K-Hall, Room 6 and 10; 2:00 p.m. Journeys of the Heart Bereavement Group in the Spiritual Care Center.
- Sunday – 8:30 a.m. Sacred Grounds; 10:00 a.m. Worship in sanctuary, Zoom and FaceBook Live; Fellowship in K-Hall following the service
- Offerings may be put in the collection plate which is near the bulletins near the entrance of the sanctuary

#### **IV. Opening Hymn – CP #40 “Shout to the North”**

Men of faith rise up and sing  
Of the great and glorious King  
You are strong when you feel weak  
In your brokenness complete

Shout to the north and the south  
Sing to the east and the west  
Jesus is savior to all  
Lord of heaven and earth

Rise up women of the truth  
Stand and sing to broken hearts  
Who can know the healing power  
Of our awesome King of love

Shout to the north and the south  
Sing to the east and the west  
Jesus is savior to all  
Lord of heaven and earth

We've been through fire, we've been through rain  
We've been refined by the power of His name  
We've fallen deeper in love with You  
You've burned the truth on our lips

Shout to the north and the south  
Sing to the east and the west  
Jesus is savior to all  
Lord of heaven and earth  
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Lord of heaven and earth.

#### **V. Call to Worship – (Kathy Moran)**

Come, all of you who feel lost, alienated, alone.

**At one time we felt that way – we didn't belong  
anywhere. We just wanted somewhere to be.**

Christ, the Strong Cornerstone of our house,  
welcomes you.

**Once we were no people  
Now we are God's people.  
Once we had no place to dwell**

**Now we live and abide in God's love.**

Thanks be to God for God's gracious love and hospitality.

**AMEN.**

## **VI. Children Fourth Grade and Under Dismissed for Sunday School**

### **VII. 1 Peter 2:1-10 NRSV – (Kathy Moran)**

Rid yourselves, therefore, of all malice, and all guile, insincerity, envy, and all slander. Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

'See, I am laying in Zion a stone,  
a cornerstone chosen and precious;  
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.'

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

'The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the very head of the corner',  
and

'A stone that makes them stumble,  
and a rock that makes them fall.'

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people,  
but now you are God's people;  
once you had not received mercy,  
but now you have received mercy.

### **VIII. Sermon – “God's Own People” (Jesse Kearns)**

**IX. Song of Invitation – CH #356 “We Your People, God Confessing” (Joshua Hegg)**

We your people, God, confessing  
Jesus Christ your Son as Lord  
Gather here in common worship  
Praising your incarnate word  
Through the power of Christ within us  
We are strengthened to proclaim  
Gospel truth in witness, service,  
Offered in Christ’s holy name.

We your people, God, rejoicing  
In your vast creative power  
Bind ourselves, each with the other  
Covenant in love this hour  
Through baptismal rite we enter  
Rising newly born to be  
Unified with your whole people  
Here in perfect liberty

We, your people, God, communing  
Through the Holy Spirit here  
Joined together as disciples,  
In obedience now draw near  
At the table where the emblems

Of Christ’s sacrifice are spread  
Here we celebrate his presence  
With the cup and broken bread

We, your people, God receiving  
Gifts of ministry outpoured  
In the light of holy scripture  
Are set free, refreshed, restored  
In the bonds of faith we serve you,  
God of all, whom we adore  
Yours the blessing, yours the glory,  
One God, reigning evermore!

**X. Moments for Mission**

**XI. Prayers of the People (Jesse Kearns)**

**XII. Communion Song Table of Grace #5 “Come to the Table of Grace” (Joshua Hegg) see next page for music**

Come to the table of grace  
Come to the table of grace  
This is God’s table,  
It’s not yours or mine  
Come to the table of grace.

# Come to the Table of Grace 5

*♩ = 84 (♩ = ♭♩)*

F C7 F F7/C

Come to the ta - ble of \*grace.

B♭ C F C

Come to the ta - ble of \*grace.

F B♭/F F7 B♭ Bdim7

This is God's ta - ble, it's not yours or mine.

F/C C7 F

Come to the ta - ble of \*grace.

\*Additional stanzas:  
2 peace 3 love 4 joy 5 hope

**XIII. Institution of Communion (Peggy Davidson and Kevin Zeitler)**

**XIV. Partaking Communion Together**

**XV. Blessing/Benediction**

**XVI. Postlude – (Joshua Hegg)**



## **Pentecost Picnic in the Park!**

We will be celebrating Pentecost at **Wildwood Park** on **May 21st**, at **10:00 a.m.!** Sing-along led by Good Country and the Upbeats, as well as worship and a barbeque potluck.

**Pentecost**  
**IN THE**  
**PARK**

"No one commits suicide because they want to die."

"Then why do they do it?"

"Because they want to stop the pain."

~Tiffanie DeBartolo, How to Kill a Rock Star

# soul shop

**for Everyone**

The goal of Soul Shop™ for congregations is to begin working within the church to create a network of support for those who are impacted by suicide. This faith-oriented program is designed to increase awareness of suicide and discuss the steps that can be taken to reduce risks. This workshop is for parents, police, nurses, teachers, and any other concerned citizens who might want to learn how to ask the question of suicide, learn about the prevalence of suicide in the church community, and get more engaged with how to be a part of the solution.

**May 20, 2023**

**9:00am - 1:00pm**



**14 Hillary Lane  
Chico, CA 95973**

*Cost*  
**\$10**

*Self-registration*



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**530-895-8395 or  
office@cslichico.org**



Rev. Eileen Brownell is ordained by Centers for Spiritual Living and a Chico Police Chaplain. In the last 17 years she has helped family and friends after numerous suicides ranging in age from 13 to 90. Alarmed by the increase, Eileen became a certified Soul Shop trainer to work with faith communities to help prevent suicides and support survivors.

## Attendance

**Attendance for April 30th, 2023:**

Online: 11 Sanctuary: 52 Total: 63

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**This Sunday**

- 8:30 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, Koinonia Hall
- 1:00 p.m. Iglesia de Cristo Agua Viva, Sanctuary

**Monday**

- 4:30 p.m. String Ensemble Rehearsals, Chapel

**Tuesday**

- 9:30 a.m. Koinonia Krafters, Fireside
- 11:30 a.m. Music Jam, Room 4
- 7:00 p.m. Elders, on Zoom (This month only, the Elders meeting is on the 2nd Tuesday)

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**Thursday**

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- 2:00 p.m. Chico Creek/Chico Ballet, Koinonia Hall, Fireside
- 7:00 p.m. Bible Study, Room 6, and on [Zoom](#)

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**Saturday**

- All Day Chico Creek/Chico Ballet, Koinonia Hall, Fireside, Bethany, 6, 10
- 2:00 p.m. Journeys of the Heart Grief Group, Spiritual Care Center

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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.