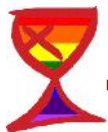


# Making Up for Mistakes



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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 – (Nancy Thompson)

## II. Welcome and Announcements - (Pastor Jesse)

- Tuesday  
1:00 p.m. Check-in on Zoom  
2:00 p.m.-WICS, Bethany  
7:00 pm-Elders on Zoom
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- Thursday  
11:00 a.m.-Music Jam practice
- Friday  
10:00 a.m.-NAMI, Room 6
- Saturday  
4:00 p.m.-St. Elias, Koinonia Hall
- Sunday—Congregational Meeting, Stewardship  
Sunday  
9:00 a.m.-Sacred Grounds on Zoom and in Chapel  
10:00 a.m.-Indoor Worship in Sanctuary, Zoom and Facebook Live

#### **IV. Opening Hymn – CH #15 “Rejoice, You Pure in Heart” (Nancy Thompson)**

Rejoice, you pure in heart  
lift praises to the sky  
Your festive banner wave with joy,  
The cross of Christ raise high  
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.

Bright you and snow crowned age  
Strong souls and spirits meek  
Raise high your free exulting song  
God’s wondrous praises speak  
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.

With voice as full and strong  
As ocean’s surging praise  
Send forth the hymns the saints have loved  
The psalms of ancient days  
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.

Yes, on through life’s long path  
Still singing as you go  
From youth to age by night by day  
In gladness and in woe  
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.

Praise God who rules all worlds  
The risen Christ adore  
Praise God the Spirit holy fire  
One God forever more  
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.

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

What joy it is to have you here today!

**We have come from very busy lives, filled both with joys and difficulties.**

Welcome to this place in which God will ease your burdens and celebrate your joys with you.

**We have come to find hope and peace in our lives.**  
Whatever has happened this week in your life, know that God is with you and offering you peace, rest and blessing.

**Thanks be to God who accepts us as we are, and thanks for the warm welcome in this service of worship. AMEN.**

#### **VI. Children’s Moment**

## **VII. Hebrews 10:11-25 NRSV – (Mary Kearns)**

And every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, “he sat down at the right hand of God,” and since then has been waiting “until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.” For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying, “This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds,” he also adds, “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.” Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some,

but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

## **VIII. Sermon - “Making Up for Mistakes” (Pastor Jesse)**

### **IX. Song of Invitation – CH #633 “Lead On, O Cloud of Presence” (Nancy Thompson)**

Lead on, O cloud of Presence, the exodus is come,  
in wilderness and desert our tribe shall make its home.  
Our slavery left behind us, new hopes within us grow.  
We seek the land of promise where milk and honey  
flow.

Lead on, O fiery Pillar, we follow yet with fears,  
but we shall come rejoicing though joy be born of  
tears.  
We are not lost, though wandering, for by your light we  
come,  
and we are still God’s people. The journey is our home.

Lead on O God of freedom, and guide us on our way,  
and help us trust the promise through struggle and  
delay.

We pray our sons and daughters may journey to that  
land  
where justice dwells with mercy, and love is law’s  
demand.

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

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

**XII. Communion Song CH #422 “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ” (Nancy Thompson)**

Let us talents and tongues employ,  
reaching out with a shout of joy:  
bread is broken, the wine is poured,  
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.  
Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again.  
Pass the Word around: loaves abound!

Christ is able to make us one,  
at his table he set the tone,  
teaching people to live to bless,  
love in word and in deed express.  
Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again.  
Pass the Word around: loaves abound!

Jesus calls us in, sends us out  
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,  
gives us love to tell, bread to share:  
God (Immanuel) everywhere!  
Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again.  
Pass the Word around: loaves abound!

**XIII. Institution of Communion (Elders Barbara Meade and Barbara Poetker)**

**XIV. Partaking Communion Together**

**XV. Blessing/Benediction (Jesse Kearns)**

**XVI. Postlude - (Nancy Thomson)**

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## Stewardship Sunday is November 21st, 2021



Stewardship letters with pledge cards have been mailed out, and electronic copies of the letter and the pledge card are on our

website here: <https://www.fccchico.com/stewardship.html>

Pledge cards and envelopes are also in the pew racks in the Sanctuary. Please return the pledge card by mail, in the offering plates on Sunday mornings, or by dropping it through the church mail slot at any time before November 21st, 2021. Thank you!



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**Thanksgiving Offering will be taken November 14th and 21st.** The Thanksgiving Offering benefits the Colleges, Universities, Seminaries, and Divinity Houses affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Higher education has been an important focus for Disciples since the very beginning of the movement. Your gift to the Thanksgiving Offering helps support the education of thousands of students at our fifteen colleges and universities as well as our seven seminaries and divinity houses. You can donate online here: <https://disciplesmissionfund.org/special-offerings/thanksgiving/>

Nov. 14th-21st, 2021

## CALENDAR

### This Sunday

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4:00 p.m.-St. Elias, Koinonia Hall

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

## 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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