



What Do We Deserve?





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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 – CP # 5 “Day and Night” (The Upbeats)

Shadows all around me,
and starless is my night.
And now that love has found me
I’ll be livin’ in the light.

Day and night shine a bright, bright light;
Bright be the light of God.
Day and night shine a bright, bright, light;
Bright be the light of God.

Waitin’ for the sunrise
To come and fill the sky.
I can see the sunshine
When I look into your eyes

Day and night shine a bright, bright light;
Bright be the light of God.
Day and night shine a bright, bright, light;
Bright be the light of God.

We are walkin’ in the light of God,
We are walkin’ in the light of God.
We are walkin’ in the light of God,
We are walkin’ in the light of God.

Day and night shine a bright, bright light;
Bright be the light of God.
Day and night shine a bright, bright, light;
Bright be the light of God.

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Bright be the light of God.
Day and night shine a bright, bright, light;
Bright be the light of God.

II. Welcome and Announcements

- Monday – 2:30 p.m. String Ensemble, Chapel
- Tuesday – 11:30 a.m. Music Jam, Room 4
- Wednesday – 7:00 p.m. Scouts BSA in K-Hall and Fireside.
- Thursday – 8:30 a.m. Worship Team breakfast at Cozy Diner; 7:00 p.m. Bible Study in Room 6 and on Zoom.
- Friday – 1 p.m. Healing Circle, Bethany
- Saturday – 9 a.m. Ann Nelson’s CPR Class, Fireside; 5 p.m. Butte Young People AA Speaker Meeting, Koinonia Hall
- Sunday – First Sunday of Advent; Hanging of the Greens. 8:30 a.m. Sacred Grounds; 10:00 a.m. Worship in sanctuary, Zoom and FaceBook Live; Fellowship hosted by the Elders, with a candy cane hunt and gift bags for children in K-Hall following the service,
- Offerings may be put in the offering plate which is near the bulletins near the entrance of the sanctuary

III. Opening Hymn – CP # 9 “New Song” (The Upbeats)

I waited (I waited)
Patiently (Patiently)
I waited (I waited)
For you to hear me (For you to hear me)
You listen, (You listen)
You heard my cry (You heard my cry)
You lift me (You lift me)
Higher and higher (Higher and higher)

You give me a new song;
you give me a new song;
You give me a new song to sing!

You set me (You set me)
On solid ground (On solid ground)
Protect me (Protect me)
Your love surrounds me (Love surrounds me)

You give me a new song
you give me a new song;
You give me a new song to sing!

La la la-la, yeah
La la la-la, yeah
La la la-la yeah
La la la-la yeah

La-la-la-la-la-la
La-la-la-la-la-la
La-la-la-la-la-la, Yeah!

La-la-la-la-la-la
La-la-la-la-la-la
La-la-la-la-la-la, Yeah!

You give me a new song
you give me a new song;
You give me a new song to sing!

I waited (I waited)
Patiently (Patiently)
I waited (I waited)
For you to hear me (For you to hear me)

You give me a new song
you give me a new song;
You give me a new song to sing!

La la la-la, yeah
La la la-la, yeah
La la la-la yeah
La la la-la yeah

La-la-la-la-la-la
La-la-la-la-la-la
La-la-la-la-la-la, Yeah!

La-la-la-la-la-la
La-la-la-la-la-la
La-la-la-la-la-la, Yeah!

La-la-la-la-la-la
La-la-la-la-la-la
La-la-la-la-la-la, Yeah!

IV. Call to Worship – (Mary Kearns)

Rejoice, people of God!
Celebrate the life within you, and Christ's presence in
your midst!

Our eyes shall be opened!

**The present will have new meaning, and the
future will be bright with hope.**

Rejoice, people of God!

Bow your heads before the One who is our wisdom
and our strength.

**We place ourselves before our God, that we may
be touched and cleansed by the power of
God's spirit.**

V. Children Fourth Grade and Under Dismissed for Sunday School

VI. Psalm 40:1-5 NRSV (Mary Kearns)

I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry.

He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.

He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.

Happy are those who make the Lord their trust, who do not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after false gods.

You have multiplied, O Lord my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you. Were I to proclaim and tell of them, they would be more than can be counted.

VII. Matthew 22:1-14 NRSV – (Mary Kearns)

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he

sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. “But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

VIII. Sermon - “What Do We Deserve?” (Jesse Kearns)

**IX. Hymn of Invitation and Reflection – CP #
151 “One Spirit of Love” (The Upbeats)**

Many are the wonder of God,
Many doors open wide,
Many roads that are still untraveled.
Many are the gifts that we share;
Many burdens we bear,
Many mysteries still unraveled.

Many gifts, one spirit of love,
one spirit of love.
Many gifts, one spirit of love,
one spirit of love.

Some will be the teachers of life,
Some preachers of love,
Some the fathers and some the mothers.
Some will be the ones who will care;
Some will listen and share,
Serving God while they serve each other.

Many gifts, one spirit of love,
one spirit of love.
Many gifts, one spirit of love,
one spirit of love.

Living as the body of Christ
and the heart of the earth
And the hands that will break new ground,
Celebrate the gifts from within;
Now it's time to begin.
God's people can turn the world around now.

Many gifts, one spirit of love,
one spirit of love.
Many gifts, one spirit of love,
one spirit of love.

Many gifts, one spirit of love,
one spirit of love.

X. Moment for Mission

XI. Prayers of the People (Jesse Kearns)

**XII. Communion Song CP #168 “Table of
Love” (The Upbeats)**

Here we are, you and me;
I wonder if we're supposed to be
here at this table.
Draw me in, as I am;
I hope that you will understand

As I come to this table of love.
I am tired, I am worn;
I am broken, I am torn.
So I come to this table
I let your peace fill my soul
Cleanse my heart, and make me whole
Here at this table of love

I've come here to lay it all down.
You've come to lift me up,
And how we're forever bound
By this bread and by this cup
Here at this table of love.

I was lost, now I'm found
Since we all have gathered 'round
Here at this table
I was blind, now I see,
All the ways you welcome me
Here at this table of love.

I've come to lay it all down.
You've come to lift me up,
And how we're forever bound
By this bread and by this cup
Here at this table of love
Here at this table of love

XIII. Institution of Communion (Georgeanne Bennett, and Georgia Nelson, elders)

XIV. Partaking Communion Together

XV. Blessing/Benediction

XVI. Postlude

- **November 26th:** We will be decorating the Sanctuary for Christmas at **3 p.m.**
- **Christmas Flowers** Once again, we will be decorating the Sanctuary and chapel with poinsettias and holiday flowers. Envelopes are in the pew racks. **The cost is \$12. The last day to order is December 17th.**
- **Advent Devotionals! Limited paper copies are now in the Sanctuary!** We will be using Sanctified Art's Advent Devotional "How Does A Weary World Rejoice?" that will have art, poetry, and reflections for Advent in Luke's Gospel. The devotional is 30 pages so we are trying to print only as many as we need. **If you would like one and there aren't any left, please let the church office know (chicodisciples@gmail.com or 530-343-3727) and we'll print one just for you!** Our friends at A Sanctified Art have provided a special e-reader version of this year's Advent devotional, which you can access on your computer and mobile devices—email the church office and we'll send you the link!



Attendance

Attendance for November 19th, 2023:

In person: 46 Online: 12 Total: 58

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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. Worship in Sanctuary and Worship Streamed Live on [Zoom](#) and [Facebook](#)
- Fellowship, Koinonia Hall
- 1:00 p.m. Iglesia de Cristo Agua Viva, Sanctuary
- **3:00 p.m. Decorating the Sanctuary for Christmas!**

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