



But What If?



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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 – (Barbara Poetker)

- Today – Fellowship following service.
- Monday - 4:00 p.m. Inspire School of Arts rehearsals in Fireside, K-Hall, Bethany, and Room 10, Advent Rehearsal in the chapel.
- Tuesday –9:30 a.m. PEO in Fireside; 11:00 a.m. Music jam in Room 4; 4:00 p.m. Inspire School of Arts rehearsals in Fireside, K-Hall, Bethany, and Room 10.
- Wednesday – 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts in K-Hall and Fireside
- Thursday – 4:00 p.m. Inspire School of Arts rehearsals in Fireside, K-Hall, Bethany, and Room 10; 7:00 p.m. Bible Study on Zoom and in Room 6.
- Friday - 4:00 p.m. Inspire School of Arts rehearsals in Fireside, K-Hall, Bethany, and Room 10.
- Saturday – Noon: Inspire School of Arts performance and dinner in K-Hall, Fireside, Bethany, and Room 10.
- Sunday – 9:00 a.m. Sacred Grounds; 10:00 a.m. Worship in sanctuary, Zoom, and FaceBook Live; Fellowship in K-Hall following the service.

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 ring!

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
claimed,
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 house of the Lord!”

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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 – (Barbara Poetker)

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!
**Each day God brings to us new opportunities
to learn and grow.**

God is near to all of us.

We will not fear to call upon the Lord.

Come, let us praise God who walks with us daily.

**Let us open our hearts and spirits to God who
loves and lives with us. AMEN.**

V. Children Fourth Grade and Under Dismissed for Sunday School

VI. Luke 20:27-38 NRSV – (Barbara Poetker)

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to him and asked him a question, “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.” Jesus said to them, “Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive.”

VII. Sermon - “But What If?” (Jesse Kearns)

VIII. Song of Invitation – CP #91 “Create in Me a Clean Heart” (x3) (Joshua Hegg)

Create in me a clean heart, O God
And renew a right spirit within me
Create in me a clean heart, O God
And renew a right spirit within me

Cast me not away from thy presence O Lord
And take not thy Holy Spirit from me
Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation
And renew a right spirit within me.

IX. Moment for Mission: Disciples Making a Difference

X. All Saints Sunday Recognition (Mary Kearns)

XI. Communion Song CH #384 “Here At Thy Table, Lord” (Joshua Hegg)

Here at thy table, Lord, this sacred hour,
O let us feel thee near, in loving power;
calling our thoughts away from self and sin.
As to thy banquet hall we enter in.

Sit at the feast, dear Lord, break thou the bread;
fill thou the cup that brings life to the dead;
that we may find in thee pardon and peace;
and from all bondage win a full release.

Come then, O holy Christ, feed us, we pray;
touch with thy pierced hand each common day;
making this earthly life full of Thy grace,
till in the home of heaven we find our place.

XII. Institution of Communion (Georgeanne Bennett and Bill Peterson elders)

XIII. Partaking Communion Together

XIV. Blessing/Benediction

XV. Postlude – “Remember Me” (Joshua Hegg)

Upper Room Devotionals

November/December Upper Room Devotionals are on the bookshelves in the narthex of the sanctuary.

Church Family Directories

Updated printed copies of the Church Family Directory are in the Sanctuary, on the tables near the entrance. They can be mailed by requesting them through the church office (530-343-3727 or

chicodisciples@gamil.com). You may also request a PDF of the directory, or you can access the directory online at <https://servantkeeper.com/directory/FCCChico/login>

Just contact the church office for the password. This link is on our website, under the About Us tab.

Stewardship Sunday is November 20th, 2022



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 20th, 2022. Thank you!

List of Church Leaders for 2023

Here is the church board approved list of nominees for church leaders for 2023 who shall be elected by secret ballot by the congregation on **November 20th, 2022**. Electronic ballots will be also be available soon.

- **Moderator:** Maxwell Erwin
- **Vice Moderator:**
- **Congregational Life Ministry Coordinator:** Peggy Davidson
- **Outreach Ministry Coordinator:** Georgia Nelson
- **Administrative Ministry Coordinator:** Blaine Roberts
- **Treasurer:** Nancy Thompson
- **Church Board Secretary:** Carolyn Driscoll
- **Member At Large:** Bill Peterson
- **Financial Secretary:** Barbara Poetker
- **Assistant Financial Secretary:** Connie Wakefield
- **Personnel Committee:** Barbara Mann
- **Endowment Trustees:** Kathy Moran, Rich Campbell, and Carolyn Hicks
- **Elders:** Bill Peterson, Georgeanne Bennett, Maxwell Erwin, Georgia Nelson, and Kevin Zeitler

—*Nominating Committee 2022: Maxwell Erwin, Peggy Davidson, Barbara Mann, and Bill Peterson*

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November 6th-13th, 2022

CALENDAR

This Sunday—Daylight Saving Time Ends

- 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

Monday

- 4:00 p.m. Inspire School of Arts and Sciences rehearsals, Koinonia Hall, Fireside, Bethany, 10
- 5:00 p.m. Advent Rehearsals, Chapel

Tuesday

- 9:30 a.m. Koinonia Krafters, Fireside
- 11:00 a.m. Music Jam, Room 4
- 4:00 p.m. Inspire School of Arts and Sciences rehearsals, Koinonia Hall, Fireside, Bethany, 10

Wednesday

- 6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Troop 2 Koinonia Hall, Fireside

Thursday

- 4:00 p.m. Inspire School of Arts and Sciences rehearsals, Koinonia Hall, Fireside, Bethany, 10
- 7:00 p.m.. Bible Study, Room 6 and [Zoom](#)

Friday

- 4:00 p.m. Inspire School of Arts and Sciences rehearsals, Koinonia Hall, Fireside, Bethany, 10

Saturday

- Noon Inspire School of Arts and Sciences performance and dinner, Koinonia Hall, Fireside, Bethany, 10

Next 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

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.