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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
- Chico Area Interfaith Council on Zoom and at First Baptist Church 11:30 on Wednesday.
- Music Jam Thursday at 11:00 in the sanctuary.
- Bible Study Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
- Sacred Grounds, 9:00 next Sunday
- Worship, 10:00 in the sanctuary, Zoom and FaceBook Live

## IV. Opening Hymn – CH #701 “Shall We Gather at the River” (Joshua Hegg)

Shall we gather at the river  
Where bright angel feet have trod  
With its crystal tide forever  
Flowing by the throne of God

Yes we'll gather at the river  
The beautiful the beautiful river;  
Gather with the saints at the river  
That flows from the throne of God.

On the margin of the river  
Washing up its silver spray  
We will walk and worship ever  
All the happy golden day.

Yes we'll gather at the river  
The beautiful the beautiful river;  
Gather with the saints at the river  
That flows from the throne of God.

Ere we reach the shining river  
Lay we every burden down  
Grace our spirits will deliver  
And provide a robe and crown

Yes we'll gather at the river  
The beautiful the beautiful river;  
Gather with the saints at the river  
That flows from the throne of God.

Soon we'll reach the shining river  
Soon our pilgrimage will cease  
Soon our happy hearts will quiver  
With the melody of peace.

Yes we'll gather at the river  
The beautiful the beautiful river;  
Gather with the saints at the river  
That flows from the throne of God.

## **V. Scripture Reading – John 11:32-44 NRSV (Mary Kearns)**

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?” Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

## **VI. Children's Moment (Pastor Jesse )**

### **VII. Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9 NRSV (Mary Kearns)**

But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of  
God,

and no torment will ever touch them.

In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died,  
and their departure was thought to be a disaster,  
and their going from us to be their destruction;  
but they are at peace.

For though in the sight of others they were punished,  
their hope is full of immortality.

Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great  
good,

because God tested them and found them worthy of  
himself;

like gold in the furnace he tried them,  
and like a sacrificial burnt-offering he accepted them.

In the time of their visitation they will shine forth,  
and will run like sparks through the stubble.

They will govern nations and rule over peoples,  
and the Lord will reign over them for ever.

Those who trust in him will understand truth,  
and the faithful will abide with him in love,  
because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones,  
and he watches over his elect.

## **VIII. Sermon - "Their Hope Is Full of Immortality" (Pastor Jesse)**

### **IX. Song of Invitation – CH #638 "In the Bulb There is a Flower" (Joshua Hegg)**

In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;  
in cocoons, a hidden promise; butterflies will soon be  
free!

In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that  
waits to be, unrevealed until its season, something God  
alone can see.

There's a song in every silence, seeking word and  
melody;  
there's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you  
and me.

From the past will come the future; what it holds a  
mystery,  
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can  
see.

In our end is our beginning, in our time, infinity;  
in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.  
In our death, a resurrection; at the last a victory,  
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can  
see.

## **X. Moment for Mission – (2021 Bazaar Report)**

## **XI. Prayers of the People/Recognition of the Saints – (Mary Kearns)**

Ruth Lashmett, February 2

Velma Crowson, May 16

Nina Jones, August 1

Marilyn Hiestand, October 18

Marion Brown, October 19

Greg Zwald, October 23

## **XII. Communion Song CP #170 “One Body Broken” (Joshua Hegg)**

One body broken, words now are spoken “For you,  
for you.”

One who has suffered, one life he offered for you, for  
you.

“Forgive them,” he said, we’re broken he bled given  
and shed for you.

We, once divided, now are united in Christ, in Christ  
God’s ancient promise, poured out upon us in Christ,  
in Christ

Baptized, we’re whole, we’re strangers no more, all is  
restored in Christ

One body gathered, here to remember in peace, in  
peace.

One who is able calls to the table in peace, in peace  
“This wine and this bread, a new covenant. Take and  
be fed in peace.

## **XIII. Institution of Communion (Georgeanne Bennett and Kevin Zeitler)**

## **XIV. Partaking Communion Together**

## **XV. Blessing/Benediction (Pastor Jesse)**

## **XVI. Postlude - (Joshua Hegg)**

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### **NEW New Mask Guidelines for California (Effective July 28th, 2021)**

Due to Delta variant, CDC and CDPH recommend everyone, regardless of vaccination status, wear a mask. We are asking everyone to please wear a mask if you are able to.

### **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!

The **Bazaar** continues this week online!

The link for this is

[https://  
firstchristianchico.square.site/](https://firstchristianchico.square.site/)

It may take a few days to get everything online so do please keep checking.

Nov. 7th-14th, 2021

## CALENDAR

### This Sunday

9:00 a.m.-Sacred Grounds Adult Faith Formation Christian Education, Chapel and on [Zoom](#)

10:00 a.m.-Indoor Worship in Sanctuary (please bring masks) and Worship Streamed Live on [Zoom](#) and [Facebook](#)

### Tuesday

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

### Wednesday

11:30 a.m.-Chico Area Interfaith Council on Zoom and at First Baptist Church

### Thursday

11:00 a.m.-Music Jam practice, all fully vaccinated musicians welcome! Room 4

### Friday

10:00 a.m.-NAMI, Room 6

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9:00 a.m.-Sacred Grounds Adult Faith Formation Christian Education, Chapel and on [Zoom](#)

10:00 a.m.-Indoor Worship in Sanctuary (please bring masks) and Worship Streamed Live on [Zoom](#) and [Facebook](#)

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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