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November 8th, 2020

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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, more.

I. Prelude (Joshua Hegg)

II. Welcome (Pastor Jesse)

Zoom Check-In on Tuesday at 1:00

Sacred Grounds, 9:00 next Sunday

Worship, 10:00 next Sunday

III. Opening Hymn – CH #629 “Stand by Me” vs. 1-3

When the storms of life are raging stand by me
When the storms of life are raging stand by me
When the world is tossing me, like a ship upon the sea
thou who rulest wind and water stand by me.

In the midst of tribulation stand by me
In the midst of tribulation stand by me
When the host of hell assail
and my strength begins to fail
Thou who never lost a battle stand by me.

In the midst of faults and failures stand by me
In the midst of faults and failures stand by me
When I've done the best I can, and my friends
misunderstand
Thou who knows all about me stand by me.

In the midst of persecution stand by me.
In the midst of persecution stand by me.
When my foes in war array undertake to stop my way
Thou who saved Paul and Silas stand by me.

IV. Call to Worship – (Joe Rogers)

Today God's word will be spoken to your hearts.
Open our ears and our hearts to receive God's word.
Today God's love will be poured into your life.
Prepare us, Lord, to receive your love.
Hallelujah!

V. Laughing Bird Psalm 78: 1-7 - (Joe Rogers)

We are keen to learn of you, LORD;
.....your people are eager to hear what you have to say.

We listen to those who pass on the old stories;
.....the dark mysteries of ancient wisdom.
These are things we must hear and know,
.....for the wisdom of our ancestors must not be lost.

We will not deprive our children of these things.
.....We will pass on the stories to the next generation,
LORD,
.....stories of the wonderful things you have done,
.....so that they know how great and amazing you are.

You laid down the law for your people, LORD,
.....and set out what you expected of your chosen ones.

You spelt it out to our ancestors,
.....and told them to teach it to their children,
.....so that the next generation would know your ways;
so that those who had not yet even been born
.....would be able to grow up and pass it on to their children;
so that they will trust their future to you, God,
.....living their lives by your instructions
.....and never forgetting what you have done.

VII. I Thessalonians 4:13-18 NRSV – (Mary Kearns)

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

VIII. Sermon - “The FOMO Factor” (Pastor Jesse)

IX. Song of Reflection CH #639 “Let Hope and Sorrow Now Unite”

Let hope and sorrow now unite
to consecrate life’s ending
and praise good friends now gone
from sight through grief and loss are rending
The story in a well-loved face
The years and days our thoughts retrace
are treasures worth defending.

With faith or doubt, or open mind
We whisper life’s great question
The ebb and flow of space and time
surpass our small perception
Yet knowledge grown with joyful gains
and finds out wonders far more strange
Thank hopes of resurrection

Be glad for life in ages or youth
Its worth is past conceiving
And stand by justice, love, and truth
as patterns for believing
Give thanks for all each person gives –
as faith comes true and Jesus lives
there’ll be an end to grieving.

X. Moment for Mission – (Surprise)

XI. Prayers of the People – (Mary Kearns)

XII. Communion Song CP #174 “One Body in Christ”

We come as strangers; Christ makes us one
drawn by love’s holy myst’ry
Called by the Spirit in to be people of God
We rejoice as we start on the journey.

So take my hand, come walk with me;
together let us be God’s people.
sharing the stories of our lives
no longer alone
For God is here; love lights our way
and we will walk this road together
One people of God, one body in Christ!

Each of us shares in God’s work in this world;
every gift a part of God’s vision
We strengthen each other, our ministries share
rejoicing in all we’ve been given.

So take my hand, come walk with me;
together let us be God’s people.
bringing the lost and lonely ones
to find healing here!

Some FAQs for Visitors

For God is here; love lights our way
and we will walk this road together
One people of God, one body in Christ!

One baptism unites us; one body are we
Led by the light to be light,
the body of Christ gathers round the table
breaking the body of Christ

We come as strangers; Christ makes us one
drawn by love's holy myst'ry
Called by the Spirit in to be people of God
We rejoice as we start on the journey.
So Christ. One people of God, one body in Christ.

XII. Institution of Communion (Elders Georgia Nelson and Kevin Zeitler)

XIII. Blessing/Benediction

XIV. Postlude - (Joshua Hegg)

XV. Fellowship Time in breakout rooms.

- **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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CALENDAR

November 8th-15th, 2020

**Our Virtual Bazaar started
Saturday, November 7th
and lasts through
Wednesday, November 11th**

This Sunday

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Streamed Live on [Zoom](#) and
[Facebook](#)

Tuesday

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

Wednesday—Veteran's Day

Next Sunday—Annual Business meeting, Pledges and Church Leaders Ballots due

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A promotional graphic for a virtual bazaar. It features a dark blue background with a cluster of yellow stars in the upper center. To the left, there are several autumn leaves in shades of orange and red. The text is white and reads: "First Christian Church Chico Invites You to Our FIRST EVER Virtual Bazaar Sat Nov 7-Wed Nov 11 www.fccchico.com https://www.facebook.com/fccchico/ Butte County's Virtual Yard Sale on Facebook Get your Christmas shopping done EARLY and from HOME!"

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