



# Grace & Gratitude



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH CHICO  
(DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

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Guest Preacher Kevin Zeitler  
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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)

- Jesse will be working from home this week.
- No Zoom Check-In on Tuesday.
- Music Group on Thursday at 11:00.
- Bible study at 7:00 on Thursday.
- Roof Painting Work Day on October 23 canceled
- Sacred Grounds, 9:00 next Sunday
- Worship, 10:00 in the sanctuary, Zoom and FaceBook Live

## IV. Opening Hymn – CH #269 “Come Holy Spirit Fill This Place” (Nancy Thompson)

Come, Holy Spirit, fill this place  
Anoint these servants with your grace  
Inspire and guard them with your might  
And be, Creator, their delight

Come Holy Spirit, comforter  
The gift of God, enlightener  
A living well from which to draw  
The treasures of God’s love and law.

Your sevenfold gifts we seek this hour  
Your wisdom, knowledge, truth and power  
May counsel love and peace prevail

Such gifts from you will never fail

Come, Holy Spirit, come renew this church  
Commissioned to pursue  
The Pentecostal wind and flame  
Proclaimed today in Jesus' name

#### **V. Call to Worship – (Jesse Kearns)**

Come, all who are thirsty, whose souls are fainting.  
Come, all whose troubles seem overwhelming.

**The Source and Creator of all things welcomes  
us.**

**God hears our cries and is ready to help us.**

Come, all who are pure, upright, and blameless.  
Come, all who dwell day by day in God's realm.

**The Messiah has more to teach us.  
Jesus turns us from seeking honor to humble  
service.**

Draw near and hear the word of our God.  
Open your lives to the Spirit who fills all things.

**We sense the presence of truth seeking to enter  
us.**

**We feel the love of God eager to embrace us.**

#### **VI. Children's Moment**

#### **VII. Mark 12:41-44 NRSV – (Jesse Kearns)**

[Jesus] sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, 'Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.'

#### **VIII. Sermon - "Grace and Gratitude" (Kevin Zeitler)**

#### **IX. Song of Invitation – CH #546 "Amazing Grace" (Nancy Thompson)**

Amazing grace how sweet the sound,  
That saved a wretch like me,  
I once was lost but now I'm found,  
Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved,  
How precious did that grace appear,  
the hour I first believed

Through many dangers toils and trials,  
I have already come,  
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home

When we've been there ten thousand years  
Bright, shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we'd first begun

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

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

#### **XII. Communion Song CH #284 “Gather Us In” (Nancy Thompson)**

Here in this place new light is streaming  
Now is the darkness vanished away  
See in this space our fears and our dreamings  
Brought here to you in the light of this day

Gather us in, the lost and forsaken  
Gather us in, our spirits in flame  
Call to us now and we shall awaken  
We shall arise at the sound of our name

We are the young, our lives are a mystery  
We are the old who yearn for your face

We have been sung throughout all of history  
Called to be light to the whole human race

Gather us in, the rich and the haughty  
Gather us in, the proud and the strong  
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly  
Give us the courage to enter the song

Here we receive new life in the waters  
Here we will take the bread of new birth  
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters  
Call us anew to be salt for the earth

Give us to drink the wine of compassion  
Give us to eat the bread that is you  
Nourish us well and teach us to fashion  
Lives that are holy and hearts that are true

Not in the dark of buildings confining  
Not in some heaven light years away  
Here in this place the new light is shining  
Now is God present and now is the day  
Gather us in and hold us forever  
Gather us in and make us your own  
Gather us in, all peoples together  
Fire of love in our flesh and our bones

#### **XIII. Institution of Communion (Elders Maxwell Erwin and Georgia Nelson)**

XIV. Partaking Communion Together

XV. Blessing/Benediction (Jesse Kearns)

XVI. Postlude - (Nancy Thomson)

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# ALL WOMEN LUNCH

WOMEN IN CHRISTIAN SERVICE  
(WICS) INVITES ALL WOMEN

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22ND  
11:30 AM  
OLIVE GARDEN



RSVP JUDY BRILLHART 521-3262 BY  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19TH

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH INVITES YOU TO OUR

# BAZAAR!

## Sat. Nov. 6th 9 am-Noon

Masks required for COVID safety

Free Pick Up of Donations on Nov. 5  
Free Delivery of Purchases after Nov. 6  
Farmer's Market and Plant Nursery  
Opportunity Drawing  
Preserves, jellies, jams  
Handmade crafts and decor  
No food or baked goods  
Virtual Bazaar begins Nov. 8  
Pick up at First Christian Church  
Monday-Thursday 8 am to 2:30 pm

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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.**

**October 10th-17th**

**CALENDAR**

### **This Sunday—World Communion 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](#)

**Pastor Jesse will be working from home this week**

### **Tuesday**

No Check-in on [Zoom](#)

### **Thursday**

11:00 a.m.-Music Jam practice, all fully vaccinated musicians welcome! Room 4  
7:00 p.m.-Bible Study begins, on [Zoom](#)

### **Saturday**

11:00 a.m.—Nina Jones service, Sanctuary

### **Friday**

10:00 a.m.— NAMI, room 6

### **Next 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](#)

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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### 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!