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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

Bible Study Thursday at 7:00.

Sacred Grounds, 9:00 next Sunday

Worship, 10:00 next Sunday

III. Opening Hymn – CP #9 “New Song” (Andra Moran teaching on guitar)

I waited (I waited) Patiently (Patiently)

I waited for you to hear me

You listen, You head my cry

You lifted me, higher, higher

You give me a new song; you give me a new song;

You give me a new song to sing!

You set me on solid ground

Protect me; Your love surrounds me,

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 for you to hear me

You listen, You head my cry

You lifted me, higher, higher

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-lala-LA
La-la-la-lala-LA, Yeeeeaaah!

I waited (I waited) Patiently (Patiently)
I waited for you to hear me
You listen, You head my cry
You lifted me, higher, higher
You give me a new song; you give me a new song;
You give me a new song to sing!

And we 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-lala-LA
La-la-la-lala-LA, Yeeeeaaah!

IV. Call to Worship –

Come, the banquet of hope and praise is ready.
We come on your invitation, seeking to be fed.
Feed on the love of God in Jesus Christ
We come on your invitation, needing healing.
Be healed by God's gracious mercy
We come on your invitation, longing for forgiveness
In Jesus' Name, you are loved, healed and forgiven.
Alleluia, Praise be to God. AMEN.

V. Psalm 40 – (Joe Rogers)

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 towards us;
none can compare with you.
Were I to proclaim and tell of them,
they would be more than can be counted.

Sacrifice and offering you do not desire,
but you have given me an open ear.
Burnt-offering and sin-offering
you have not required.
Then I said, 'Here I am;
in the scroll of the book it is written of me.
I delight to do your will, O my God;
your law is within my heart.'

VII. Exodus 32:1-14 NRSV – (Barbara Poetker)

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron and said to him, ‘Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.’ Aaron said to them, ‘Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.’ So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’ When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, ‘Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord.’ They rose early the next day, and offered burnt-offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

The Lord said to Moses, ‘Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshipped it and sacrificed to it, and said,

“These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!” ’ The Lord said to Moses, ‘I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.’

But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, ‘O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, “It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth”? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, “I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it for ever.” ’ And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

VIII. Sermon - “A Case for Good Intentions” (Pastor Jesse)

IX. Song of Reflection CP #101 “Return to the Lord”

Return to the Lord, your God;
Return to the Lord, your God,
Who is gracious and merciful,
Slow to anger
And abounding in steadfast love
(Repeat 2x)

X. Moment for Mission – (Surprise)

XI. Prayers of the People – (Mary Kearns)

XII. Communion Song CP #175 “From This Very Place”

From this very place, Lord touch the nations;
Let us be a light to every race.
Hear our humble cry that all would know you as we
go
From this very place.

‘Til every knee bows and every tongue sings praise
‘Til everyone hears of your grace,
We will lay down our lives and pray that your
blessings flow
From this very place.

Melt these hearts of stone with your compassion;
Let us see others through eyes of grace

Fill us with the fire of your sweet spirit
As we go from this very place.

‘Til every knee bows and every tongue sings praise
‘Til everyone hears of your grace,
We will lay down our lives and pray that your
blessings flow
From this very place.

We will lay down our lives and pray that salvation
flows from this place
Let your healing flow from this place
Let your blessings flow from this place.

XII. Institution of Communion (Elders Barbara Meade and Georgia Nelson)

XIII. Blessing/Benediction

XIV. Postlude - (Joshua Hegg)

XV. Fellowship Time in breakout rooms.

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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CALENDAR

October 11th-18th, 2020

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](#)

Thursday

- 7:00 p.m. Bible Study, [Zoom](#)

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