



Lessons from a Bothersome Widow



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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 – (Bill Peterson)

- Today – Fellowship following service hosted by Jerry and Barbara Schacht
- Monday – 5:00 p.m. Advent Rehearsals in the Chapel; 7:00 p.m. Faith in Films, *The Two Popes* in Room 6.
- Tuesday – 11:00 a.m. Music jam in Room 4; 2:00 p.m. WICS in Bethany; 7:00 p.m. Elders meeting on Zoom.
- Wednesday – 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts in K-Hall; Faith in Films discussion of *The Two Popes* in Room 6 and Zoom.
- Thursday – 7:00 p.m. Bible Study on Zoom and in Room 6.
- Sunday – 8:30 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 – CH #458 “Ours the Journey” (Joshua Hegg)

In the midst of new dimensions,
in the face of changing ways.
Who will lead the pilgrim peoples
wandering in their sep'rate ways?

God of rainbow, fiery pillar,
leading where the eagles soar,
We your people, ours the journey now and evermore.

Through the flood of starving peoples,
warring factions and despair,
Who will lift the olive branches?
Who will light the flame of care?

God of rainbow, fiery pillar,
leading where the eagles soar,
We your people, ours the journey now and evermore.

Though we reach the highest heavens,
holding worlds at our command,
we are yet a desert people
searching for the promised land.

God of rainbow, fiery pillar,
leading where the eagles soar,
We your people, ours the journey now and evermore.

Should the threats of dire predictions
cause us to withdraw in pain,
May your blazing phoenix spirit,
resurrect the church again.

God of rainbow, fiery pillar,
leading where the eagles soar,
We your people, ours the journey now and evermore.

IV. Call to Worship – (Bill Peterson)

We come before God as equal in God's sight.

**God knows us thoroughly and loves us
completely.**

None of us is perfect and without blemish.

**Yet God has called us children and asked us to be
compassionate and responsible in our caring
and witness.**

We are called to joyful obedience in God's realm.

**Thanks be to God who trusts us and pours
abundant love on us. AMEN.**

V. Children Fourth Grade and Under Dismissed for Sunday School (Peggy Davidson)

VI. Luke 18:1-8 NRSV – (Bill Peterson)

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he

refused; but later he said to himself, "Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming." And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

VII. Sermon - "Lessons From a Bothersome Widow" (Jesse Kearns)

VIII. Song of Invitation – CH #668 "For the Healing of the Nations" (Joshua Hegg)

For the healing of the nations,
God, we pray with one accord,
for a just and equal sharing
of the things that earth affords.
To a life of love in action
help us rise and pledge our word,
help us rise and pledge our word.

Lead us forward into freedom;
from despair your world release,
that, redeemed from war and hatred,
all may come and go in peace.

Show us how through care and goodness
fear will die and hope increase,
fear will die and hope increase.

All that kills abundant living,
let it from the earth be banned:
pride of status, race, or schooling,
dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice
may we hallow life's brief span,
may we hallow life's brief span.

You, Creator God, have written
your great name on humankind.
For our growing in your likeness,
bring the life of Christ to mind
that by our response and service
earth its destiny may find,
earth its destiny may find.

IX. Moment for Mission: Disciples Making a Difference

X. Prayers of the People (Mary Kearns)

XI. Communion Song CH #469 “I Am the Light of the World” (Joshua Hegg)

I am the Light of the World
You people come and follow me.
If you follow and love, you'll learn the mystery
Of what you were meant to do and be.

When the song of the angels is stilled.
When the star in the sky is gone.
When the magi and the shepherds have found their
way home.
The work of Christmas is begun!

I am the Light of the World
You people come and follow me.
If you follow and love, you'll learn the mystery
Of what you were meant to do and be.

To find the lost and lonely one,
To heal that broken soul with love,
To feed the hungry children with warmth and good
food,
To feel the earth below the sky above!

I am the Light of the World
You people come and follow me.
If you follow and love, you'll learn the mystery
Of what you were meant to do and be.

To free the prisoner from all chains,
To make the powerful care,
To rebuild the nations with strength and goodwill,
To see God's children ev'rywhere.

I am the Light of the World
You people come and follow me.
If you follow and love, you'll learn the mystery
Of what you were meant to do and be.

To bring hope to every task you do,
To dance at a baby's new birth,
To make music in an old person's heart,
And sing to the colors of the earth!

XII. Institution of Communion (Georgeanne Bennett, Barbara Poetker elders)

XIII. Partaking Communion Together

XIV. Blessing/Benediction

XV. Postlude – (Joshua Hegg)

First Christian Church Chico invites you to our

Bazaar!

Sat. Nov. 5th

9 am to Noon

Handmade Crafts and Decor
Christmas Items and Gifts
Farmer's Market and Plant Nursery
Preserves, Jams & Jellies
Opportunity Drawing for
Quilts, Art and Baskets

Children's Craft Area

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Holiday Bazaar 2022

Contact Georgia Nelson if you would like to
volunteer, donate items, or have questions!

(530) 632-4372 or nutmegnelson2@gmail.com

Booths:

Fantasy Sewing

Farmers Market

Country Kitchen

Granny's Attic

Santa's Workshop

Opportunity Drawing

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October 16th-23rd, 2022

CALENDAR

This 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 hosted by Barbara and Jerry Schacht, Koinonia Hall

Monday

- 5:00 p.m. Advent Rehearsals, Chapel
- 7:00 p.m. Faith in Films *The Two Popes*

Tuesday

- 11:00 a.m. Music Jam, Room 4
- 2:00 p.m. WICS (Women in Christian Service), Bethany. ALL women invited and welcome!
- 7:00 p.m. Elders meeting on [Zoom](#)

Wednesday

- 6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Troop 2 Koinonia Hall, Fireside
- 7:00 p.m. Faith in Films, *The Two Popes* discussion, Room 6 and [Zoom](#)

Thursday

- 7:00 p.m.. Bible Study, Room 6 and [Zoom](#)

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

Admin. Assistant Briony will be on vacation

October 24th-31st

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.