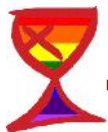




Excuse Me, Are You the Priest?



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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
- Elder's Meeting Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
- Music Jam Thursday at 11:00
- 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 – CP #40 “Shout to the North” (Joshua Hegg)

Men of faith rise up and sing  
Of the great and glorious King  
You are strong when you feel weak  
In your brokenness complete

Shout to the north and the south  
Sing to the east and the west  
Jesus is savior to all  
Lord of heaven and earth

Rise up women of the truth  
Stand and sing to broken hearts  
Who can know the healing power  
Of our awesome King of love

Shout to the north and the south  
Sing to the east and the west  
Jesus is savior to all  
Lord of heaven and earth

We've been through fire, we've been through rain  
We've been refined by the power of His name  
We've fallen deeper in love with You  
You've burned the truth on our lips

Shout to the north and the south  
Sing to the east and the west  
Jesus is savior to all  
Lord of heaven and earth  
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#### **V. Call to Worship – (Karen Lorack Mitchell)**

Servants of God, lift up your heads—  
**That the Lord of life may behold our eyes!**

Servants of God, lift up your hands—  
**That the Lord of life may bless our works!**

Servants of God, lift up your hearts—  
**That the Lord of life may abide within!**

**The Lord of life will abide within!**

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

#### **VII. Hebrews 5:1-10 NRSV (Karen Lorack Mitchel)**

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.” In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

#### **VIII. Sermon - “Excuse Me, Are You the Priest?” (Pastor Jesse)**

**IX. Song of Invitation – CH #86 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” (Joshua Hegg)**

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not  
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be

Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness  
Morning by morning new mercies I see  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest  
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love

Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness  
Morning by morning new mercies I see  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside

Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness  
Morning by morning new mercies I see  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me

**X. Moment for Mission – Surprise!**

**XI. Prayers of the People – (Pastor Jesse)**

**XII. Communion Song CH #73 “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy” (Joshua Hegg)**

There's a wideness in God's mercy,  
like the wideness of the sea;  
there's a kindness in his justice  
which is more than liberty.

There is welcome for the sinner  
And more graces for the good!  
There is mercy with the savior  
There is healing in his blood.

For the love of God is broader  
than the measure of our mind;  
and the heart of the eternal  
is most wonderfully kind.

If our love were but more simple,  
we should take him at his word;  
and our lives would be illumined,  
by the glory of the Lord.

XIII. Institution of Communion (Barbara Meade and Barbara Poetker)

XIV. Partaking Communion Together

XV. Blessing/Benediction (Pastor Jesse)

XVI. Postlude - (Joshua Hegg)

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**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 17th-24th

## 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**

- 6:00 p.m.-Jay Nelson, Boy Scout Troop 2, Koinonia Hall

### **Thursday**

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

### **Friday**

- 11:30 a.m.—WICS lunch out at Olive Garden

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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 and will be on **vacation Monday, October 25th-Friday, October 29th.**

**Daylight Saving Time Ends November 7th!**

## 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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[www.fccchico.com](http://www.fccchico.com)



### 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!