



INCREASE OUR FAITH



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH CHICO  
(DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

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October 2nd, 2022

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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 – (Georgeanne Bennett)

- Today – Fellowship following service hosted by Peggy Davidson, Carolyn Driscoll, and Kathy Moran.
- Tuesday – 11:00 a.m. Music jam in Room 4; Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom.
- Wednesday – 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts in K-Hall;
- Thursday – No Bible study this week.
- Saturday – Guess Who’s Coming to Brunch?
- 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 – CP #172 “Gather Your People, O Lord” (Joshua Hegg)

Gather your people, O Lord  
Gather your people, O Lord  
One bread, one body, one spirit of love  
Gather your people, O Lord

Draw us forth to the table of life  
Brothers and sisters  
Each of us called to walk in your light

Gather your people, O Lord  
Gather your people, O Lord  
One bread, one body, one spirit of love  
Gather your people, O Lord

We are parts of the body of Christ  
Needing each other  
Each of the gifts the Spirit provides

Gather your people, O Lord  
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One bread, one body, one spirit of love  
Gather your people, O Lord

No more harm on the mountain of God  
Swords into plowshares  
Free us, O Lord from hardness of heart

Gather your people, O Lord  
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One bread, one body, one spirit of love  
Gather your people, O Lord

Wash us, Lord, in the waters of life  
Waters of mercy, waters of hope  
That flow from your side.

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Gather your people, O Lord  
One bread, one body, one spirit of love  
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#### **IV. Call to Worship – (Georgeanne Bennett)**

Place your trust in the Lord.

**God shall heal our suffering and pain.**

Place your faith in God's abiding presence.

**We shall be strengthened.**

Place your lives always in God's care.

**We shall be made whole in the Lord of all  
compassion.**

**We come in celebration and song.**

#### **V. Children Fourth Grade and Under Dismissed for Sunday School (Carolyn Driscoll)**

#### **VI. Luke 17:1-10 NRSV – (Georgeanne Bennett)**

Jesus said to his disciples, 'Occasions for stumbling are bound to come, but woe to anyone by whom they come! It would be better for you if a millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea than for you to cause one of these little ones to stumble. Be on your guard! If another disciple sins, you must rebuke the offender, and if there is

repentance, you must forgive. And if the same person sins against you seven times a day, and turns back to you seven times and says, “I repent”, you must forgive.’

The apostles said to the Lord, ‘Increase our faith!’ The Lord replied, ‘If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, “Be uprooted and planted in the sea”, and it would obey you.

‘Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from ploughing or tending sheep in the field, “Come here at once and take your place at the table”? Would you not rather say to him, “Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink”? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, “We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!” ’

## **VII. Sermon - “Increase Our Faith” (Jesse Kearns)**

## **VIII. Song of Invitation – CH #125 “Come, O Long Expected Jesus” (Joshua Hegg)**

Come, O Long expected Jesus  
Born to set your people free  
From our fears and sins release us;  
Christ in whom our rest shall be  
You are strength and consolation  
Come salvation to impart  
Dear desire of many a nation  
Joy of many longing heart

Born your people to deliver  
Born a child and yet a king  
Born to reign in us forever  
Born your gracious realm to bring  
By your own eternal Spirit  
Rule in all our hearts alone  
By your all-sufficient merit  
Raise us to your glorious throne.

## **IX. Moment for Mission: Disciples Making a Difference**

## **X. Prayers of the People (Mary Kearns)**

## XI. Communion Song CH #403 “In Remembrance of Me” (Joshua Hegg)

In remembrance of Me eat this bread  
In remembrance of Me drink this wine  
In remembrance of Me pray for the time  
When God’s own will is done

In remembrance of me heal the sick  
In remembrance of me feed the poor  
In remembrance of me open the door  
And let your neighbor in, let them in

Take eat and be comforted  
Drink and remember too  
That this is my body and precious blood  
Shed for you, shed for you

In remembrance of me search for truth  
In remembrance of me always love  
In remembrance of me don’t look above  
But in your heart look for God  
Do this in remembrance of Me

## XII. Institution of Communion (Peggy Davidson and Barbara Poetker, elders)

## XIII. Partaking Communion Together

## XIV. Blessing/Benediction

## XV. Postlude – (Joshua Hegg)

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**A VISION OF WHOLENESS**

**WE ARE  
THE BELOVED**

**GOD  
IS WAITING FOR**  
**ROMANS 8:18-23**

**RECONCILIATION MINISTRY  
SPECIAL OFFERING  
SEPTEMBER 25<sup>th</sup> - OCTOBER 2<sup>nd</sup>**



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## **Reconciliation Special Offering**

Moment for Mission: :

Visions of Wholeness (Romans 8:18-24)

Wildfires, flooding, intense heating of the earth, and the tensions between her people demonstrate how the whole of creation is groaning for the revealing of the beloved of God. We are God's children, beloved and entrusted with the sacred responsibility to cocreate with the Divine. Out of nothing, the Creator of heaven and earth breathed life into a void and that which was separated or broken was not connected. As God's beloved, we inhabit the breath of the Diving giving us the same power and authority to connect that which has been separated.

In March 2022, your generous giving to Reconciliation Ministry helped fund the Kirkpatrick Lecture Series of the Disciples of Christ Historical Society. Over 250 people were able to participate in the conference and most received generous support to be in attendance virtually or in person. Participants gathered for this conference under the theme "Vision of Wholeness: Systemic Racism, Antiracism, and Reconciliation in Our Shared History and Tradition." The presentations and the conversations that ensued during the conference were as challenging and as hopeful as the conference's title. We wrestled with the truth of our brokenness and our need for healing our fractured humanity. Reconciliation Ministry strengthens our capacity to be remembered, reconnected, and restored as God's beloved by disrupting racism and oppression. Your generosity funds grants and education that promote restoration and healing, revealing the children of God. Your financial gifts allow the whole mission and ministry of our Church to realize Visions of Wholeness because you are the beloved that God is waiting for!



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

Proceeds Supports Community Outreach

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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](mailto:nutmegnelson2@gmail.com)

Booths:

Fantasy Sewing  
Farmers Market  
Plants  
Baked Goods

Granny's Attic  
Santa's Workshop  
Opportunity Drawing

October 2nd-9th, 2022

## CALENDAR

### **This Sunday—Pastor Appreciation Day**

- **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 Carolyn Driscoll, Peggy Davidson, and Kathy Moran

### **Tuesday**

- 11:00 a.m. Music Jam, Room 4 All vaccinated musicians welcome!
- 7:00 p.m. Church Board Meeting, on [Zoom](#)

### **Wednesday—Pastor Jesse's vacation begins**

- 6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Troop 2 Koinonia Hall, Fireside

### **Thursday**

- No Bible Study this week

### **Saturday—Guess Who's Coming to Brunch**

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- 10:00 a.m. Indoor Worship in Sanctuary and Worship Streamed Live on [Zoom](#) and [Facebook](#)
- Fellowship, Koinonia Hall

**Pastor Jesse will be on vacation October 5th-11th**

**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](http://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.