



***I Will Never Hang  
My Head***



**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH CHICO  
(DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)**

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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 – “Storm Comin’” (The Upbeats)**

## **II. Welcome and Announcements - (Pastor Jesse)**

Zoom Check-In on Tuesday.

Music Group on Thursday at 11:00.

Bible study at 7:00 on Thursday.

Sacred Grounds, 9:00 next Sunday

Worship, 10:00 in the sanctuary, Zoom and FaceBook Live

## **IV. Opening Hymn – “Little Bitty Seeds by the Riverside” (The Upbeats)**

The word of God is like little bitty seeds scattered all around

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You got some on the road, some in the weeds

But everywhere you look you find little bitty seeds

The world of God is like little bitty seeds, scattered all around.

I’m gonna lay down my sword and shield

Down by the riverside, down by the riverside, down by the riverside

I’m gonna lay down my sword and shield

Down by the river side, gonna study war no more.

Ain't gonna study war no more  
Ain't gonna study war no more  
Ain't gonna study war no more

Ain't gonna study war no more  
Ain't gonna study war no more  
Ain't gonna study war no more

I'm gonna lay down my burdens  
Down by the riverside, down by the riverside, down  
by the riverside  
I'm gonna lay down my burdens  
Down by the river side, gonna study war no more.

Ain't gonna study war no more  
Ain't gonna study war no more  
Ain't gonna study war no more

Ain't gonna study war no more  
Ain't gonna study war no more  
Ain't gonna study war no more ... because

The word of God is like little bitty seeds scattered all  
around  
The word of God is like little bitty seeds scattered all  
around  
You got some on the road, some in the weeds  
But everywhere you look you find little bitty seeds  
The world of God is like little bitty seeds, scattered all  
around.

## **V. Call to Worship –**

The earth and all that is in it belongs to the Holy One.

**Look, here is our God, for whom we have waited.**

This is the Holy One, for whom we have waited.

**Let us be glad and rejoice in our salvation.**

Who shall ascend the hill of the Holy One?

**And who shall stand in this holy place?**

**We come, seeking the face of God.**

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

### **VII. Psalm 119:1-16 NRSV –**

Happy are those whose way is blameless,  
who walk in the law of the Lord.

Happy are those who keep his decrees,  
who seek him with their whole heart,  
who also do no wrong,  
but walk in his ways.

You have commanded your precepts  
to be kept diligently.

O that my ways may be steadfast  
in keeping your statutes!

Then I shall not be put to shame,

having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.  
I will praise you with an upright heart,  
when I learn your righteous ordinances.  
I will observe your statutes;  
do not utterly forsake me.

How can young people keep their way pure?  
By guarding it according to your word.  
With my whole heart I seek you;  
do not let me stray from your commandments.  
I treasure your word in my heart,  
so that I may not sin against you.  
Blessed are you, O Lord;  
teach me your statutes.  
With my lips I declare  
all the ordinances of your mouth.  
I delight in the way of your decrees  
as much as in all riches.  
I will meditate on your precepts,  
and fix my eyes on your ways.  
I will delight in your statutes;  
I will not forget your word.

### **VIII. Sermon - "I Will Never Hang My Head" (Pastor Jesse)**

### **IX. Song of Invitation – "Wade in the Water" (The Upbeats)**

Wade in the water,  
wade in the water, children  
Wade in the water,  
God's gonna trouble the water

See those children dressed in red  
(God's gonna trouble the water)  
They must be the children that Moses led  
(God's gonna trouble the water)

Wade in the water,  
wade in the water, children  
Wade in the water,  
God's gonna trouble the water

See those children dressed in white  
(God's gonna trouble the water)  
They must be the children or the Israelites  
(God's gonna trouble the water)

Wade in the water,  
wade in the water, children  
Wade in the water,  
God's gonna trouble the water

See those children dressed in blue  
(God's gonna trouble the water)

They must be the ones that made it through  
(God's gonna trouble the water)

Wade in the water,  
wade in the water, children  
Wade in the water,  
God's gonna trouble the water  
God's gonna trouble the water  
God's gonna trouble the ... water.

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

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

#### **XII. Communion Song “He’s Got the Whole World In His Hands” (The Upbeats)**

He’s got the whole world in his hands  
He’s got the whole wide-world in his hands  
He’s got the whole world in his hands  
He’s got the whole world in his hands

He’s got the fish of the sea in His hands  
He’s got the birds of the air in His hands  
He’s got the fish of the sea in His hands  
He’s got the whole world in His hands.

He’s got the little-bitty babies in His hands  
He’s got the little-bitty babies His hands  
He’s got the little-bitty babies His hands  
He’s got the whole world in His hands.

He’s got you and me brother in His hands  
He’s got you and me sister in His hands  
He’s got everybody here in His hands  
He’s got the whole world in His hands.

He’s got First Christian Church in His hands  
He’s got First Christian Church in His hands  
He’s got First Christian Church in His hands  
He’s got the whole world in His hands.

#### **XIII. Institution of Communion (Bill Peterson and Barbara Poetker)**

#### **XIV. Partaking Communion Together**

#### **XV. Blessing/Benediction (Jesse Kearns)**

#### **XVI. Postlude – “On the Wings of a Dove” (The Upbeats)**


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# **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

Appointments for Delivery & Pick Up contact  
Georgia Nelson at (530) 538-8235  
[nutmegnelson2@gmail.com](mailto:nutmegnelson2@gmail.com)  
For General Inquiries contact  
Georgeanne Bennett (508) 314-2728 or  
Barbara Mann (530) 514-2166

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**The Bazaar Is Soon!  
Saturday November 6th, 9 a.m. to noon.**

**This is the LAST Sunday before the  
Bazaar!**

**To bring your Bazaar donation items to  
the church, please call Barbara Mann at  
(530) 514-2166 and set up a time to meet  
her at Room 8.**

**Every Sunday after the service Rm 8  
will also be open to accept Bazaar  
donation items.**

**We also have a rolling cart in the narthex/  
sanctuary entryway this Sunday to receive  
donations! You can bring the donation to  
church, and place on the metal rolling cart  
and a volunteer will wheel the cart down to  
Room 8!**

Bazaar Info: [https://www.fccchico.com/  
bazaar.html](https://www.fccchico.com/bazaar.html)

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

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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.



### **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!

**Oct. 31st– Nov. 7th**

## 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](#)  
7:00 p.m. Church Board Meeting on [Zoom](#)

### **Thursday**

11:00 a.m.-Music Jam practice, all fully vaccinated musicians welcome! Room 4

### **Friday**

10:00 a.m.-NAMI, Room 6

### **Saturday—Bazaar!**

#### **Daylight Saving Time Ends tonight at midnight**

9:00 a.m.-Bazaar! Koinonia Hall and Fireside

### **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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