



A Pathway to Freedom

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**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH CHICO
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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 p.m.

Bible Study Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

Sacred Grounds, 9:00 a.m. next Sunday

Worship, 10:00 a.m. next Sunday

III. Opening Hymn – CP #40 “Shout to the North”

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 saviour 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 saviour 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 saviour to all
Lord of heaven and earth

Rise up church with broken wings
Fill this place with songs again
Of our God who reigns on high
By His grace again we'll fly

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

IV. Call to Worship –

All heaven and earth proclaim the majesty of God's
creative power!
Praise God for the amazing and awesome beauty.
God has given to us codes by which to live together in
harmony and peace.
In these commandments, God has summed up the
ways we must respect one another.

Rejoice in the goodness of God.
Praise God for God's complete and steadfast love for
us. AMEN.

V. Inspired by the Sinai Covenant in Exodus 20 – (Mary Kearns)

As the daughters of Israel gazed upon God on the
mountain they saw smoke and fire. Within the
flames and of the flame some saw great wings
fluttering over the people spreading over them for
shelter of peace.

Others saw an everlasting rock. She who gave birth
and to whom her children cling as a sure defense
in time of trouble.

Yet others saw a tree of life spreading out all her
branches over all the earth feeding her children
from the sacred fruit of her body.

Some heard thunder and some heard birdsong. Some
saw lightning and some saw rainbows. Some saw a
robe of many colors, others blinding white. Yet
others' deepest midnights spangled with the stars
of the heaven. Some felt the earth move and some
felt the winds blow. And all of them saw God. Yet
none of their descriptions alone nor all of them

together were sufficient to convey the majesty of the fire of Sinai.

- Wilda Gafney

VII. Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 NRSV

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God;

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, and said to Moses, 'You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die.' Moses said to the people, 'Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin.'

VIII. Sermon - "A Pathway to Freedom" (Pastor Jesse)

IX. Song of Reflection CH #326 "Thy Word is a Lamp Unto my Feet"

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path

When I feel afraid
Think I've lost my way
Still you're there right beside me
And nothing will I fear
As long as you are near
Please be near me to the end

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my
path
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my
path

I will not forget
Your love for me and yet
My heart forever is wandering
Jesus be my guide
And hold me to your side
I will love you to the end
Nothing will I fear as long as you are near
Please be near me to the end

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my
path
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my
path
And a light unto my path
You're the light unto my path

X. Moment for Mission – (Surprise)

XI. Prayers of the People – (Mary Kearns)

XII. Communion Song CP #172 “Gather Your People”

Refrain –

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

Verse 1

Draw us forth to the table of life:
brothers and sisters,
each of us called to walk in your light.

Refrain

Verse 2

We are parts of the body of Christ,
needing each other,
each of the gifts the Spirit provides.

Refrain

Verse 3

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

Refrain

Verse 4

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

Refrain

XII. Institution of Communion (Margaret Maxwell, Peggy Davidson)

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 4th-11th, 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](#)

2:00 p.m. Bazaar planning meeting after Weekly
Check-in, [Zoom](#)

Thursday

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

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