



JESUS THE UNELECTABLE



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 – (Joshua Hegg)

II. Welcome and Announcements – (Jerry Hambleton)

- Today – Fellowship in K-Hall following worship.
- Monday – Church office closed in observance of Labor Day.
- Tuesday – 11:00 a.m. Music jam in Room 4; 7:00 p.m. Board Meeting on Zoom.
- Wednesday – 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts in K-Hall and Fireside.
- Thursday - Bible study in Room 6 and Zoom at 7:00 p.m.;
- Friday – 2:00 p.m. Journeys of the Heart bereavement group in the Spiritual Care Center.
- Sunday – 9:00 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 #621 “Are Ye Able,” Said the Master (Joshua Hegg)

“Are ye able,” said the Master,
“to be crucified with me?”
“Yea,” the sturdy dreamers answered,
“to the death we follow thee.”

“Lord, we are able.” Our spirits are thine
Remold them, make us
Like thee divine
Thy guiding radiance
Above us shall be
A beacon to God to love and loyalty.

“Are ye able,” to remember
When a thief lifts up his eyes,
That his pardoned soul is worthy
Of a place in paradise?

“Lord, we are able.” Our spirits are thine
Remold them, make us
Like thee divine
Thy guiding radiance
Above us shall be
A beacon to God to love and loyalty.

“Are ye able” when the shadows
Close around you with the sod
To believe that spirit triumphs,
To commend your soul to God?

“Lord, we are able.” Our spirits are thine
Remold them, make us
Like thee divine
Thy guiding radiance
Above us shall be
A beacon to God to love and loyalty.

“Are ye able?” Still the Master
Whispers down eternity
And heroic spirits answer
Now as then in Galilee

“Lord, we are able.” Our spirits are thine
Remold them, make us
Like thee divine
Thy guiding radiance
Above us shall be
A beacon to God to love and loyalty.

IV. Call to Worship – (Jerry Hambleton)

We find it easy to say, “Yes, we will follow Christ.”

**But sometimes discipleship makes
uncomfortable demands on us.**

Yet, in all of this, Christ calls us continually to follow.

He is present with us at all times.

Let us place our trust always in his guidance.

**Let us open our hearts to his will and his ways.
AMEN.**

V. Children Fourth Grade and Under Dismissed for Sunday School

VI. Luke 14:25-33 NRSV – (Jerry Hambleton)

Now large crowds were travelling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, ‘Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, “This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.” Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

VII. Sermon - “Jesus, the Unelectable” (Jesse Kearns)

VIII. Song of Invitation – CH #354 “Seek Ye First” (Joshua Hegg)

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And God’s righteousness
And all these things shall be added unto you
Allelu, alleluia.

Ask, and it shall be given unto you
Seek and ye shall find
Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you,
Allelu, alleluia.

IX. Moment for Mission: Surprise!

X. Prayers of the People (Mary Kearns)

XI. Communion Song CP #161 “Here Is Bread” (Joshua Hegg)

Here is bread, here is wine. Christ is with us. He is
with us.
Break the bread, taste the wine; Christ is with us here.
In this bread there is healing, in this cup is life forever.
In this moment, by the Spirit, Christ is with us here.

Here is grace, here is peace. Christ is with us, he is
with us.
Know his grace, find his peace; feast on Jesus here.

In this bread there is healing, in this cup is life
forever.

In this moment, by the Spirit, Christ is with us here.

Here we are, joined in one. Christ is with us. He is
with us.

We'll proclaim till he comes, Jesus crucified.

In this bread there is healing, in this cup is life
forever.

In this moment, by the Spirit, Christ is with us here.

**XII. Institution of Communion (Nancy Morgans
-Ferguson and Georgia Nelson, Elders)**

XIII. Partaking Communion Together

XIV. Blessing/Benediction

XV. Postlude – (Joshua Hegg)

A blue rectangular poster for a bazaar. On the left side, there are several autumn leaves in shades of orange, red, and brown. The text is white and red. At the top, it says "First Christian Church Chico invites you to our". Below that, the word "Bazaar!" is written in a large, bold, red font. Underneath, the date and time "Saturday, Nov. 5th, 2022 9 am to Noon" are written in white. Below that, the items "plants, handmade items, and Christmas decor" are listed in white. At the bottom, the address "295 E. Washington Ave" and the website "fccchico.com" are written in white.

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Here Comes Fall!!

We had the first meeting of our Chico FCC Bazaar on August 21st, after Fellowship hour. I am very thankful to all who attended and appreciate the enthusiasm for our Bazaar, which will be helpful on **Saturday, Nov. 5th from 9 am to noon.** We will have these booths: *Farmers Market, Plants, Granny's Attic, Christmas Items, Handmade items, Opportunity Drawing items including quilts, Art, and Baked Goods.* Along with the above, we will have a Kiddies childcare area where the little ones can play while parents shop. We will have coffee/tea and goodies in the Fireside Room. We will also have a treasure table to take payment.

Please be thinking of items you can donate to

these booths. Please also be thinking of ways you would like to help out at the Bazaar this year. We will need help gathering items, setting up, working at the tables during the Bazaar, and taking down the booths. *More information on donating items and your time will come out soon.* For now, I would like to ask for a volunteer (s) to work on publicity to get the message out to the community about our upcoming Bazaar.

Please contact Georgia Nelson if you wish to help or to donate. Georgia can be reached at (530) 632-4372 or nutmegnelson2@gmail.com

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September 4th-11th, 2022 **CALENDAR**

This Sunday

- 9:00 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 Marie Grandeen and Mike Caprealian, Koinonia hall

Monday—Church Office closed in observance of Labor Day

Tuesday

- 11:00 a.m. Music Jam, Room 4 (Please note day change!)
- 7:00 p.m. Church Board Meeting, [Zoom](#)

Wednesday

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

Thursday

- 7:00 p.m. Bible Study on Matthew's Gospel Room 6 and on [Zoom](#)

Friday

- 2:00 p.m. Journeys of the Heart Bereavement Grief Group, Spiritual Care Center (last day)

Next Sunday

- 9:00 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

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.