

# God's Heart for Humanity



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH CHICO  
(DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

Rev. Jesse Kearns, Pastor

September 11th, 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 – (Nancy Thompson)

## II. Welcome and Announcements - (Bill Peterson)

- Today - Fellowship hosted by Max and Hilary Erwin
- Tuesday - 9:30 a.m. Koinonia Krafters, Fireside; 11:00 a.m. Music Jam, Room 4 (Please note day change!) All vaccinated musicians welcome!
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## III. Opening Hymn – CH #546 “Amazing Grace!” (Nancy Thompson)

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
was blind, but now I see.

‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear  
and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,  
I have already come;  
‘tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.

When we’ve been there ten thousand years,  
bright shining as the sun,  
we’ve no less days to sing God’s praise  
than when we’d first begun.

#### **IV. Call to Worship – (Bill Peterson)**

Fools say in their hearts, “There is no God.”

**We proclaim that God’s presence is real  
and alive and thriving!**

Evildoers declare through their actions,  
“We go through life alone.”

**But we see God’s grace, faithfulness,  
and steadfast love in our lives  
and in the world around us. Praise be to God!**

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

#### **VI. Luke 15:1-10 NRSV – (Bill Peterson)**

Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, ‘This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.’ So he told them this parable: ‘Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, “Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.” Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who need no repentance. ‘Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.’”

**VII. Sermon - “God’s Heart for Humanity” (Jesse Kearns)**

**VIII. Song of Invitation – CH #561 “It Is Well with My Soul” (Nancy Thompson)**

When peace like a river attendeth my way,  
when sorrows like sea billows roll,  
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,  
It is well, it is well with my soul.

It is well (It is well) with my soul (with my soul),  
it is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should  
come,  
let this blest assurance control:  
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,  
and has shed his own blood for my soul.

It is well (It is well) with my soul (with my soul),  
it is well, it is well with my soul.

My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!  
My sin, not in part but the whole,  
is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more,  
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

It is well (It is well) with my soul (with my soul),  
it is well, it is well with my soul.

May God haste the day when my faith shall be sight,  
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;  
the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend,  
even so, it is well with my soul.

It is well (It is well) with my soul (with my soul),  
it is well, it is well with my soul.

**IX. Moments for Mission – Introduction to “Devoted to Generosity”**

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

**XI. Communion Song CH #564 “He Touched Me” (Nancy Thompson)**

Shackled by a heavy burden  
‘Neath a load of guilt and shame  
Then the hand of Jesus touched me  
And now I am no longer the same

He touched me, oh, he touched me  
And oh, the joy that floods my soul  
Something happened, and now I know  
He touched me, and made me whole

Since I met this blessed Savior  
Since he cleansed and made me whole  
I will never cease to praise him  
I'll shout it while eternity rolls

He touched me, oh he touched me  
And oh, the joy that floods my soul  
Something happened and now I know  
He touched me and made me whole

**XII. Institution of Communion (Georgeanne Bennett and Barbara Poetker)**

**XIII. Partaking Communion Together**

**XIV. Blessing/Benediction (Jesse Kearns)**

**XV. Postlude – (Nancy Thompson)**

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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**Holiday Bazaar 2022**

Georgia Nelson will be at the back of the church after service on Sunday. She will have a sign up for the Bazaar for anyone who wants to work in a booth or anyone who has items to donate.

If you are not in church you can call her or email her. (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

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Sept. 11th-18th, 2022

CALENDAR

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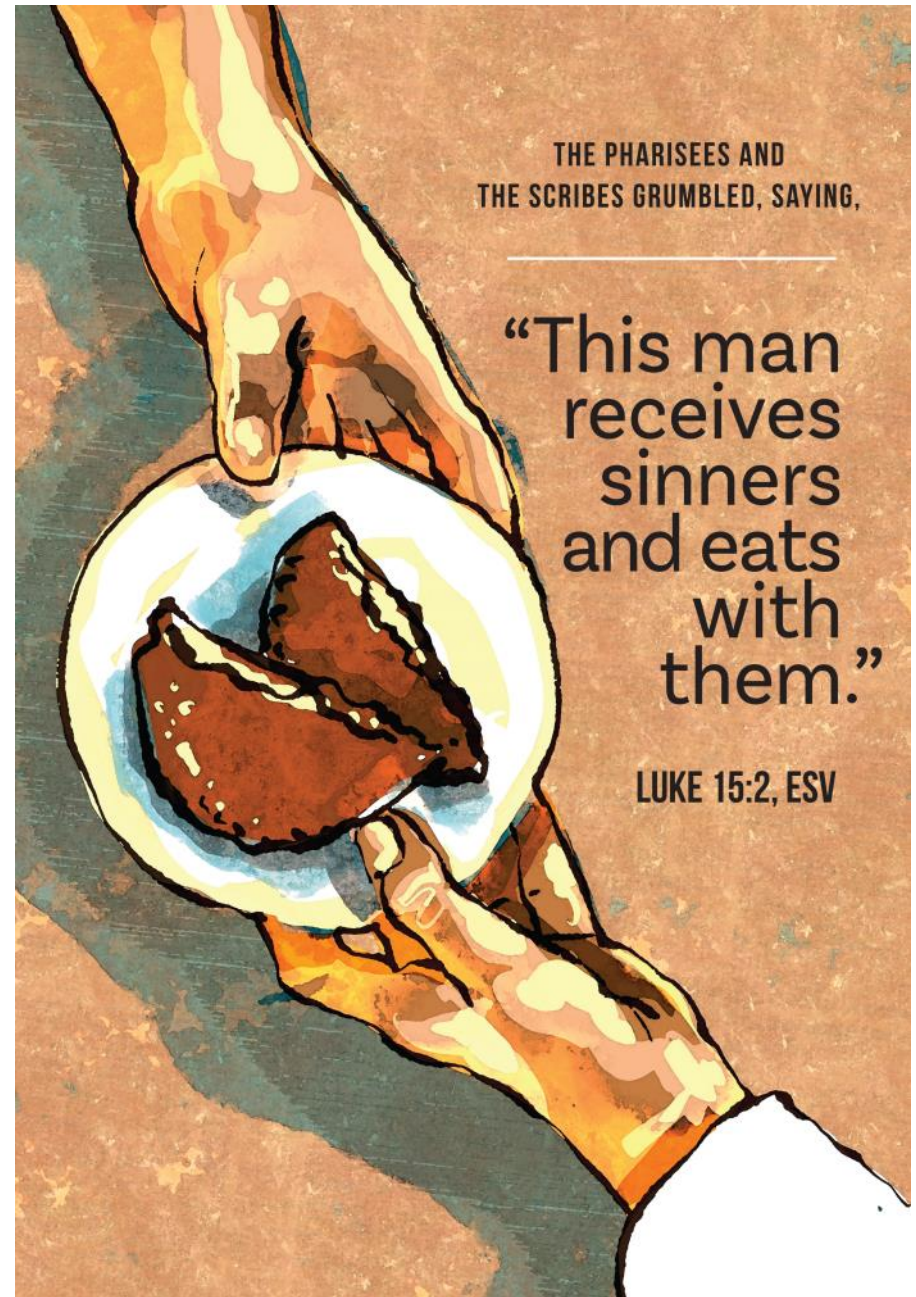
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## Some FAQs for Visitors

- **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)
- **Masks:** Masks are recommended but not required. Adult and child size masks are available in the Sanctuary as well as hand sanitizer.



THE PHARISEES AND  
THE SCRIBES GRUMBLED, SAYING,

“This man  
receives  
sinners  
and eats  
with  
them.”

LUKE 15:2, ESV