



# ANOTHER LITTLE WORD ABOUT WISDOM



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 – (Nancy Thompson)

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

- Chico Ballet Curbside Pickup Dinner Fund Raiser
- Zoom Check-In on Tuesday at 1:00
- Chico Area Interfaith Council Wednesday, 11:30  
First Baptist
- Music Jam Thursday at 11:00
- Sacred Grounds, 9:00 next Sunday
- Worship, 10:00 in the sanctuary, Zoom and  
FaceBook Live

## IV. Opening Hymn – CH #469 “I Am the Light of the World” (Nancy Thompson)

I am the Light of the World

You people come and follow me.

If you follow and love, you'll learn the mystery

Of what you were meant to do and be.

When the song of the angels is stilled.

When the star in the sky is gone.

When the kings and the shepherds have found their way  
home.

The work of Christmas is begun!

I am the Light of the World  
You people come and follow me.  
If you follow and love, you'll learn the mystery  
Of what you were meant to do and be.  
To find the lost and lonely one,  
To heal that broken soul with love,  
To feed the hungry children with warmth and good  
food,  
To feel the earth below the sky above!

I am the Light of the World  
You people come and follow me.  
If you follow and love, you'll learn the mystery  
Of what you were meant to do and be.

To free the prisoner from his chains,  
To make the powerful care,  
To rebuild the nations with strength and goodwill,  
To call a man your brother everywhere.

I am the Light of the World  
You people come and follow me.  
If you follow and love, you'll learn the mystery  
Of what you were meant to do and be.

To bring hope to every task you do,  
To dance at a baby's new birth,  
To make music in an old man's heart,  
And sing to the colors of the earth!

I am the Light of the World  
You people come and follow me.  
If you follow and love, you'll learn the mystery  
Of what you were meant to do and be

## **V. Call to Worship – (Mary Kearns)**

The heavens shout of God's glory!  
**There is so much beauty in this earth and in the  
heavens!**

Day by day we are reminded of God's creative love.  
**Day by day we are blessed with large and small  
visions of God's glory.**

Come, let us praise the God of creation.

**Let us sing and shout our praises of thanksgiving  
and joy to God. AMEN.**

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

### **VII. Mark 8:27-38 NRSV – (Mary Kearns)**

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of  
Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples,  
"Who do people say that I am?" And they answered  
him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still  
others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who  
do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are  
the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell  
anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

### **VIII. Sermon - “Another Little Word About Wisdom” (Pastor Jesse)**

### **IX. Song of Invitation – CH #344 “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus” (Nancy Thompson)**

I have decided to follow Jesus;  
I have decided to follow Jesus;  
I have decided to follow Jesus;  
No turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me,  
The world behind me, the cross before me;  
The world behind me, the cross before me;  
No turning back, no turning back.

Though none go with me, I still will follow,  
Though none go with me I still will follow,  
Though none go with me, I still will follow;  
No turning back, no turning back.

Will you decide now, to follow Jesus  
Will you decide now, to follow Jesus  
Will you decide now, to follow Jesus  
No turning back, No turning back.

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

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

**XII. Communion Song CH #413 “Take Our Bread” (Nancy Thompson)**

Take our bread, we ask you,  
Take our hearts, we love you,  
Take our lives, oh Father,  
We are yours, we are yours.

Yours as we stand at the table you set,  
Yours as we eat the bread our hearts can't forget.  
We are the signs of your life with us yet;  
We are yours, we are yours.

Take our bread, we ask you,  
Take our hearts, we love you,  
Take our lives, oh Father,  
We are yours, we are yours.

Your holy people stand washed in your blood,  
Spirit-filled, yet hungry, we await your food.  
We are poor, but we brought ourselves the best we  
could.  
We are yours, we are yours.

Take our bread, we ask you,  
Take our hearts, we love you,  
Take our lives, oh Father,  
We are yours, we are yours.

**XIII. Institution of Communion (Elders Barbara Meade and Kevin Zeitler)**

**XIV. Partaking Communion Together**

**XV. Blessing/Benediction (Pastor Jesse)**

**XVI. Postlude - (Nancy Thomson)**

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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.**

## September 12th-19th

## 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](#)

### **Monday**

- 3:30 p.m. (and morning use)- Chico Ballet, Kitchen, Koinonia Hall

### **Tuesday**

- 1:00 p.m.-Check-in on [Zoom](#)

### **Wednesday**

- 11:45 a.m.-Chico Area Interfaith Council on [Zoom](#)

### **Thursday**

- 11:00 a.m.-Music Jam practice, all fully vaccinated musicians welcome! Room 4
- 7:00 p.m.-Bible Study begins, on [Zoom](#)

### **Saturday**

- 6:00 p.m.-Museum of Northern California Art, parking lot use

### **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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### 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!