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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 following service hosted by Rich Campbell.
- Tuesday – 11:00 a.m. Music jam in Room 4; WICS at 2:00 p.m. in Bethany, Elder’s Meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom.
- Wednesday – 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts in K-Hall;
- Thursday - Bible study in Room 6 and Zoom at 7:00 p.m.;
- 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 #609 “Take My Life” (Joshua Hegg)

Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee.

Take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love.

Take my feet, and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee,
swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing;
unto God my praise I bring.
Take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee,
filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose,
every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne,
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure-store.
Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.

IV. Call to Worship – (Jerry Hambleton)

O God, we come into your courts
with praise and thanksgiving!
We come in celebration and song.

**We come in gratitude of your inheritance.
We come as those who have received blessing
upon blessing.**

We hear the cry of the poor in the land,
and ache to offer them relief.

**We come to bring them blessing upon blessing,
in Jesus' name.**

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**V. Children Fourth Grade and Under Dismissed
for Sunday School**

VI. Matthew Luke 16:1-13 NRSV – (Jerry Hambleton)

Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. “Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful

also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

VII. Sermon - “Lessons from Unlikely Characters” (Jesse Kearns)

VIII. Song of Invitation – CH #602 “O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee” (Joshua Hegg)

O Master, let me walk with thee
in lowly paths of service free;
tell me thy secret; help me bear
the strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move
by some clear, winning word of love;
teach me the wayward feet to stay,
and guide them in the homeward way.

Teach me thy patience; still with thee
in closer, dearer company,
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong,
in trust that triumphs over wrong.

In hope that sends a shining ray
far down the future's broadening way,
in peace that only thou canst give,
with thee, O Master, let me live.

IX. Moment for Mission: Disciples Making a Difference

X. Prayers of the People (Mary Kearns)

XI. Communion Song CP #167 "Lord, We Need Bread" (Joshua Hegg)

Lord, we need bread that feeds us;
Lord, we need drink that heals;
We need a word that cheers us
We need a life that endures

Lord, give us bread that feeds us
Lord, give us drink that heals;
Lord, speak the word that cheers us;
Lord, grant us life that endures

You are the bread that feeds us;
You are the drink that heals;
You are the word that cheers us;
Lord, you're the life that endures

XII. Institution of Communion (Max Erwin and Bill Peterson, elders)

XIII. Partaking Communion Together

XIV. Blessing/Benediction

XV. Postlude – (Joshua Hegg)

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

Booths:

Fantasy Sewing
Farmers Market
Plants
Baked Goods

Granny's Attic
Santa's Workshop
Opportunity Drawing

First Christian Church Chico invites you to our

Bazaar!

Sat. Nov. 5th

9 am to Noon

Handmade Crafts and Decor
Christmas Items and Gifts
Farmer's Market and Plant Nursery
Preserves, Jams & Jellies
Opportunity Drawing for
Quilts, Art and Baskets

Children's Craft Area

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Sept. 18th-25th, 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 Rich Campbell

Tuesday

- 11:00 a.m. Music Jam, Room 4 (Please note day change!) All vaccinated musicians welcome!
- 2:00 p.m. WICS, Bethany
- 7:00 p.m. Elders on [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

- 1:00 p.m. Healing Circle, Bethany

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- 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.