



**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH CHICO
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Rev. Jesse Kearns, Pastor

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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 - (Pastor Jesse)

- Zoom Check-In on Tuesday at 1:00
- WICS Tuesday 2:00 in Room 6
- Music Jam Thursday at 11:00
- Bible Study Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
- Healing Circle 1:00 p.m. Room 6
- Sacred Grounds, 9:00 next Sunday
- Worship, 10:00 in the sanctuary, Zoom and FaceBook Live

IV. Opening Hymn – CP #7 “Let Us Go to the House of the Lord” (Joshua Hegg)

I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the Lord!”

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Called from every nation, called from every race,
gathered here for worship, in this holy place
God is here among us; lift your hearts and sing, make
the walls and rafters ring!

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Here the poor are welcomed, here the lost are claimed,
broken lives are mended deepest fears are named
Here the wise are children, and the weak are strong,
Here in Christ we all belong!

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Words that must be spoken, grace that must be heard,
mercy and forgiveness from God’s holy Word
Here will be repeated, peace to all proclaimed,
shouted out in Jesus’ name!

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V. Call to Worship – (Mary Kearns)

Who is wise and understanding among us?

Those who seek wisdom and understanding each and every day. Those who delight in God and meditate on God’s law.

Come, learn more about the wisdom from above,
a wisdom that yields a harvest of righteousness.

**O God, your wisdom is more precious than jewels!
We draw near to you. AMEN.**

VI. Children’s Moment

VII. Mark 9:30-37 NRSV - (Mary Kearns)

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” But they were silent, for on the way they

had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

VIII. Sermon - “Upside Down” (Pastor Jesse)

IX. Song of Invitation – CH #511 “Strong, Gentle Children” (Joshua Hegg)

Strong gentle children, God made you beautiful
Gave you the wisdom and power you need
Speak in the stillness all you are longing for
Live out your calling to love and to lead.

Strong hurting children angry and terrified
Open the secrets your life has concealed
Though you are wounded, know you are not to blame
Cry out your story till truth is revealed

Strong, knowing children, utter your cry aloud
Honor the wisdom God gave you at birth
Speak to your elders till they have heard your voice
Sing out your vision of healing on earth.

X. Moment for Mission – (Surprise)

XI. Prayers of the People – (Mary Kearns)

XII. Communion Song CH #408 “Come Share the Lord” (Joshua Hegg)

We gather here
In Jesus’ name
His love is burning in our hearts like living flame
For thru his loving son
The father makes us one
Come take the bread
Come drink the wine
Come share the lord

No one is stranger here
Ev’ry one belong
Finding our forgiveness here
We in turn forgive all wrongs

He joins us here
He breaks the bread
The lord who pours the cup is risen from the dead
The one we love the most, is now our gracious host
Come take the bread
Come drink the wine
Come share the lord

We are now a family
Of which the lord is head
Though unseen he meets us here
In the breaking of the breads

We'll gather soon
Where angels sing
We'll see the glory of our lord and coming king
Now we anticipate
The feast for which we wait
Come take the bread
Come drink the wine
Come share the Lord

**XIII. Institution of Communion (Elders Maxwell
Erwin and Margaret Maxwell)**

XIV. Partaking Communion Together

XV. Blessing/Benediction (Pastor Jesse)

XVI. Postlude - (Joshua Hegg)

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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 19th-26th

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](#)

Tuesday

- 1:00 p.m.-Check-in on [Zoom](#)
- 2:00 p.m.-Women In Christian Service (WICS), room 6
- 7:00 p.m.-Elders on [Zoom](#)

Wednesday

- 9:00 a.m.-PEO, Fireside

Thursday

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

Friday

- 1:00 p.m.– Healing Circle, room 6

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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!