



THE Other Lazarus



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH CHICO
(DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

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 – (Nancy Thompson)

II. Welcome and Announcements - (Bill Peterson)

- Today - Fellowship hosted by Mary Kearns
- Tuesday - 11:00 a.m. Music Jam, Room 4, all vaccinated musicians welcome.
- 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
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III. Opening Hymn – CH #73 “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy” (Nancy Thompson)

There’s a wideness in God’s mercy,
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in God’s justice,
which is more than liberty.

There is welcome for the sinner,
and more graces for the good!
There is mercy with the Savior;
there is healing in his blood.

For the love of God is broader
than the measure of our mind;
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.

If our love were but more simple,
we would rest upon God's word;
and our lives would be illumined
by the presence of the Lord.

IV. Call to Worship – (Bill Peterson)

Those who love God,
God will deliver.

Those who know God by name,
God will protect.

Those who call out to God,
God will answer.

We gather this morning,
as those who trust God.

V. Children Fourth Grade and Under Dismissed for Sunday School – (Max Erwin)

VI. Luke 16:19-31 NRSV – (Bill Peterson)

There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames." But Abraham said, "Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us." He said, "Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house—for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment." Abraham replied, "They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them." He said, "No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent." He said to

him, “If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.”

VII. Sermon - “The Other Lazarus” (Jesse Kearns)

VIII. Song of Invitation – CH #80 “My Shepherd, You Supply My Need” (Nancy Thompson)

My Shepherd, you supply my need;
most holy is your name;
in pastures fresh you make me feed,
beside the living stream.
You bring my wand’ring spirit back,
when I forsake your ways;
you lead me, for your mercy’s sake,
in paths of truth and grace.

When through the shades of death I walk,
your presence is my stay;
one word of your supporting breath
drives all my fears away.
Your hand, in sight of all my foes,
does still my table spread;
my cup with blessings overflows,
your oil anoints my head.

Your sure provisions, gracious God,
attend me all my days;
O may your house be my abode,
and all my work be praise.
Here would I find a settled rest,
while others go and come;
no more a stranger, nor a guest,
but like a child at home.

IX. Moments for Mission – Devoted to Generosity

X. Prayers of the People – (Jesse Kearns)

XI. Communion Song CH #86 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” (Nancy Thompson)

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Great is thy faithfulness!
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Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

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

XIII. Partaking Communion Together

XIV. Blessing/Benediction (Jesse Kearns)

XV. Postlude – (Nancy Thompson)

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A VISION OF WHOLENESS

**WE ARE
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ROMANS 8:18-23

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Moment for Mission: :

Visions of Wholeness (Romans 8:18-24)

Wildfires, flooding, intense heating of the earth, and the tensions between her people demonstrate how the whole of creation is groaning for the revealing of the beloved of God. We are God's children, beloved and entrusted with the sacred responsibility to cocreate with the Divine. Out of nothing, the Creator of heaven and earth breathed life into a void and that which was separated or broken was not connected. As God's beloved, we inhabit the breath of the Diving giving us the same power and authority to connect that which has been separated.

In March 2022, your generous giving to Reconciliation Ministry helped fund the Kirkpatrick Lecture Series of the Disciples of Christ Historical Society. Over 250 people were able to participate in the conference and most received generous support to be in attendance virtually or in person. Participants gathered for this conference under the theme "Vision of Wholeness: Systemic Racism, Antiracism, and Reconciliation in Our Shared History and Tradition." The presentations and the conversations that ensued during the conference were as challenging and as hopeful as the conference's title. We wrestled with the truth of our brokenness and our need for healing our fractured humanity. Reconciliation Ministry strengthens our capacity to be remembered, reconnected, and restored as God's beloved by disrupting racism and oppression. Your generosity funds grants and education that promote restoration and healing, revealing the children of God. Your financial gifts allow the whole mission and ministry of our Church to realize Visions of Wholeness because you are the beloved that God is waiting for!

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

Proceeds Supports Community Outreach

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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

Booths:

Fantasy Sewing
Farmers Market
Plants
Baked Goods
Granny's Attic

Santa's Workshop
Opportunity Drawing

Sept. 25th-Oct. 2nd, 2022

CALENDAR

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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.
- **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.