



LEGOS AREN'T THE ONLY STUMBLING BLOCKS



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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)

Jesse and Mary are on vacation this week so –

No Zoom Check-In on Tuesday. Jesse and Mary are on vacation.

No Music Group on Thursday.

No Bible study on Thursday.

But there will be

Sacred Grounds, 9:00 next Sunday

Worship, 10:00 in the sanctuary, Zoom and

FaceBook Live with guest preacher Rev. Dr.

LaTaunya Bynum.

IV. Opening Hymn – CH #611 “Rise Up O Saints of God” (Nancy Thompson)

Rise up, O saints of God!

Have done with lesser things

Give heart and soul and mind and strength

To serve the King of Kings

Rise up, O saints of God!

The kingdom tarries long

Bring in the day of righteousness

And end the night of wrong.

Rise up, O saints of God!
The church for you doth wait
With strength unequal to the task
Rise up and make it great

Lift high the cross of Christ
Tread where Christ's feet have trod
Come sisters, brothers in the faith
Rise up, O saints of God

V. Call to Worship – (Mary Kearns)

Welcome in the name of the Lord.
Thank you. We are glad to be here.
Open your hearts today to hear God's word for you.
We open our spirits to receive God's healing love.
Remember that God has called you to service.
Lord, help us to be ready to serve you in all that we do. AMEN.

VI. Children's Moment

VII. Mark 9:42-48 NRSV – (Mary Kearns)

[Jesus said to his disciples,] "If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life

maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched."

VIII. Sermon - "Legos Aren't the Only Stumbling Blocks?" (Pastor Jesse)

IX. Song of Invitation – CH #453 "Called As Partners In Christ's Service" (Nancy Thompson)

Called as partners in Christ's service
Called to ministries of Grace
We respond with deep commitment
Fresh new lines of faith to trace
May we learn the art of sharing
Side by side and friend with friend
Equal partners in our caring
To fulfill God's chosen end.

Christ's example Christ's inspiring
Christ's clear call to work and worth
Let us follow, never faltering,

Reconciling folk on earth
Men and women, richer, poorer,
All God's people, young and old
Blending human skills together
Gracious gifts from God unfold

Thus new patterns for Christ's mission
In a small or global sense
Help us bear each other's burdens
Breaking down each wall or fence
Words of comfort, words of vision
Words of challenge said with care
Bring new power and strength for action
Make us colleagues free and fair

So God grant us for tomorrow
Ways to order human life
That surround each person's sorrow
With a calm that conquers strife
Make us partners in our living
Our compassion to increase
Messengers of faith thus giving
Hope and confidence and peace

X. Moment for Mission – (Surprise)

XI. Prayers of the People – (Mary Kearns)

XII. Communion Song CH #392 “Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether” (Nancy Thompson)

Draw us in the Spirit's tether,
for when humbly in your name
Two or three are met together, you are in the midst of
them.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Touch we now your garment's hem.

As disciples used to gather in the name of Christ to
sup,
then with thanks to God the giver break the bread
and bless the cup,
Alleluia! Alleluia! So now bind our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of
you,
that by caring, helping, giving, we may be disciples
true.

Alleluia! Alleluia! We will serve with faith anew.

XIII. Institution of Communion (Elders Peggy Davidson and Barbara Poetker)

XIV. Partaking Communion Together

XV. Blessing/Benediction (Pastor Jesse)

XVI. Postlude - (Nancy Thomson)

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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.



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Sept 26th– Oct 3rd

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-Friday—Pastor Jesse on Vacation

Tuesday—Torres Shelter Meal

No Check-in on [Zoom](#)

Thursday

No Music Jam practice
No Bible Study

Friday

10:00 a.m.— NAMI, room 6

Saturday

10:00 a.m.-Yoga fundraiser for Shalom, Fireside

Next Sunday—World Communion Sunday and Jesse and Mary’s 25th ordination anniversary. Rev. Dr. LaTaunya Bynum preaching.

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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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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!