



Water from the Rock

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**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH CHICO
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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, more.

I. Prelude (Josh)

II. Welcome (Jesse)

No Zoom Check-In on Tuesday at 1:00, Jesse on vacation.

Bible Study Resumes Thursday, Oct 1 at 7:00.

Sacred Grounds, 9:00 next Sunday, October 4

Worship, 10:00 next Sunday, Oct 4.

III. Opening Hymn – “I Go to the Rock”

Where do I go when there's nobody else to turn to?

Who do I talk to when nobody wants to listen?

Who do I lean on when there's no foundation stable?

I go to the rock

I know he's able

I go to the rock

I go to the rock for my salvation

I go to the stone that the builders rejected

I run to the mountain and the mountain stands by me

When the Earth all around me is sinking sand

On Christ, the solid rock I stand

When I need a shelter, when I need a friend

I go to the rock

Where do I go, where do I go

When the storms of life are threatening?

Who do I turn to when those winds of sorrow blow?

And is there a refuge in the time of tribulation?

I go to the rock

I know He's able
I go to the rock
I go to the rock for my salvation
I go to the stone that the builders rejected
I run to the mountain and the mountain stands by me
When the Earth all around me is sinking sand
On Christ, the solid rock I stand
When I need a shelter, when I need a friend
I go to the rock

IV. Call to Worship –

Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens
and stretched them out, who spread out the earth
and what comes from it, who gives breath to the
people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it:
I am the LORD, I have called you in
righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and
kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the
people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes
that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the
dungeon, from the prison those who sit in
darkness.

V. Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16 Laughing Bird Version

We are keen to learn of you, LORD;
.....your people are eager to hear what you have
to say.

We listen to those who pass on the old stories;
.....the dark mysteries of ancient wisdom.
These are things we must hear and know,
.....for the wisdom of our ancestors must not be lost.

We will not deprive our children of these things.
.....We will pass on the stories to the next generation,
LORD,
.....stories of the wonderful things you have
done,
.....so that they know how great and amazing you are.

Our ancestors saw the miraculous things you did
.....when they were still doing hard labour in the land
of slavery.

You cut a track through the sea and let them escape;
.....you made the angry waters stand aside to let them
through.

You sent a cloud to guide them in the daytime,
.....and a fire to light the way for them at night.

In the parched outback, you broke open rocks,
.....bringing drinking water flooding up from deep
below.

You made fresh water pour from the rock;
.....a river of life flowing in the desert.

VII. Exodus 17:1-7 NRSV – (Peggy Davidson)

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, “Give us water to drink.” Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?” But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?” So Moses cried out to the Lord, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” The Lord said to Moses, “Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, “Is the Lord among us or not?”

VIII. Reflection and Testimonials - “Water From the Rock” (Pastor Jesse Kearns and the Body of Christ)

IX. Song of Reflection CH #537 “My Hope is Built”

My hope is built on nothing less,
than Jesus’ blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus’ name.

On Christ the solid rock I stand,
All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace,
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds with in the veil.

On Christ the solid rock I stand,
All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand.

X. Moment for Mission – (Caroline Hamilton-Arnold with Week of Compassion)

XI. Prayers of the People

XII. Communion Song CH #458 “Ours the Journey”

In the midst of new dimensions, in the face of changing ways

Who will lead the pilgrim peoples wandering their
sep'rate ways?

God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles
soar,
we your people, ours the journey now and evermore.

Though we reach the highest heavens, holding worlds
at our command,
we are yet a desert people searching for a promised
land.

God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles
soar,
we your people, ours the journey now and evermore.

XII. Institution of Communion (Elders Kevin Zeitler, Jacky Smith)

XIII. Blessing/Benediction

XIV. Postlude - Josh

XV. Fellowship Time in breakout rooms.

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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CALENDAR

September 27th-October 4th, 2020

This Sunday

9:00 a.m. Sacred Grounds Adult Faith Formation
Christian Education, on [Zoom](#)

10:00 a.m. Worship Streamed Live on [Zoom](#) and
[Facebook](#)

Tuesday

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Thursday

7:00 p.m. Bible Study, [Zoom](#)

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