



FIRST CHRSTIAN 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 – (Joshua Hegg)

II. Welcome and Announcements - (Pastor Jesse)

- Church Office closed Monday in observance of Labor Day
- Zoom Check-In on Tuesday at 1:00
- Board Meeting 7:00 on Zoom
- Music Jam Thursday at 11:00
- Bible Study Thursday at 7:00
- Sacred Grounds, 9:00 next Sunday
- Worship, 10:00 in the sanctuary, Zoom and FaceBook Live

IV. Opening Hymn – CP #78 "You Are My All in All" (Joshua Hegg)

You are my strength when I am weak You are the treasure that I seek You are my all in all

Seeking You as a precious jewel Lord, to give up I'd be a fool You are my all in all

Jesus, Lamb of God Worthy is Your name Jesus, Lamb of God Worthy is Your name Taking my sin, my cross, my shame Rising again I bless Your name You are my all in all When I fall down You pick me up When I am dry You fill my cup You are my all in all

Jesus, Lamb of God Worthy is Your name Jesus, Lamb of God Worthy is Your name

V. Call to Worship – (Mary Kearns)

Lord, open our hearts this morning to hear your words of compassion.

Lord, help us to truly listen to you.

Lord, open our spirits this morning to strengthen our faith.

Lord, help us to work for you.

Lord, make us ready to serve.

Lord, make us ready to witness to your healing love. AMEN.

VI. Children's Moment

VII. Romans 13:8-14 NRSV - (Mary Kearns)

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

VIII. Sermon - "Love, Unity and Reconciliation" (Pastor Jesse)

IX. Song of Invitation – CP #73 "More Love, More Power" (Joshua Hegg)

More love, more power, More of you in my life More love, more power, More of you in my life And I will worship you with all of my heart And I will worship you with all of my mind; And I will worship you with all of my strength You are my Lord, you are my Lord.

More love, more power, More of you in my life More love, more power, More of you in my life

And I will worship you with all of my heart And I will worship you with all of my mind; And I will worship you with all of my strength You are my Lord, you are my Lord.

X. Moment for Mission – (Surprise)

XI. Prayers of the People - (Mary Kearns)

XII. Communion Song CH #499 "When Love Is Found" (Joshua Hegg)

When love is found and hope comes home, Sing and be glad that two are one. When love explodes and fills the sky, Praise God, and share our Maker's joy. When love has flowered in trust and care, Build both each day, that love may dare To reach beyond home's warmth and light, To serve and strive for truth and right.

When love is tried as loved-ones change, Hold still to hope, though all seems strange, Till ease returns and love grows Wise through listening ears and opened eyes.

When love is torn, and trust betrayed, Pray strength to love till torments fade, Till lovers keep no score of wrong, But hear through pain love's Easter song.

Praise God for love, praise God for life, In age or youth, in calm or strife. Lift up your hearts! Let love be fed Through death and life in broken bread.

XIII. Institution of Communion (Elders Bill Peterson and Georgia Nelson)

XIV. Partaking Communion Together

XV. Blessing/Benediction (Pastor Jesse)

Credits



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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 5th-12th



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—Church Office Closed in honor of Labor Day

Tuesday

1:00 p.m.-Check-in on Zoom 7:00 p.m.-Church Board Meeting on Zoom

Thursday

11:00 a.m.-Music Jam practice, all fully vaccinated musicians welcome! Room 4

7:00 p.m.-Bible Study begins, on Zoom

Saturday

6:00 p.m.-Museum of Northern California Art, parking lot use

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10:00 a.m.-Indoor Worship in Sanctuary (please bring masks) and Worship Streamed Live on Zoom and Facebook

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!