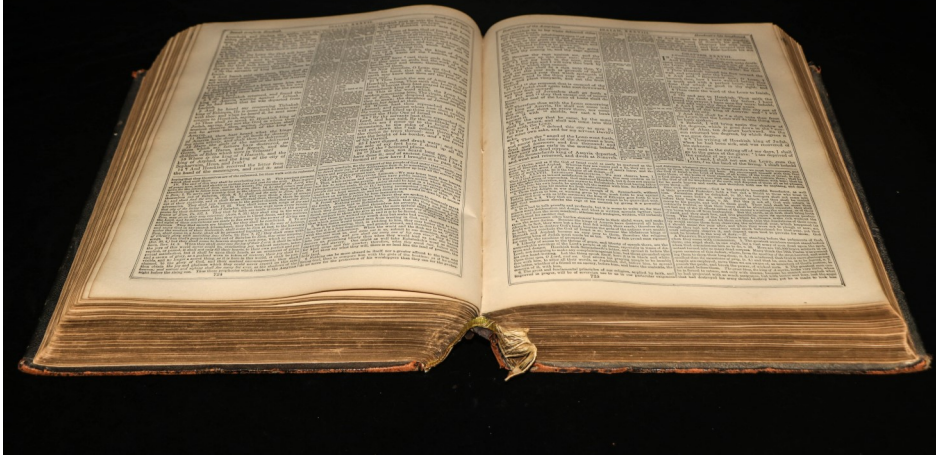


Whose Story Is It Anyway?



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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)

Office closed Monday

Zoom Check-In on Tuesday at 1:00.

Bible study on Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m.

Worship, 10:00 next Sunday, September 13.

III. Opening Hymn – CH #663 “Go Down Moses”

When Israel was in Egypt’s land

Let my people go

Oppressed so hard they could not stand

Let my people go.

Go down Moses, way down in Egypt’s land

Tell old Pharaoh, let my people go.

The Lord told Moses what to do

Let my people go.

To lead the Hebrew children through

Let my people go.

Go down Moses, way down in Egypt’s land

Tell old Pharaoh, let my people go.

Oh let us all from bondage flee,

Let my people go

And let us all in Christ be free

Let my people go.

Go down Moses, way down in Egypt’s land

Tell old Pharaoh, let my people go.

IV. Call to Worship – (Mary)

Where ignorance, selfishness and insensitivity have fractured life in community – Give your light, O God of love.

Where injustice and oppression have broken the spirits of peoples – Give your light, O God who frees.

Where hunger and poverty, illness and death have made life an unbearable burden – Give your light, O God of grace.

Where suspicion and hatred, conflict and fear have challenged your goodness, Give your light, O God of peace.

Eternal God, open the eyes of the nations and peoples so that they may walk in the light of love: remove the ignorance and stubbornness of nations and peoples so that they may drink from the fountain of your goodness. Amen.

V. “Passover” by Jessie E. Sampter, a Poem Inspired by the story of the Passover (Joe Rogers)

*It's a far, far road from Egypt
To our own, our happy land,
From the pyramids of Egypt
Built beneath the tyrant's hand;
Its road so strange and marvelous
That few can understand.*

*See, the Lord had passed us over
For his sign upon our gate!
He has spared the crushed and driven,
He has judged the proud and great.
When the hosts of Israel rise to go
He makes the crooked straight.*

*It's a far, far road to Zion
For the slave afraid to flee;
He must pass through flood and desert,
Yet his land he shall not see.
But the man that knows the sign of God
On Pesach eve is free.*

VII. Exodus 12:1-14 NRSV

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which

they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the Passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgements: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

VIII. Message “Whose Story Is It Anyway?” (Pastor Jesse)

IX. Song of Reflection CH #665 “Community of Christ”

Community of Christ, who makes the cross your
own,

live out your creed and risk your life, for God alone.
The God who wears your face, to whom all worlds
belong

Whose children are of every race and every song

When menace melts away, so shall God’s will be done
the climate of the world be peace and Christ its sun.
Our currency be love and kindness our law,
Our food and faith be shared as one for evermore.

X. Moment for Mission – (Surprise!)

XI. Prayers of the People (Mary)

XII. Communion Song CH#426 “The Voice of Jesus Calls His People”

The voice of Jesus calls his people, Come to my table
and be fed.

For those who come to him believing, he is the wine, he
is the bread.

All who are lost, or bear great burdens, all who need
comfort or release,

Come where the presence of Christ Jesus will nourish
us with rest and peace.

Children and elders, men and women, whatever color,
race or tongue

In Jesus find themselves united, in him a home where
they belong.

We hear your loving voice, O Jesus, we long, we
hunger to be fed.

In joy we gather at the table where you are wine and you are bread.

XIII. Institution of Communion (Barbara Poetker, Georgia Nelson)

XIV. Blessing/Benediction (Jesse)

XV. Postlude - Josh

XVI. Fellowship Time in breakout rooms.

CALENDAR

September 6th-13th, 2020

This Sunday

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

Monday—Labor Day; Church Office Closed

Tuesday

1:00 p.m. Weekly Check-in, [Zoom](#)

Thursday

7:00 p.m. Bible Study, [Zoom](#) Questions available on [website](#)

Next Sunday

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

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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