



# When Jesus Interrupts

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(Disciples of Christ)



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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

## II. Ringing of the Bell

## III. Welcome and Announcements – (Barbara Poetker)

- Today –Fellowship following service in Koinonia Hall
- Tuesday – 7 pm Church Board Meeting on Zoom
- Wednesday – 11:30 am Chico Area Interfaith Council meeting, Fireside
- Thursday – 6:30 pm in Room 6, a New Bible Study Begins, reading *Our Hidden Conversations*
- Saturday – 5 pm #Be Nice Still Grieving# in Fireside
- Next Sunday – Ice Cream Social to honor Mother's Day during Fellowship!
- Please see the back of your bulletins for the calendar.
- Offerings may be put in the offering plate which is near the bulletins near the entrance of the sanctuary.

#### **IV. Call to Worship – (Barbara Poetker)**

Sing to the Lord a new song, a song of hope and rejoicing!

**Praise God for wonderful acts of mercy and kindness!**

God has remembered God's faithful ones.

**God has poured blessing upon blessing upon us!**

Praise the Lord, all the earth, shout your praise!

**Rejoice, for God is truly with us. AMEN.**

#### **V. Opening Hymn – CH #70 “God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale” (Joshua Hegg)**

God of the sparrow God of the whale

God of the swirling stars

How does the creature say Awe

How does the creature say Praise

God of the earthquake God of the storm

God of the trumpet blast

How does the creature cry Woe

How does the creature cry Save

God of the rainbow God of the cross

God of the empty grave

How does the creature say Grace

How does the creature say Thanks

God of the hungry God of the sick

God of the prodigal

How does the creature say Care

How does the creature say Life

God of the neighbor God of the foe

God of the pruning hook

How does the creature say Love

How does the creature say Peace

God of the ages, God near at hand

God of the loving heart

How do your children say Joy

How do your children say Home

#### **VI. Children Fourth Grade and Under Dismissed for Sunday School**

#### **VII. Laughing Bird Psalm 98 (Barbara Poetker)**

We sing like we've never sung before, LORD,  
because you have done fantastic things.

With your sleeves rolled up you got stuck in  
and came out on top.

Your victory has made the headlines, LORD,  
now the whole world can see that you were right all  
along.

You have never defaulted on your rock-solid love,  
or your loyalty to your chosen people.  
From one end of the earth to the other,  
everyone has seen your victory.

With all the world, LORD, we raise a noisy  
celebration,  
singing our lungs out and shouting your praise.

The bands strike up in your honour, LORD,  
filling the air with festive music.  
With a brass fanfare and a dancing beat  
we loudly celebrate your reign over us.

The whole creation joins in the celebration:  
the ocean and its creatures roar their approval;  
the land and its animals, cheer and stomp;  
rivers and lakes give a standing ovation,  
mountains and hills erupt in applause.

We put on the whole show in your presence, LORD,  
celebrating your arrival as you finally bring justice.  
With you in charge we know things will be put right;  
now every one on earth will get a fair go.

## **VIII. Scripture Reading Acts 10:44-48 (NRSV) (Barbara Poetker)**

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, “Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

## **IX. Sermon – “When Jesus Interrupts” (Rev. Jesse Kearns)**

## **X. Hymn of Invitation – CH# 354 “Seek Ye First” (Joshua Hegg)**

Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
And God’s righteousness,  
And all these things shall be added unto you.  
Allelu, alleluia!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you;  
Seek and ye shall find,  
Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.  
Allelu, alleluia!

## XI. Moments for Mission

## XII. Prayers of the People

## XIII. Communion Song – CH 384 “Here at Thy Table, Lord” (Joshua Hegg)

Here at thy table, Lord, this sacred hour,  
O let us feel thee near, in loving power;  
calling our thoughts away from self and sin.  
As to thy banquet hall we enter in.

Sit at the feast, dear Lord, break thou the bread;  
fill thou the cup that brings life to the dead;  
that we may find in thee, pardon and peace;  
and from all bondage win a full release.

Come then, O holy Christ, feed us, we pray;  
touch with thy pierced hand each common day;  
making this earthly life full of thy grace,  
till in the home of heaven we find our place.

## XIV. Institution of Communion (Max Erwin, elder)

## XV. Partaking Communion Together

## XVI. Blessing/Benediction

## XVII. Postlude (Joshua Hegg)

- **May Caller** The May edition of our monthly newsletter, the Caller, is available in the Sanctuary near the bulletins or online at <https://www.fccchico.com/the-caller-newsletter.html>.
- **Upper Room Devotionals for May and June** are on the tables near the bulletins in the Sanctuary.
- **Pentecost in the Park is May 19th:** We will be celebrating Pentecost at **Wildwood Park on May 19th at 10:00 a.m.!** FCC Paradise will join us! Sing-along led by Good Country and the Upbeats, as well as worship and a barbeque potluck. Burgers, veggie-burgers and hotdogs will be provided. Bring your friends; bring your dogs! (Apologies for the incorrect day listed last week!)

## Attendance for April 28th, 2024

Sanctuary: 30 Online: 12 Total: 42

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April 28th-May 5th, 2024

CALENDAR

### This Sunday

- 8:30 a.m. Sacred Grounds Adult Faith Formation Christian Education, Room 6 and on [Zoom](#)
- 10:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary and Worship Streamed Live on [Zoom](#) and [Facebook](#)
- Fellowship, Koinonia Hall
- 1:00 p.m. Iglesia de Cristo Agua Viva, Sanctuary

### Tuesday

- **11:30 a.m.** Music Practice, Room 4 (Music Room)
- 1:00 p.m. String Ensemble, Chapel
- 7:00 p.m. Church Board meeting, Zoom

### Wednesday

- 11:30 a.m. Chico Area Interfaith Council, Fireside
- 6:00 p.m. BSA Scouts, Koinonia Hall and Fireside

### Thursday

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Breakfast, Cozy Diner
- **6:30 p.m. New Bible Study Begins! *Our Hidden Conversations*, Room 6 and on Zoom**

### Friday

- 3:00 p.m. Crafting Companions, Room 6

### Saturday

- 5:00 p.m. #BeNice-StillGrieving#, Fireside

### Next Sunday

- 8:30 a.m. Sacred Grounds Adult Faith Formation Christian Education, Room 6 and on [Zoom](#)
- 10:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary and Worship Streamed Live on [Zoom](#) and [Facebook](#)
- Ice Cream Social to honor Mother’s Day for Fellowship, Koinonia Hall
- 1:00 p.m. Iglesia de Cristo Agua Viva, Sanctuary

## 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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[www.fccchico.com](http://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.