

March 11, 2018

Jesus - Over - You

## First Christian Church, Chehalis

### Welcome

opening prayer / scripture- John Johnstone

I Found A Friend, hymn #70 - all verses

Prayer – John Johnstone

There Is A Fountain, hymn #246 - verses 1,2

I Will Sing The Wonderous Story, hymn #284 - verses 1,2

COMMUNION MEDITATION – Denny Sabin

(Song explanation)

O, How He Loves You And Me, hymn #257 - all verses

(Prayer)

(Invitation to come forward for communion).

OFFERING Thought and PRAYER –Denny Sabin

MESSAGE:

“Who Do You Say I Am?”

Softly And Tenderly, hymn #263 - verses 1,2,4

NOTE: the origin of this song is explained on the following page.

Closing prayer – John Johnstone

### Food for Thought:

“Jesus tends to His people individually. He personally sees to our needs.

We all receive Jesus’ touch. We experience His care!”

### Song origin for “Softly And Tenderly”

“Softly and Tenderly,” which was originally known as “Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling,” is a classic invitation hymn from the 19<sup>th</sup> century. It was written by Will Lamartine Thompson (1847-1909) who was a composer of gospel, secular, and patriotic songs.

Due to his earlier songs being rejected, Thompson formed his own music publishing company and “Softly and Tenderly” was first published in a collection titled Sparkling Gems, Nos. 1 and 2. It quickly became a popular hymn and was incorporated into many church hymnals.

Thompson was inspired to devote himself to writing while attending a meeting by popular evangelist Dwight L. Moody (1837-1899). When Moody was dying in the hospital he told Thompson, “Will, I would rather have written ‘Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling’ than anything I have been able to do in my whole life.”

### Adult Bible Studies

Sunday morning adult Sunday School in the library at 10:00am

Sonshine Seekers Sunday School in their classroom at 10:00am

Wednesday Bible Study - 2:00 – 3:00PM - ”The Book of Acts”

### Outreach Ministry

Christian Women’s Fellowship meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month at noon for potluck and an outreach project.

### Shoebox Ministry

This ministry is part of the

## **CONGREGATION INFORMATION**

**We encourage you to bring an Easter lilly or tulips in  
honor  
of a loved one. Fill out a form (back table)by Palm  
Sunday.**

Food pantry items will be available each Sunday.  
Shoebox Ministry's first basement sale this year has  
been  
moved to May 5<sup>th</sup>. We are accepting your unwanted  
items.

### **CWF Project:**

We are excited to start collecting supplies for our local Animal  
Shelter.

**March's requests are:**

**Dog food, cat food, blankets to be used for bedding, and cleaning  
supplies.**

**This will be an ongoing drive to help keep our Lewis County  
Animal Shelter fluid.**

**Again, thank you for your support!**

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