



The Big Red Church

Transfiguration Sunday

February 15, 2026

Rev. Simon Biasell-Moshrefi, Pastor
United Church of Christ

(*Congregation may stand | Responses: Liturgist/**Congregation/all**)

Prelude

Scott Horton, organ

Welcome

Rev. Simon Biasell-Moshrefi

***Call to Worship**

Pauline Phillips, liturgist

One: The call of the Holy One has brought us together.

All: We have been called to pray and to praise.

One: We are called to worship and to holy wonder.

All: May the light of Love burn brightly in us.

One: May it transfigure and transform our hearts and minds.

All: May it become a beacon of hope for others.

***Hymn**

"We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding" #182, pew hymnal

Prayer of Transformation

Pauline Phillips

Holy One, Waiting is not always easy for us, especially while living in a realm where instant gratification is perceived as proof of being blessed.

You wait for us and on us often. Help us to remember that we are to be of good courage as we wait on you and for you.

Words of Grace

Passing of the Peace

Greeting: The Peace of Christ be with you.

Response: And also with you.

***Response of Praise (Sung)**

Gloria Patri

Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit Three in One;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, World without end.

Amen. Amen.

Time for Discovery [*children are invited to the chancel steps*] Rev. Simon Biasell-Moshrefi

***Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still;
let this be our song — no one stands alone,
standing side by side. Draw the circle wide.***

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The Lord's Prayer

***Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.***

***Hymn**

"Transform Us"

See Hymn Section

Scripture

Matthew 17:1-9

Pauline Phillips

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

Liturgist: For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God within us, and for the Word of God amongst us.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Simon Biasell-Moshrefi

Sung Call to Prayer

Lord, listen to your children praying:

Lord send your Spirit in this place.

Lord, listen to your children praying:

Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

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Prayers of the Church

Invitation to Generosity

Pauline Phillips



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Offertory

"Deep River" - Spiritual; arr. W. Held

Scott Horton, organ

*Doxology

We give You but Your own, whate'er the gift may be;

All that we have is Yours alone, we give it gratefully. Amen.

*Dedication

Rev. Simon Biasell-Moshrefi

*Closing Hymn

"This Little Light of Mine"

#524, pew hymnal

*Benediction

Rev. Simon Biasell-Moshrefi

*Blessing Song

"Go Now in Peace"

Go now in peace, never be afraid;

God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day.

Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true;

know God will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love and show you believe.

Reach out to others so all the world will see

God will be there, watching from above.

Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

Amen. Amen. Amen.

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Postlude

"Toccata" - G. Young

Scott Horton, organ

We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding

*Matt. 17:1-8; Mark 9:2-8; Luke 9:28-36**Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1988*

1 We have come at Christ's own bid - ding to this high and
 2 Light breaks through our clouds and shad - ows, splen - dor bathes the
 3 Strength-ened by this glimpse of glo - ry, fear - ful lest our

ho - ly place, Where we wait with hope and long - ing for some
 flesh-joined Word, Mo - ses and E - li - jah mar - vel as the
 faith de - cline, We, like Pe - ter, find it tempt-ing to re -

to - ken of God's grace. Here we pray for new as -
 heav - enly voice is heard. Eyes and hearts be - hold with
 main and build a shrine. But true wor - ship gives us

sur - ance that our faith is not in vain, Search - ing
 won - der how the Law and Proph - ets meet: Christ with
 cour - age to pro - claim what we pro - fess, That our

like those first dis - ci - ples for a sign both clear and plain.
 gar - ments drenched in bright - ness, stands trans - fig - ured and com - plete.
 dai - ly lives may prove us peo - ple of the God we bless.

Unison

1. Trans - form us as you, trans - fig - ured, stood a - part on
 2. Trans - form us as you, trans - fig - ured, once spoke with those
 3. Trans - form us as you, trans - fig - ured, would not stay with -

Ta - bor's height. Lead us up our sa - cred moun - tains,
 ho - ly ones. We, sur - round - ed by the wit - ness
 in a shrine. Keep us from our great temp - ta - tion—

search us with re - veal - ing light. Lift us from where we have
 of those saints whose work is done, live in this world as your
 time and truth we quick - ly bind. Lead us down those dai - ly

fall - en, full of ques - tions, filled with fright.
 Bod - y, cho - sen daugh - ters, cho - sen sons.
 path - ways where our love is not con - fined.

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Matt. 5:14-16

African-American spiritual

1 This lit-tle light of mine, I'm gon-na let it shine.
 1 This . . . joy I have, the world did-n't give to me.

I am gon - na let it, let it shine,
 oh, the world did not give to me,

This lit - tle light of mine, I'm gon-na let it shine.
 This joy . . . I have, the world did-n't give to me.

This lit - tle light of mine, I'm gon-na let it shine,
 This . . . joy I have, the world did - n't give to me.

Hal - le-lu - jah,
 Hal - le-lu, the

let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, (oh let it shine.)
 No, the world did-n't give it, the world can't take it a - way.

"This Little Light" continued:

- 2 Ev-ery-where I go . . .
- 3 All--through the night . . .

Tune: THIS JOY Irr.
 African-American spiritual
 Arr. Jeffrey Radford, 1993
 See also LATTIMER

Assisting in Today's Service

Greeters: Teresa Fuentes and Linda Halk

Ushers: Mike Gostanian, Joe Mack, and Robert Abbate

Liturgist: Pauline Phillips

Acolytes: June and Irena

Technician: Brad Jenkins

Coffee Hour: Church Life



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Sermon Notes:

COMING UP AT BIG RED

Sunday, February 15

- 9:00 AM: Roots & Branches - Fireside Room
- 10:00 AM: Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 11:00 AM: Coffee Hour - Fellowship Hall

Monday, February 16

- 4:00 PM: Yoga with Rosalie - Room 1

Tuesday, February 17

- **All Day:** Big Red Pantry Fundraiser - The Old Spaghetti Factory

Wednesday, February 18

- 12:00 PM: Bible Study - Zoom
- 4:00 PM: Yoga with Rosalie - Room 1
- 7:00 PM: Ash Wednesday Service - Sanctuary

Sunday, February 22

- 9:00 AM: Roots & Branches - Fireside Room
- 10:00 AM: Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 11:00 AM: Coffee Hour - Fellowship Hall
- 11:15 AM: Council Meeting - Parlor

Tuesday, February 24

- 6:00 PM: Bingo Nights - Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, February 25

- 10:00 AM: Daytime Fiber Arts - Fireside
- 12:00 PM: Bible Study - Zoom
- 4:00 PM: Yoga with Rosalie - Room 1
- 6:00 PM: Handbells Rehearsal - Music Room
- 7:00 PM: Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary

Thursday, February 26

- 6:00 PM: Evening Fiber Arts - Parlor

Friday, February 27

- 9:00 AM: Food Distribution Prep - Fellowship Hall

Saturday, February 28

- 9:00 AM: Food Distribution Day - Fellowship Hall

Sunday, March 1

- 3:00 PM: Galloway Organ Evensong - Sanctuary

LENT & EASTER

SCHEDULE

FEB
18

ASH WEDNESDAY

7:00 PM • MULTILINGUAL • *SANCTUARY*

MAR
4, 11, 18

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM • *FELLOWSHIP HALL*

MAR
29

PALM SUNDAY SERVICE

10:00 AM • *SANCTUARY*

APRIL
2

MAUNDY THURSDAY

DINNER & SERVICE

6:00 PM • *FELLOWSHIP HALL*

APRIL
3

GOOD FRIDAY

11:00 AM - 2:00 PM • *SANCTUARY OPEN FOR MEDITATION*

12:30-1:30 • *"THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST"*

JOSEPH HYDEN'S STRING QUARTET, OP. 51

APRIL
5

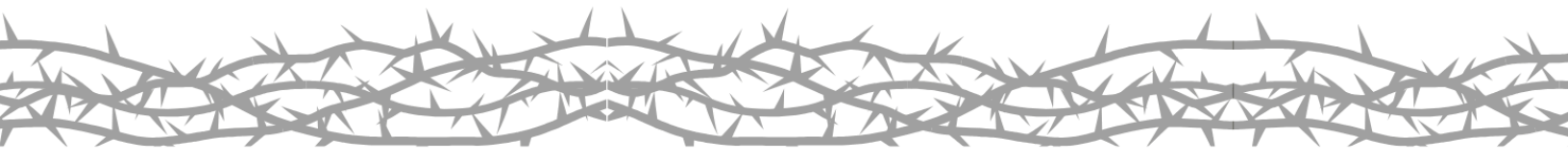
EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES

6:30 AM (SUNRISE) | 10 AM (LATE) • *SANCTUARY*

Lenten Prayer Study every Saturday during Lent

Feb. 21, 28 & March 7, 14, 21, 28

9:30 AM • *Marie Calendar's (Shaw & Cedar)*



Directory Photos

To ensure everyone's photo is included, we are hosting photo sessions by appointment for the directory. **Please note that you do not have to have a photo in the directory if you do not wish to.*

**BOOK YOUR TIME
BELOW!**



Let's Eat Out!

DINE IN FUNDRAISER BY THE OLD SPAGHETTI FACTORY

Dine in at The Old Spaghetti Factory to help support **FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF FRESNO.**

When you dine in: **FEBRUARY 17TH, 2026**

Show this flyer to your server and we will donate a percentage of your total purchase (pre-tax) to help support FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF FRESNO.

Share this flyer and Let's Eat Out for a good cause!
Fundraiser only available when you dine in at The Old Spaghetti Factory.
Fundraiser available only at our **FRESNO** locations.
We're sorry, we cannot accept to-go orders for this fundraiser.



Multicultural Ash Wednesday Service

February 18 • 7:00 PM

We gather across cultures, languages, and congregations to begin Lent together. Join us in music, meditation, and the receiving of ashes.

“Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

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GALLOWAY MEMORIAL ORGAN EVENSONG

A service of scripture, prayer, and music

SCOTT HORTON

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC/ORGANIST

SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2026 AT 3:00 PM

Admission Free - Freewill Offering to support the mission of The Big Red Church and the Casavant Pipe Organ

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