A warm welcome is extended to all, especially those who are worshiping at First Congregational Church of Fresno for the first time or who have returned after an absence. Your presence both enriches us and enhances this time of celebration together. (*Congregation may stand | Responses: Liturgist/Congregation/all)

Our Gathering

Prelude
Scott Horton, organ

Welcome, Direction And Announcements
Please sign and share the red registration pads found on the inside center aisle of each pew.

* Call To Worship
   The world belongs to God,
   the earth and all its people.
   How good and how lovely it is
to live together in unity.
   Love and faith come together,
   justice and peace join hands.
   If the Lord’s disciples keep silent
   these stones would shout aloud.
   Lord, open our lips,
   and our mouths shall proclaim Your praise.
   Let us worship God.

* Hymn Of Praise
   "This Is My Father's World"

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

* Assurance of Pardon

* The Peace
   The Peace of Christ be with you.

   And also with you.
* 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.

God is Still Speaking

A Time for Discovery: Anger in the Bag?

*Children are invited to come up to the Chancel steps

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.
(Sing twice)

Sermon Text: Mark 11: 15-19

Pg. 824 in your Pew Bible

Sermon Where We Stand Part Two

Rev. Ara Guekguezian

*Hymn “O Savior, Let Me Walk with You” #503. pew hymnal

The Beloved Community

The Sharing Of Our Prayer Requests

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 Joy And Concern concluding with The Lord’s Prayer

Invitation To Offering

Offertory “Vater unser im Himmelreich” - J.S. Bach

Scott Horton, organ
Doxology
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God, above, ye heavenly host;

Prayer of Dedication
Liturgist: We offer our [raise and our lives to our Creator.
Lectern Side (L): God of the matriarchs...
Pulpit Side (P): God of the patriarchs...
All (A): With all your faithful people in every age,
we offer again ourselves and our gifts
for the service of your realm!
L: God of Sarah, Rebekah and Rachel...
P: God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob...
A: Grant us the courage to cling to your promise,
even as the world seems hostile and our own hearts judge us as failures.
L: God of Moses and of Miriam...
P: God of Priscilla and Aquilla...
A: May we too labor in harmony to bring our people out of bondage.
L: God of Deborah, a mother of Israel, among the greatest of
Israel’s judges...
P: God of Solomon, among the wisest of kings....
A: May our lives be mirrors of your justice,
serving in the wisdom of unswerving faith.
L: God of Lois and Eunice, bearers of children and of faith...
P: God of Timothy, builder of the church, gentle soul, yet strong...
A: May we too live out our faith in the spirit of power and love and self control.
L: Great God of Lydia, seller of purple...
P: God of Paul, maker of tents...
A: Guide us into the world, unafraid to lend our hands as well as our
voices to your service, eager to involve ourselves with all of
your children.

* Hymn

"Faith of Our Fathers"

* Blessing

* Sung Benediction

(We turn toward the center aisle and each other as a sign of mutual blessing.)

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.

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It is our tradition to be seated for the Postlude.

Postlude

"Postlude on St. Denio" - A. Travis

Scott Horton, organ

Everyone is invited to share in refreshment and conversation in Fellowship Hall.
following this morning’s service
Assisting in Today's Worship

Ushers: Harold Householder, Lester Leas, Richard van Wyhe, Donna van Wyhe
Liturgist: Paul Martzen
Chancel Design: Jason Freeman
Flowers: Goltit-Morris Family
Hospitality: Gostanian, Goltit, Morris, & Bright families
Cover Art: Frank Saxton
Liturgical Aids: from Peacemaking in Worship, volume 2

Sacred Pursuits: Basilicas of Rome
The Basilicas of Rome, a Sacred Pursuit led by Hiram Dewitt.
Wednesday, 6:00 pm, Heritage Room

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# This Week at the Big Red Church

**Sunday, June 17**
- Bible Study
- Worship
- Pantry Meeting
- Youth Group
  - Fireside Room
  - Sanctuary
  - Parlor
  - Room 6
  - 8:30 am
  - 10:00 am
  - 11:45 am
  - 12:00 pm

**Monday, June 18**
- Last day for Early-bird Registration
- Tam Senior High Camp
- Movers and Shakers Yoga
  - Room 1
  - 5:00 pm

**Tuesday, June 19**
- Council Meeting
  - Parlor
  - 6:00 pm

**Wednesday, June 20**
- Ooooby
- Living Through Transitions
- Movers and Shakers Yoga
- Sacred Pursuits: Basilicas of Rome
- Niners
  - Fellowship Hall
  - Fireside Room
  - Room 1
  - Heritage Room
  - Parlor
  - 3:00–6:00 pm
  - 4:00 pm
  - 5:00 pm
  - 6:00 pm
  - 7:00 pm

**Sunday, June 24**
- Bible Study
- Worship
  - Fireside Room
  - Sanctuary
  - 8:30 am
  - 10:00 am

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Summer Sunday School...

...is a great opportunity to teach Sunday school if you can’t make the commitment to the entire regular school year. Bring your gifts, whether it’s cooking, painting, or interpretive yodeling, and share it with our children!

Lesson plans and activities available on request. If your greatest gift is writing instruction & assembly manuals for IKEA furniture and you’re not sure how to translate that (important and amazing!) skill into a 45 minute lesson for kids, ages 4-18.

A sign-up sheet can be found at the Van Ness entrance to the Fellowship Hall, next to the Coffee Hour and Altar Flower sign-ups.

It’s time to Register for Camp Tam

Camp Tam is just around the corner and you’ll want to register to take advantage of the early bird pricing—registration fees go up six weeks before camp! Early Bird registration price is $240, Regular registration is $270.

Tam Junior, Grades 3–6
July 15–21

Tam Jr. High, Grades 7–9
July 22–28 Early Bird: June 11

Tam Sr. High, Grades 10–12
July 29–August 4 Early Bird: June 18

Registration packets and camp scholarship information is available in the church office or by contacting Scott Hancock at 559-907-4294.

Crowlers for a Cause

On Saturday, June 23rd, Sequoia Brewing Company, located in the historical Tower District, will be holding a special event that will benefit our BIG RED FOOD PANTRY.

If you bring in 3 shelf-stable food items or make a $5.00 cash donation, you will receive a discount when you purchase their newest product--The Crowler--the same idea as a Growler, but in a 32 oz can.

The owners, Michelle and Scott Kendall are great supporters of First Congregational Church of Fresno, UCC. We urge you to come by their restaurant at 777 E. Olive between 11am and 10pm to show our support for them as they have shown support for our BIG RED PANTRY.
**God calls the church into being.**

**In response, we love God and each other.**

- We provide a place in a changing world where the constancy of God's love and compassion is known through the example of Jesus Christ.

- We celebrate our life together through ministries of prayer and worship, music and education, stewardship and outreach.

- We share the stories of our faith and spiritual journeys.

- We connect with the mysteries of God’s grace, the miracle of restorative faith, and the power of ritual and myth.

- We live with compassion for all God’s creation.

- We dispel isolation and alienation, witnessing to the joy of an open and affirming Christian life.

**Strengthened and transformed by our faith, we go out into the wider community offering the message of hope and reconciliation to all people.**

**Mission Statement**

**Open & Affirming Statement**

We believe that all people are sacred creations of a loving God. We affirm the diversity that exists among us. We strive to answer the call of Christ by extending his love, compassion, and acceptance to everyone. In this spirit, we open our family of faith to people of every religious background, sexual orientation, family composition, and physical and mental ability, race, age, and gender.

As Christians, we experience God's reconciling love.

In response, we stand with those who suffer discrimination, isolation, and alienation.

We welcome all people to participate fully in our church's life and ministry.

We celebrate the variety of talents and perspectives which flow into our spiritual community, continuing to enrich us in ways we could not have predicted or envisioned.
This Is My Father's World

Melodie D. Beacock, 1858-1901, alt.

Terra Beata S.M.D.
Traditional English Melody
Adopted by Franklin L. Sheppard, 1852-1930

In unison

1 This is my Father's world; And to my listening ears, All
na - ture sings, and round me rings The mu - sic of the spheres.
morn - ing light, the lil - y white, De - clare their Mak - er's praise.
though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.

2 This is my Father's world; The birds their car - ols raise, The

3 This is my Father's world; Oh, let me ne'er for - get That

This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought Of
This is my Father's world; He shines in all that's fair; In the
This is my Father's world; Why should my heart be sad? The

rocks and trees, of skies and seas, His hand the won - ders wrought.
rus - tling grass I hear him pass; He speaks to me ev - ery - where.
Lord is king; let the heav - ens ring, God reigns; let the earth be glad.

Children
Faith of Our Fathers

St. Catherine 8.8.8.8.8.

Frederich W. Faber, 1824-1863, alt.

1. Faith of our fathers, living still In spite of dungeon
   fire, and sword. O how our hearts beat high with joy
   When-’er we hear that glorious word! Faith of our fathers
   holy faith, We will be true to thee till death. Amen

2. Our fathers chained in prisons dark, Were still in heart and
   conscience free, And blest would be their children’s fate,
   If they, like them, should die for thee. Faith of our fathers
   ho-ly faith, We will be true to thee till death. Amen

3. Faith of our fathers, God’s great power Shall win all nations
   unto thee, And through the truth that comes from God,
   Man-kind shall then in deed be free. Faith of our fathers
   ho-ly faith, We will be true to thee till death. Amen

4. Faith of our fathers, we will love Both friend and foe in
   all our strife, And preach thee, too, as love knows how,
   By kindly words and virtuous life. Faith of our fathers
   ho-ly faith, We will be true to thee till death. Amen

Adapted by James G. Waldo, 1821-1905

PILGRIMAGE AND CONFLICT
O Savior, Let Me Walk with You

1 O Savior, let me walk with you in earthly
paths of service true; Tell me your secret,
help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.

2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear
winning word of love. Teach me the wayward
feet to stay, and guide them in the home-ward way.

3 Teach me your patience; let me be in closer,
dearer company, In work that keeps faith
sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs o-ver wrong.

4 In hope that sends a shining ray far down the
future's broadening way, In peace that on-ly
you can give, with you, O Savior, let me live.
Honoring Our Graduates

Georgia Bright
University High School
Attending Santa Clara University
To pursue double major in Public Health and Psychology
4.53 GPA, Speech and Debate, PreMed Club, AP Scholar

"It has been an honor and blessing watching you grow into the person you've become."

With love from Mom, Dad, and Spencer

Aurora Alexandra Gutierrez Lopez
Fresno City College
A.A. American Sign Language

"Graduated with highest honors."

With love from Mom and Dad

Max Gadebusch
Wilson High School
in Westlawn Pennsylvania
Accepted at Drexel University for Biomedical Engineering

"I am so proud of you."

With love from Grandma Ruth

Sierra Jacobsen
Fresno State University
BA. in Mass Communications, Journalism and Public Relations
B.S. in Kinesiology and Sports Administration

"You are a remarkable young woman."

With love from Grams

Spencer Bright
Rio Vista Middle School
Will attend University High School
2 years advanced band

"I can't wait to see what God has planned for you."

With love from Mom, Dad, and Georgia

Citzalli Sanchez
Bullard High School

"We love you, Salami, and we are so proud of you!"

With love from Patrick and Aurora

Madeline E. Guekquezian
University of the Pacific
B.A. Music, Minors in both Psychology and English

With love from Mom and Dad

Ian Hay
UC Santa Barbara
Microbiology

"Wish you luck—you've got the skills."

With love from Mom and Dad

Claire Doss
Cedarwood Elementary School
Will attend Clark Middle School in Clovis

"We are so proud of you!"

With love from Mom, Dad and Jocelyn