

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF FRESNO
The Big Red Church
September 27, 2020
Rev. Raygan Baker

Are We There Yet?



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Welcome! Thank you for worshipping with us online! The Big Red Church is **BOLD** in our faith in Jesus Christ, **PROUD** of our tradition and history of inclusion, and **PROGRESSIVE** in our work towards a just world for all. If you would like to keep in touch with us, just text “new” to 559-425-4050 and fill out the Connect Card. While in the Zoom Chat, please greet one another! Your microphones will be muted throughout the service to help improve the sound quality of the livestream.

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

Prelude “Bach Double in B Minor” - J.S. Bach John Morrice, violin

Welcome Rev. Raygan Baker

Gathering Prayer Liturgist: Gayle Thornton

*God, of compassion,
God, our encouragement,
God, the merciful, holy, and blessed:
Disturb us. Shake us from our sleep.
Lift us into consciousness of your presence.
Change us, move us, mold us for the better;
So that, at the sound of your voice,
At the call of our name,
We will never be the same.
May our worship do this and so much more,
We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.*

Hymn “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

Scripture Reading Exodus 17:1-7 Liturgist: Gayle Thornton

Time for Discovery

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 Father, 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.

A Special Church Family Moment

Scripture Reading: Matthew 21:23-32 Liturgist: Gayle Thornton
Sermon Are We There Yet? Rev. Raygan Baker
Hymn “Surely No One Can Be Safer”

Sharing 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 the People

Invitation to Generosity

Liturgist: Gayle Thornton

More information about giving at the Big Red Church: <https://bigredchurch.org/giving/>

Blessing and Sound Benediction

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 “Postlude” - William Mathias Scott Horton, organ

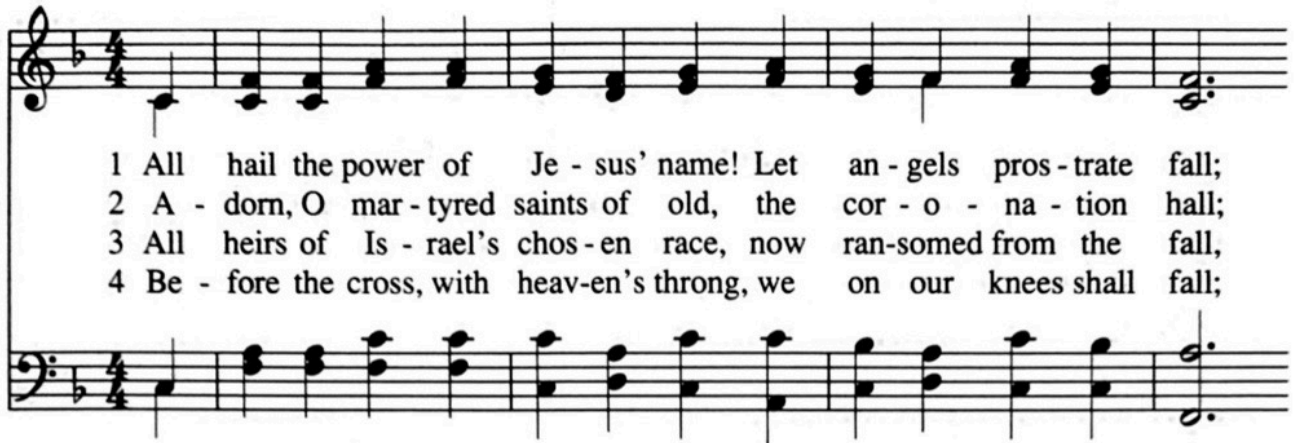
Prayer Requests:

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Gayle Thornton, *Coordinator of Caring Ministries*, gayleanddick@comcast.net

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

St. 1-3, Edward Perronet, 1779, 1780; alt.

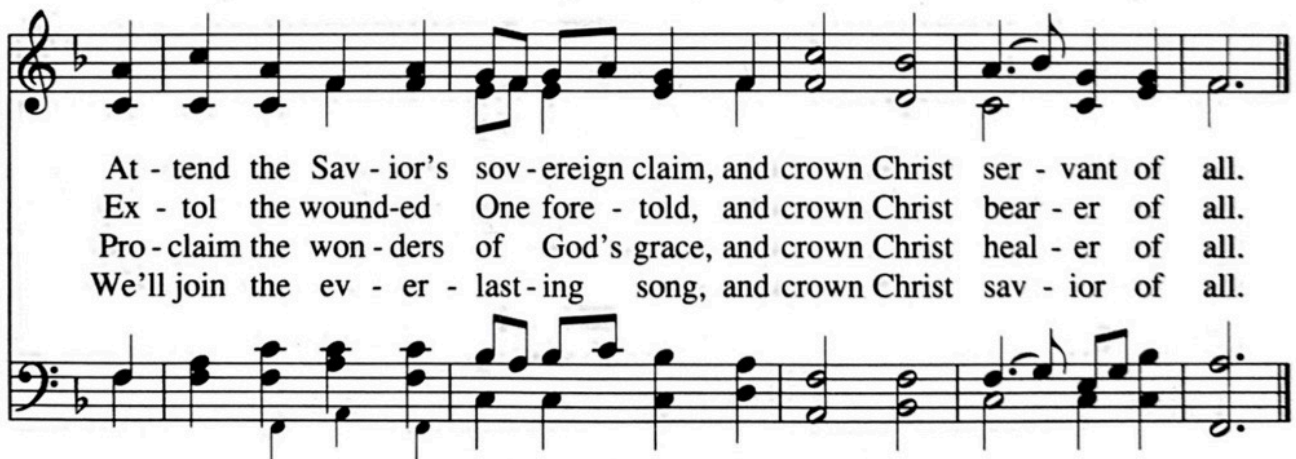
St. 4, John Rippon, 1787; alt.



1 All hail the power of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
2 A - dorn, O mar - tyred saints of old, the cor - o - na - tion hall;
3 All heirs of Is - rael's chos - en race, now ran - somed from the fall,
4 Be - fore the cross, with heav - en's throng, we on our knees shall fall;



Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown Christ ser - vant of all.
Ex - tol the wound - ed One fore - told, and crown Christ bear - er of all.
Pro - claim the won - ders of God's grace, and crown Christ heal - er of all.
We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song, and crown Christ sav - ior of all.



At - tend the Sav - ior's sov - ereign claim, and crown Christ ser - vant of all.
Ex - tol the wound - ed One fore - told, and crown Christ bear - er of all.
Pro - claim the won - ders of God's grace, and crown Christ heal - er of all.
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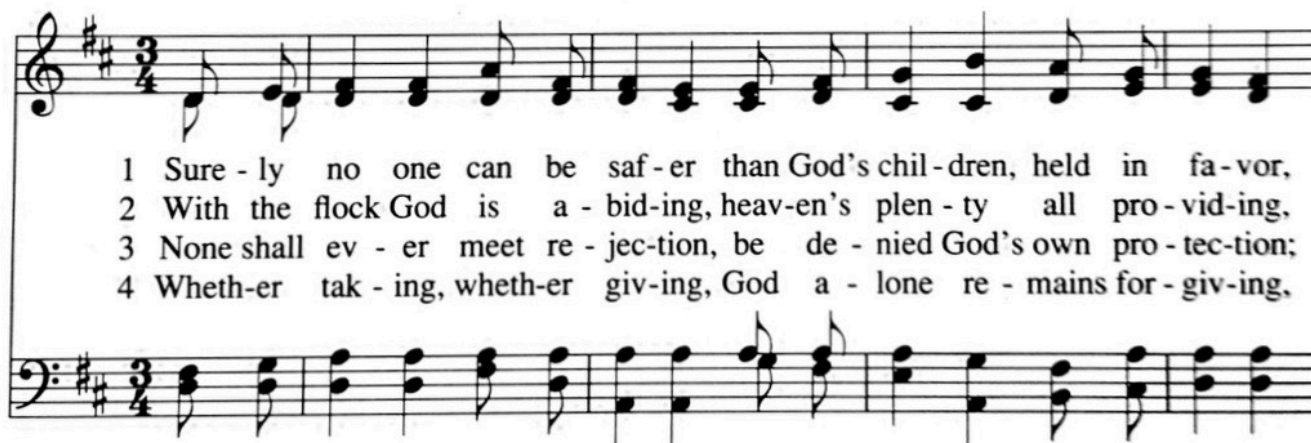
Edward Perronet, long a worker for English Methodism, later became a Congregational minister near Canterbury. John Rippon, an English Baptist minister, wrote more than 1,000 hymns. The tune is by Oliver Holden, an early American carpenter, legislator, musician, and hymnal editor.

Tune: CORONATION C.M.
Oliver Holden, 1793

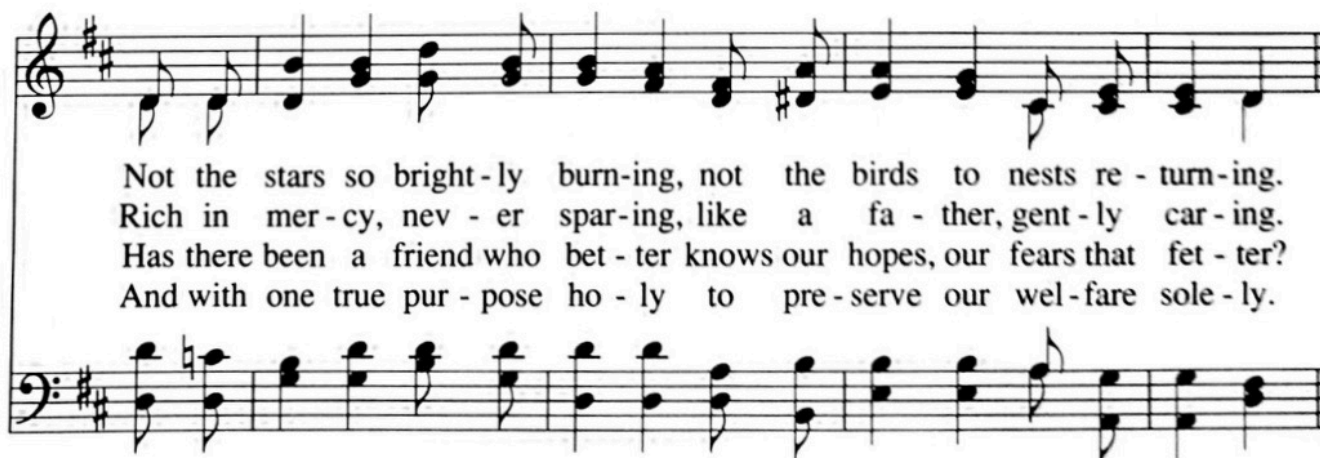
Surely No One Can Be Safer

Lina Sandell, 1855

Transl. The New Century Hymnal, 1994



1 Sure - ly no one can be saf - er than God's chil - dren, held in fa - vor,
2 With the flock God is a - bid - ing, heav - en's plen - ty all pro - vid - ing,
3 None shall ev - er meet re - jec - tion, be de - nied God's own pro - tec - tion;
4 Wheth - er tak - ing, wheth - er giv - ing, God a - lone re - mains for - giv - ing,



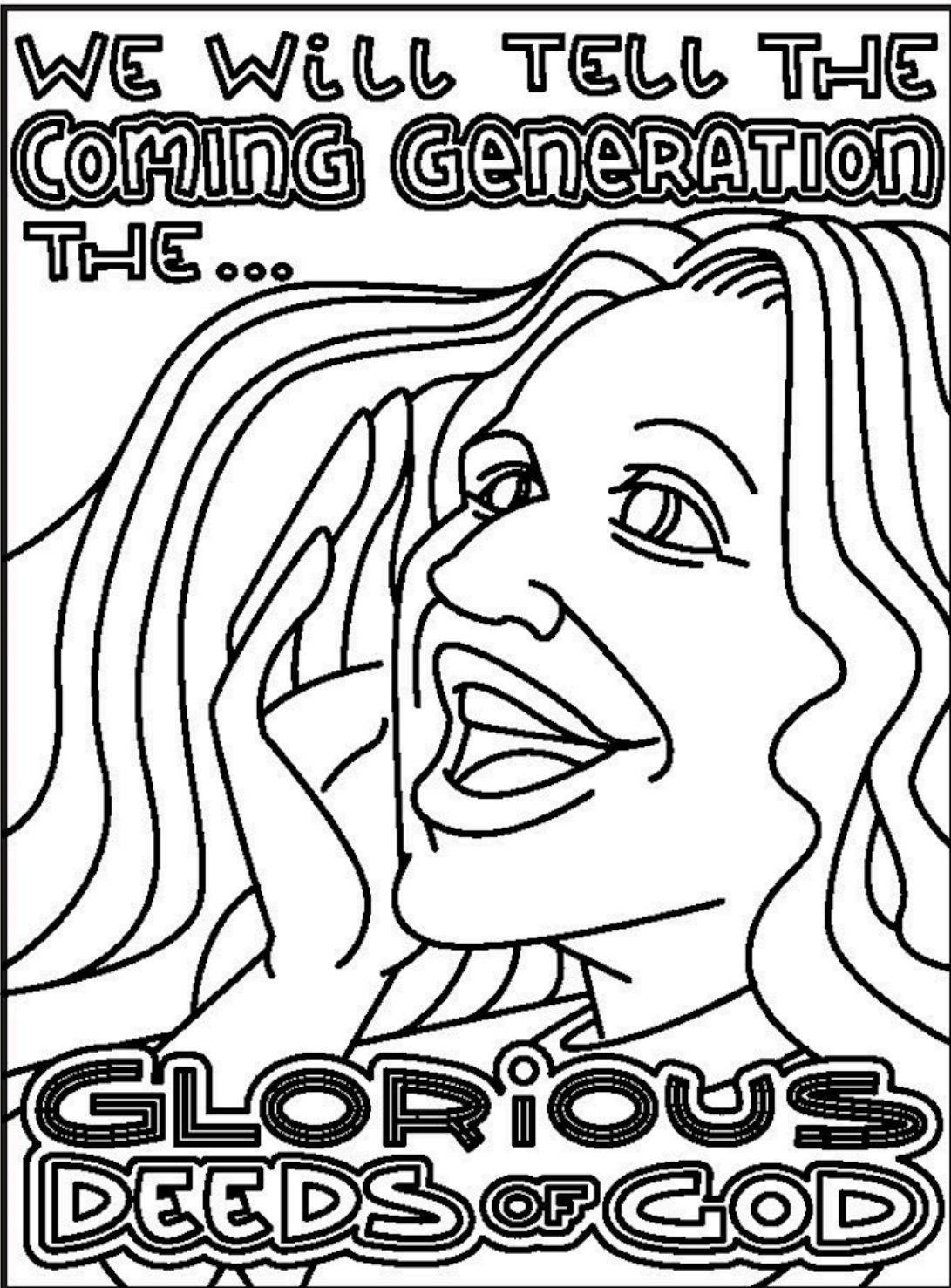
Not the stars so bright - ly burn - ing, not the birds to nests re - turn - ing.
Rich in mer - cy, nev - er spar - ing, like a fa - ther, gent - ly car - ing.
Has there been a friend who bet - ter knows our hopes, our fears that fet - ter?
And with one true pur - pose ho - ly to pre - serve our wel - fare sole - ly.

Lina Sandell endured many hardships in her early years, including illness, the death of a child, and the drowning of her father, who was a Swedish Lutheran pastor. She maintained a deep piety and strong commitment to mission, and wrote more than 650 hymns and poems.

Tune: TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA L.M.
Swedish folk melody
Harm. Song Book for Sunday School, 1871

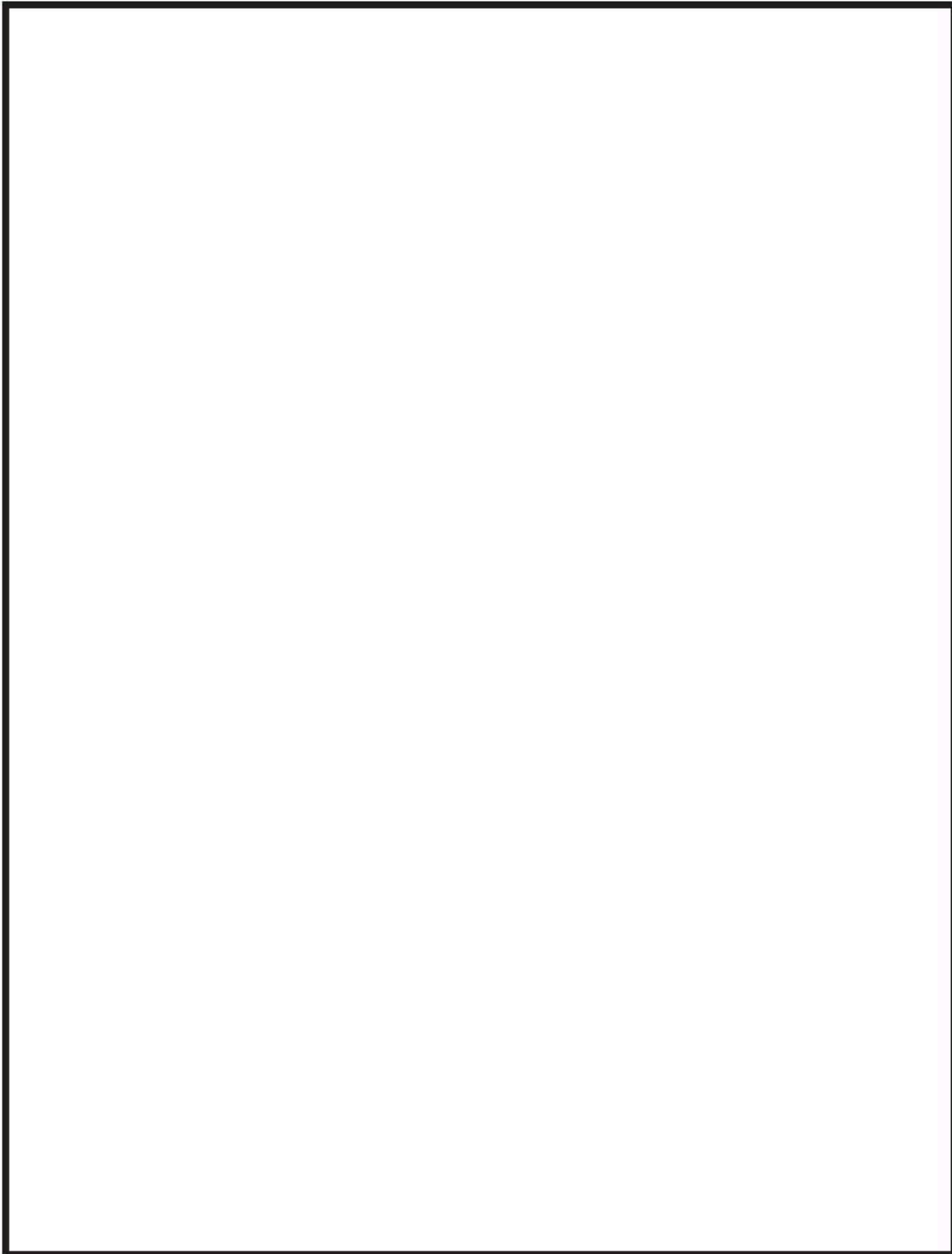
CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities based on Exodus 17:1-7, Psalm 78:14, 12-16,
Philippians 2:1-13, Matthew 21:23-32.



DRAW IT

Philippians 2 gives a beautiful picture of how to live your life like Jesus did - having his mind, love, humility, and faithfulness to God's call. Draw what you imagine it looks like to live like Jesus did.



WORDSEARCH

Try to find the words from Matthew 21:23-32 in the word search below. Words may go diagonal, up OR down and forward OR backward.

T H S K Z M O D G N I K G Z Z
S L X U F F F M E F B Y D O H
E Y N U O K B E W A W D R Y D
I Z G P I E G C P J S N A T Z
R H A H P N T T O J N U Y I N
P N Y A A S I H O Q E W E R N
U J E H Q S N R G C O E N O B
X U C V M K U P E I K Z I H M
D U S E A A D S N L R I V T V
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M I N D C G H V N J R O Z A W
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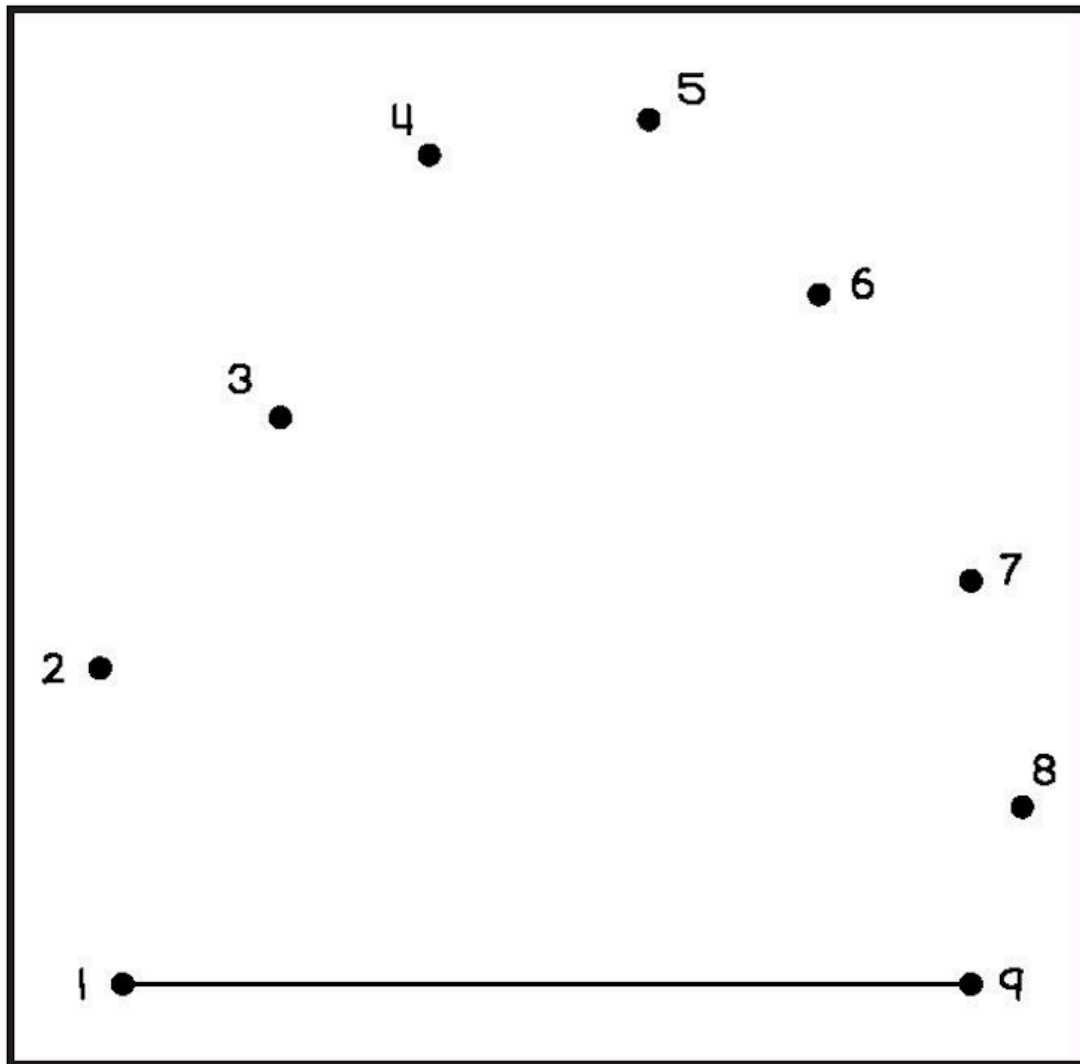
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PRIEST
ELDER
PEOPLE
AUTHORITY
QUESTION

ANSWER
BAPTISM
HEAVEN
VINEYARD
SONS
KINGDOM

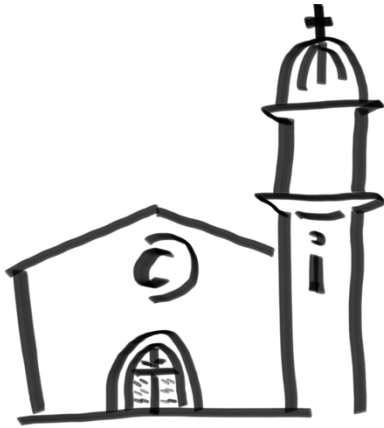
GOD
JOHN
RIGHTEOUS
BELIEVE
CHANGE
MIND

CONNECT the DOTS

In Exodus 17, God tells Moses to tap a rock with his staff. Water came out of the rock and saved the people from being thirsty. Connect the dots to make the rock. Inside the rock, write or draw something God has provided for you.



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First Congregational Church of Fresno
 “The Big Red Church”
2021
Pledge Card

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I/we, with the help of God, pledge a portion of my/our financial treasures to the continued ministry of First Congregational Church of Fresno. I/we commit to contribute the following amount in 2021:

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Sunday, October 4, 2020



We will be celebrating World Communion Sunday on October 4, 2020. To commemorate this special service, we invite you to bake or purchase your favorite bread that you will use for communion.

If you could also share a picture of your bread, what country and/or culture it comes from; these pictures will be used in a collage presentation during the prelude on that Sunday.

We hope to have a wide representation of different breads of the world.

Please submit your photos by Thursday, October 1 to Catherine English at caenglish50@gmail.com.

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