

Second Sunday After Epiphany
January 16, 2022



Welcome! Are you a guest with us, or interested in connecting with us?

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

Prelude

Scott Horton, organ

Welcome

Rev. Raygan Baker

***Call to Worship**

Liturgist: Gayle Thornton

One: Holy are the moments that catch our breath,
catch our attention, catch us off guard with
the wonders of being alive.

All: The surprises of God hearten and revive!

One: God points us back to the riches of life before us.
The world is pouring out blessings of beauty.
Kinship and community enable lasting joy.

All: The faithful gifts of God are simple and abundant.

One: We gather to remember and to treasure every one.

***Hymn**

“Let Justice Flow Like Streams”

#588, pew hymnal

Opening Prayer

***God of glory, God of joy, God of ordinary wonders,
Come and usher us toward life. Keep us from losing touch with the
miracles all around us: The way love persists. The way the earth holds
us. The way it’s never too late for new beginnings. Make a way for us,
back to the simple truths that sustain. Amen.***

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians
12:1-11 CEB

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.***

Gospel Reading:

John 2:1-11

Liturgist: Gayle Thornton

Sermon

The Wined Up

***Hymn**

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

#472, pew hymnal

Invitation to Prayer

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

A Stewardship Reflection

Jeannie Hobson

Invitation to Generosity

Liturgist: Gayle Thornton

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***Blessing and Sung 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 Hymn** "We Shall Overcome" (vvs. 1, 2, 6) #570, pew hymnal


We Go Out to Love and Serve the World

Let Justice Flow like Streams

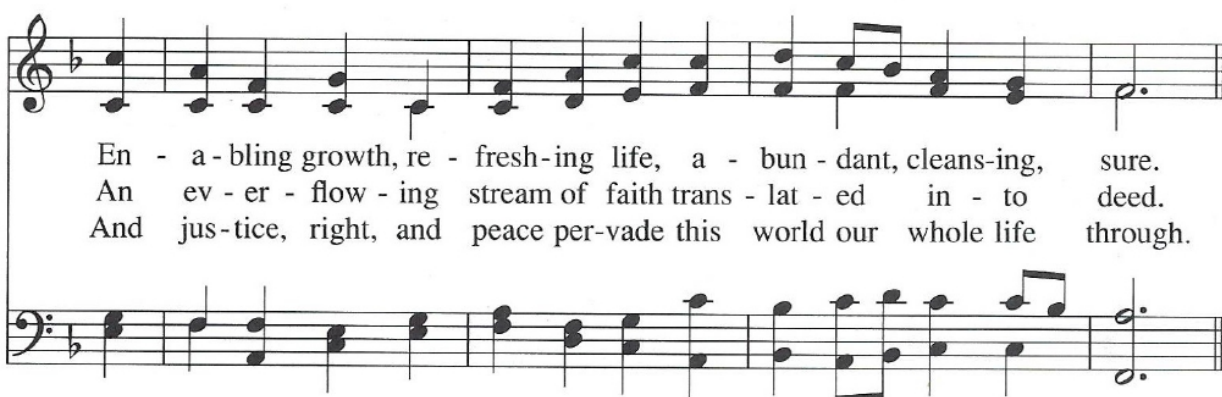
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Jane Parker Huber, 1984

Amos 5:14–15, 24; 7:7–8



1 Let jus - tice flow like streams of spark - ling wa - ter, pure,
2 Let righ - teous - ness roll on as oth - ers' cares we heed,
3 So may God's plumb line, straight, de - fine our mea - sure true,



En - a - bling growth, re - fresh - ing life, a - bun - dant, cleans - ing, sure.
An ev - er - flow - ing stream of faith trans - lat - ed in - to deed.
And jus - tice, right, and peace per - vade this world our whole life through.

This is one of two hymns Jane Parker Huber wrote for special events emphasizing economic justice for women at the time of the reunification of two Presbyterian denominations in 1983. The text's brevity underscores the urgency of Amos' pronouncements against injustice.

Tune: ST. THOMAS S.M.
Aaron Williams' New Universal Psalmist, 1770

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

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Thomas A. Dorsey, 1932; alt.

1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
2 When my way grows drear, pre-cious Lord, lin - ger near,
3 When the shad - ows ap - pear and the night draws near,

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
when my life is al - most gone,
and the day is past and gone,

Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light:
Hear me cry, hear my call, hold my hand, lest I fall:
At the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand:

Refrain

Take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.

Thomas A. Dorsey was known as "Georgia Tom" when he played piano for blues singer Ma Rainey. He started writing gospel songs after what he called "a definite spiritual change." This inspirational song, composed following the deaths of his wife, Nettie, and a newborn child, derives from the tune Maitland.

Tune: PRECIOUS LORD Irr. with refrain
Thomas A. Dorsey, 1932

We Shall Overcome

570

United States traditional

John 8:31–32; Rom. 12:21; 2 Cor. 13:11

1 We shall o - ver - come, we shall o - ver -
 2 We'll go hand in hand, we'll go hand in
 3 We are not a - fraid, we are not a -
 4 Our God will see us through, our God will see us

come, we shall o - ver - come some day;
 hand, we'll go hand in hand some day;
 fraid, we are not a - fraid to - day;
 through, our God will see us through some day;

(1-6) Oh, deep in my heart, I do be - lieve,

we shall o - ver - come some day.
 we'll go hand in hand some day.
 we are not a - fraid to - day.
 our God will see us through some day.

5 The truth shall make us free . . . some day.

6 We shall live in peace . . . some day.

This anthem of the 1960s civil rights movement was frequently sung at mass meetings and marches. Several sources have been cited as its origins, including the spiritual "No more auction block for me" based on the tune known as Sicilian Mariners; an old Baptist hymn "I'll Be All Right"; and part of the text from C. A. Tindley's gospel hymn "I'll Overcome Someday."

Tune: WE SHALL OVERCOME Irr.
 United States traditional
 Harm. J. Jefferson Cleveland, 1981

This Week at Big Red

Monday, Jan. 17

- ♦ Office Closed
- ♦ **5:00pm:** Yoga (Nursery)

Tuesday, Jan. 18

- ♦ Office Network Upgrade - Pastor Raygan & Erica Work from Home
- ♦ **6:00pm:** Church Council Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, Jan. 19

- ♦ **8:00am:** Bible Study (Zoom)
- ♦ **5:00pm:** Yoga (Nursery)
- ♦ **6:00pm:** Handbell Rehearsal (Music Room)
- ♦ **7:00pm:** Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- ♦ Grapeleaf Submissions Due

Thursday, Jan. 20

- ♦ **6:00pm:** Ministry of Worship (Zoom)

Friday, Jan. 21

- ♦ No Events

Saturday, Jan. 22

- ♦ No Events

Sunday, Jan. 23

- ♦ **9:30am:** Worship (Sanctuary)



The First Congregational Church of Fresno

Annual Meeting

**Sunday,
January 30, 2022**

**Immediately after our
9:30am Worship Service**

**Church Member Attendance Needed
in Order to Make Quorum!**

Visitors and Friends are Welcome!

Light Lunch to Follow

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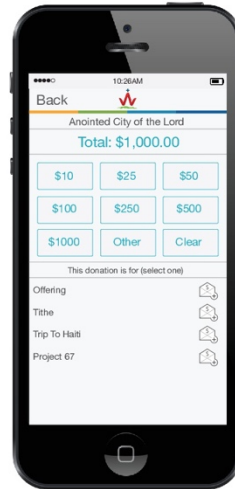
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FCCF Open and Affirming Statement

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, 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.