

Third Sunday After Epiphany

January 23, 2022



Guest Preacher:
Rev. Dr. Norman Broadbent



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 “Sonata 2, Op. 65: I. Grave; II. Adagio; III. Allegro Maestoso” - Felix Mendelssohn Scott Horton,
organ

Welcome Rev. Dr. Norman Broadbent

***Call to Worship** Liturgist: Melinda Mobley

One: This body of Christ is a holy collection of lives and stories.

All: Braided into each other, the one is made of the many.

One: This body, God has woven together:

All: That we may find our hope in each other.

That we may hold grief in community.

That we may remember no life is disposable.

One: By the Spirit, we are made one body,

All: Joined together, let us seek the flourishing of all.

***Hymn** “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation” #400, pew hymnal

Opening Prayer

Creator of all,

Though you have shaped us as an ecosystem, we are surrounded by illusions of individualism. Resources are privatized. People suffer in isolation. Even joy is hoarded. May our community be brave and vulnerable enough to live otherwise, so that we may become so much more together with you than we could ever be alone. Amen.

Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 12:12-31 CEB Liturgist: Melinda Mobley

Choral Anthem “I Want Jesus to Walk with Me” Chancel Choir
- J. Althouse

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:

Luke 4:14-21

Liturgist: Melinda Mobley

Sermon

***Hymn**

"In Christ There Is No East or West" #394, 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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***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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It is our tradition to be seated for the Postlude.

Postlude

**"Sonata 2, Op. 65: IV. Fuga"
- F. Mendelssohn**

Scott Horton, organ

We Go Out to Love and Serve the World

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Eph. 2:20-22; 1 Pet. 2:4-7

Latin, 6th-8th century

Transl. John Mason Neale, 1851; alt.

St. 3 adapt. Thomas H. Troeger, 1992



1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and cor - ner-stone,
 2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O God of Hosts, to - day!
 3 Here re - new your ser - vants' vis - ion, that by faith they may at - tain



chos - en of our God and pre - cious, bind - ing all the Church in one;
 With your con - stant, lov - ing kind - ness hear your peo - ple as they pray.
 peace and hope, re - newed com - pas - sion, strength to com - fort those in pain,



Ho - ly Zi - on's help for - ev - er, and our con - fi - dence a - lone.
 Give your full - est ben - e - dic - tion: grace to fol - low Christ the Way.
 Tears and grief trans - formed to glad - ness in your ev - er - last - ing reign.



The hymn has its origins in an early Latin poem, *Urbs beata Jerusalem*, based on passages from *Ephesians*, *1 Peter*, and *Revelation*. "Holy Zion" refers to the church transcendent, built of "living stones"—the saints of God.

Tune: REGENT SQUARE 8.7.8.7.8.7.

Henry T. Smart, 1867

Alternate tune: WESTMINSTER ABBEY

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In Christ There Is No East or West

1 Cor. 12:13; Gal. 3:28; Eph. 2:14-22

John Oxenham, 1908; alt.
St. 3, Laurence Hull Stookey, 1987

1 In Christ there is no East or West, in Christ no South or North;
2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery-where their high com - mu - nion find;
3 In Christ is nei - ther Jew nor Greek, and nei - ther slave nor free;
4 In Christ now meet both East and West, in Christ meet South and North;

But one com - mu - ni - ty of love through - out the whole wide earth.
God's ser - vice is the gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.
For men and wom - en live in God, and all are kin to me.
One joy - ous, true com - mu - ni - ty through - out the whole wide earth.

Singer and composer Harry T. Burleigh studied at the National Conservatory of Music from 1892 to 1896. He is recognized as the first African-American composer to employ spirituals in concert arrangements. This tune is named after the rector of St. George's Episcopal Church in New York City, where Burleigh served as baritone soloist for more than fifty years.

Tune: McKEE C.M.
African-American melody
Arr. Harry T. Burleigh, 1939
Alternate setting: ST. PETER

This Week at Big Red

Monday, Jan. 24

- ♦ **5:00pm:** Yoga (Nursery)

Tuesday, Jan. 25

- ♦ No Events

Wednesday, Jan. 26

- ♦ **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. 27

- ♦ No Events

Friday, Jan. 28

- ♦ **10:00am:** Free Food Saturday Prep (Fellowship Hall)

Saturday, Jan. 29

- ♦ **8:00am:** Free Food Saturday Volunteers (Fellowship Hall)
- ♦ **10:00am:** Free Food Saturday (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, Jan. 30

- ♦ **9:30am:** Worship (Sanctuary)
- ♦ **10:30am:** Annual Meeting (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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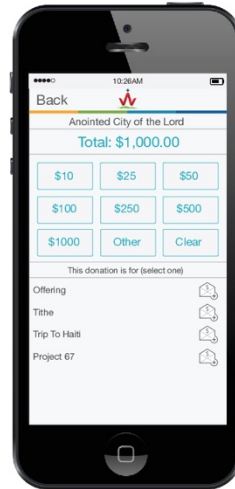
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FCCF Open and Affirming Statement

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.