

Annual Meeting Sunday

January 30, 2022



Rev. Raygan Baker



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

“Percussive Praise” - McChesney
“Bell Prayer” - Tarantino

Handbells

Welcome

Rev. Raygan Baker

*Call to Worship

Liturgist: Rosalie Brown

One: People of God, Divine Mystery comes to dwell among us. With hospitality, let us turn our attention to the Spirit.

All: We welcome unfamiliar ideas.
We open to surprising revelations.
We celebrate a multiplicity of truths.

One: People of God, there is freedom in letting go of the need to be certain. Let us trade individual arrogance for collective humility:

All: That fresh wisdom may emerge,
Love may deepen,
and paths of collective liberation may manifest.

One: Come, Spirit, come.

***Hymn**

“God of Grace and God of Glory”
(v. 1 & 2)

#463, pew hymnal

Opening Prayer

*Gracious God,
We come to worship today to hear your Good News,
to hear of faith, hope, and love
ringing out from your Spirit.
We know that doubt, fear, and hatred
can shake even the strongest.
Shape us into faithful, hopeful people,
and fill us with your love that passes all understanding.
We pray this together in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.*

Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 CEB Liturgist: Rosalie Brown

Choral Anthem “Standing On the Promises” Chancel Choir
 - arr. M. Hayes

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 4:21-30

Liturgist: Rosalie Brown

Sermon

***Hymn**

“God, Speak to Me, That I May Speak” #531, 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

Invitation to Generosity

Liturgist: Rosalie Brown

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Announcements

***Hymn**

“Blessed Be the Tie That Binds”

#393, pew hymnal

The 138th Annual Meeting of the First Congregational Church of Fresno

***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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We Go Out to Love and Serve the World

God of Grace and God of Glory

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Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930; alt.

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
 2 From the e - vils that sur - round us and as - sail the
 3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Set our feet on loft - y plac - es; gird our lives that
 5 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour your power; crown your an - cient church - 's sto - ry;
 Sav - ior's ways, from the fears that long have bound us—
 your con - trol. Shame our reck - less, self - ish glad - ness,
 they may be ar - mored with all Christ - like grac - es,
 we de - plore; let the search for your sal - va - tion

bring its bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 free our hearts for faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 in the fight to set us free. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 make our bro - ken spir - its whole, make our bro - ken spir - its whole.
 in the quest for lib - er - ty, in the quest for lib - er - ty.
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

Harry Emerson Fosdick, a prophetic preacher and writer, taught at Union Theological Seminary from 1915 to 1946. This hymn was written for the opening service and dedication of Riverside Church.

Tune: CWM RHONDDA 8.7.8.7.8.7.7.
 John Hughes, c. 1907

God, Speak to Me, That I May Speak

Frances Ridley Havergal, 1872; alt.

1 God, speak to me, that I may speak in
 2 O lead me, God, that I may lead some
 3 O fill me with your full - ness, God, your
 4 O use me, God, use ev - en me just

liv - ing ech - oes of your tone; as you have sought, so
 wan - der - ers a - long life's way; O feed me so that
 ov - er - flow - ing love to know; In glow - ing word and
 as you will, and when, and where, un - til your bless - ed

let me seek your err - ing chil - dren lost and lone.
 I may feed your hun - gry ones with - out de - lay.
 kin - dling thought, your love to tell, your praise to show.
 face I see, your rest, your joy, your glo - ry share.

Daughter of the English hymnwriter William H. Havergal, Frances Ridley Havergal was a gifted poet and student of several languages, including Hebrew and Greek. She also composed several hymn tunes. Canonbury was adapted from one of Robert Schumann's piano pieces.


Tune: CANONBURY L.M.
 Arr. from Robert Schumann, 1872

Blessed Be the Tie That Binds

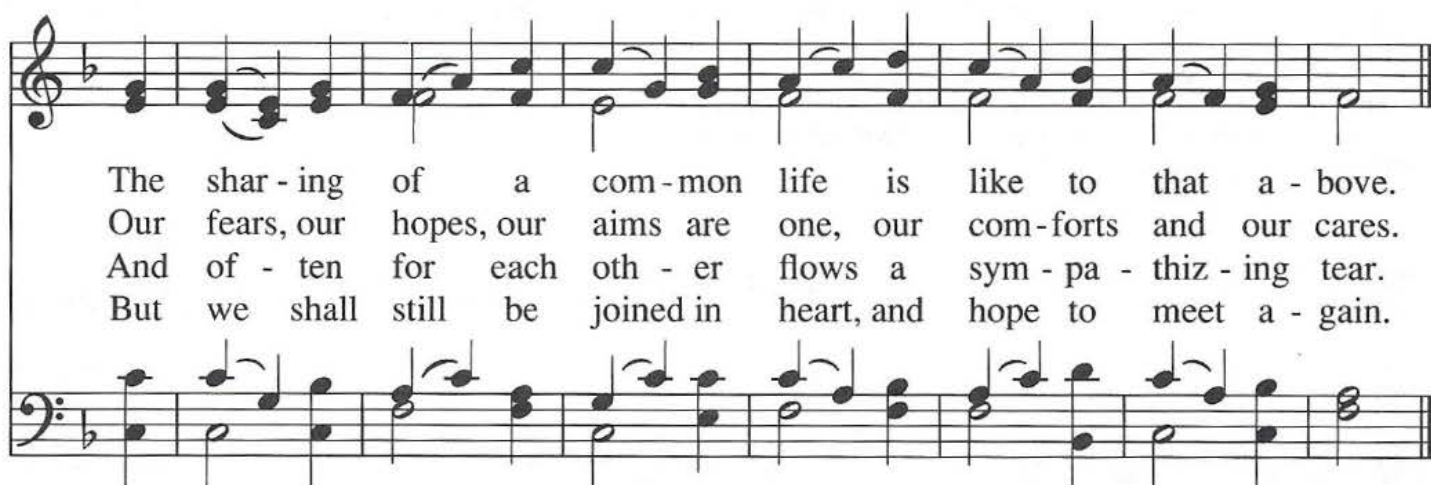
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John Fawcett, 1782; alt.

Gal. 3:28; 6:2; Col. 3:13-15



1 Blessed be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love;
2 Be - fore our God we come and pour our ar - dent prayers;
3 We share each oth - er's woes, each oth - er's bur - dens bear,
4 When we are called to part it gives us in - ward pain,



The shar - ing of a com - mon life is like to that a - bove.
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
And of - ten for each oth - er flows a sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
But we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet a - gain.

An English Baptist minister, John Fawcett published a number of poetic works. His entire ministry was spent at a church near Hebden Bridge, Yorkshire, where he wrote most of his hymns to follow his sermons.

Tune: DENNIS S.M.
Melody by Johann G. Nägeli (c. 1768-1836)
Adapt. Lowell Mason, 1845



Stick Around After Worship Today!

138th

Annual Meeting

Immediately following the service

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

Visitors and Friends are Welcome!

This Week at Big Red

Monday, Jan. 31

- ♦ **5:00pm:** Yoga (Nursery)

Friday, Feb. 4

- ♦ No Events

Tuesday, Feb. 1

- ♦ **9:00am:** Giving Strategies for the 21st Century Webinar (Parlor)

Saturday, Feb. 5

- ♦ No Events

Wednesday, Feb. 2

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

Sunday, Feb. 6

- ♦ **9:30am:** Worship (Sanctuary)
Communion Sunday

Thursday, Feb. 3

- ♦ No Events

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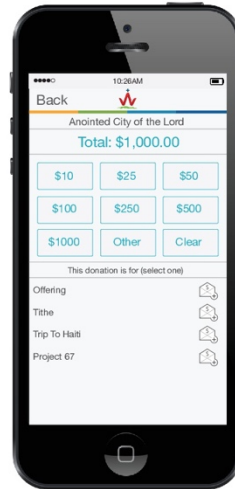
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FCCF Open and Affirming Statement

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.