

# Installation of Rev. Raygan Baker As Pastor of First Congregational Church of Fresno

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First Congregational Church of Fresno

United Church of Christ

# WELCOME

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

***Text “New” to 559-425-4050 and fill out the Connect Card.***

## Does your infant or toddler need a minute, a change, or a good cry?

## Don't worry, we've (literally) all been there.

*The service is livestreaming in our Caring Room (Room 1) nearby, where there is space and supplies to help get what your child needs.*

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

<b>Prelude</b>	“Adagio,” from Violin Sonata No. 7 in c minor Op. 30, No. 2 by Beethoven	Dr. David Fox, piano John Morrice, violin
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**Welcome** Rev. Akiko Miyake-Stoner

## \*Prayer of Preparation

***Let us look to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was waiting endured the cross, despising the shame, and sits at the right hand of the sovereign God.***

**\*Hymn**                      “Guide Me O My Great Redeemer”                      #18, pew hymnal

# The Story of How We Got Here

Peter Wall

**Re-Introduction of Raygan Baker** Michelle Krenz

**Presentation of Rev. Raygan Baker for Installation** Rebecca Snyder

**\*Hymn**                      “Be Now My Vision”                      #451, pew hymnal

**Exhortation** Rev. Miyake-Stoner

<b>Anthem</b>	"Create in Me," by Terre Johnson	Chancel Choir
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**Time for Discovery** Rev. Daniel Ross-Jones

**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 children are invited to remain on the steps for the Covenant, Prayer, and Declaration of Installation, until after the Presentation of Gift*

## **\*Covenant of Installation**

### **Covenant of the First Congregational Church of Fresno**

**We, the people of the First Congregational Church of Fresno, United Church of Christ, receive Raygan Baker as our pastor and teacher, promising to labor with him in the ministry of the gospel and to give him due honor and support.**

**We gather with him and with the United Church of Christ as a sign of our mutual ministry in the name of the Christ.**

### **Covenant of the Sequoia Association**

We, the members of the Sequoia Association of the United Church of Christ, gather with you, the people and the pastor and teacher of First Congregational Church of Fresno, United Church of Christ, as a sign of our covenant and in celebration of our mutual ministry in the name of the Christ.

## **Prayer of Installation**

Rev. Miyake-Stoner

## **\*Declaration of Installation**

In the name of Jesus Christ, and on behalf of the Sequoia Association of the Northern California Nevada Conference of the United Church of Christ, I declare Raygan Baker duly installed as pastor and teacher of First Congregational Church of Fresno, United Church of Christ.

**All: *Thanks be to God***

## **Presentation of Gift**

*Children return to congregation*

<b>Hymn</b>	"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"	#495, pew hymnal
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<b>Closing Remarks Blessing</b>	Pastor Raygan Baker
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<b>Postlude</b>	"Scherzo," from Violin Sonata No. 7 in c minor Op. 30, No. 2 by Beethoven	Dr. David Fox, piano John Morrice, violin
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*We invite you to join us in the Courtyard and the Fellowship Hall for a reception following the service!*



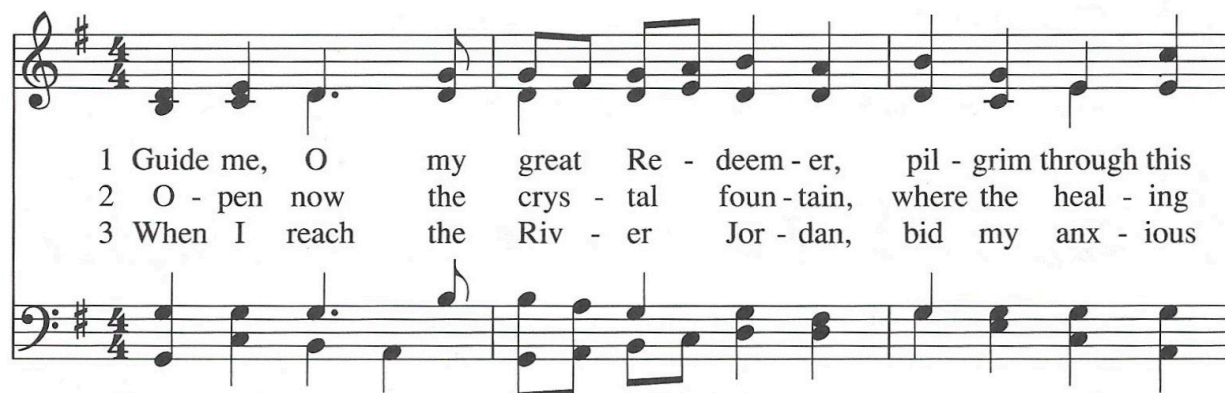
## Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer

Exod. 13:21; 16:4; 17:6; Ps. 105:39-44; Rev. 22:1-2

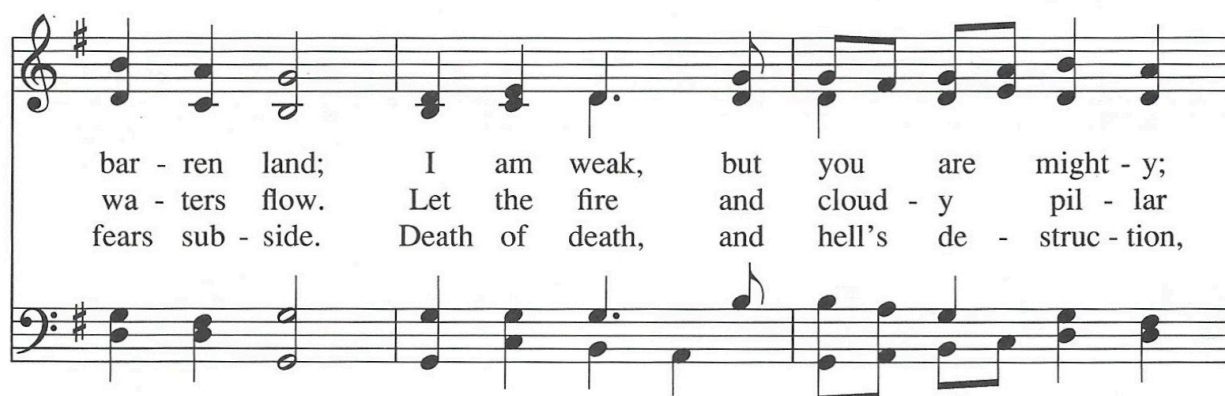
William Williams, 1745

St. 1, transl. Peter Williams, 1771; alt.

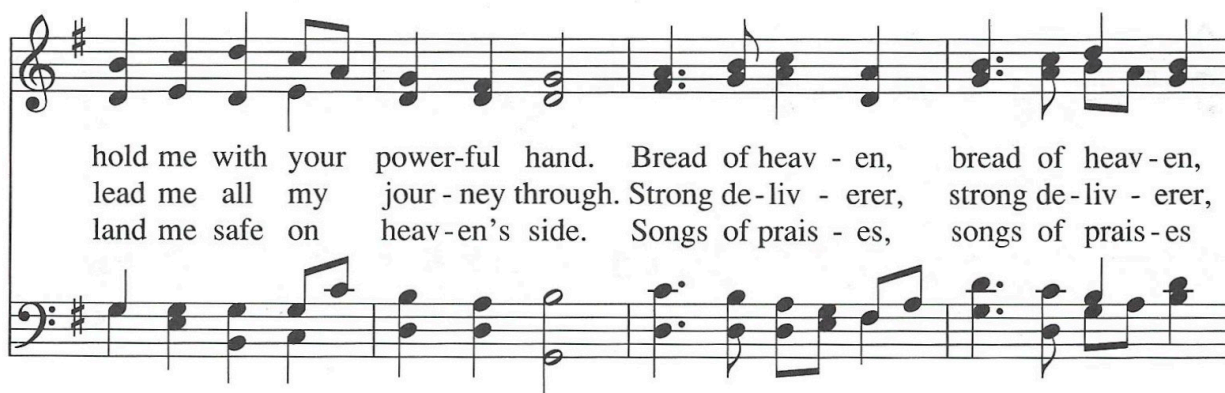
St. 2-3, transl. William Williams, 1772; alt.




1 Guide me, O my great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this  
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, where the heal - ing  
 3 When I reach the Riv - er Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land; I am weak, but you are might - y;  
 wa - ters flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar  
 fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion,



hold me with your power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,  
 lead me all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,  
 land me safe on heav - en's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es



feed me till I want no more, feed me till I want no more.  
 ev - er be my strength and shield, ev - er be my strength and shield.  
 I will ev - er sing to you, I will ev - er sing to you.

John Hughes, a railroad official by trade, composed this tune for the 1907 anniversary of Capel Rhondda, Pontypridd, Wales. Cwm Rhondda refers to the "low valley" area surrounding the urban district of Rhondda in southern Wales.

Tune: CWM RHONDDA 8.7.8.7.8.7.7.

John Hughes, 1907

Alternate setting: ZION

## Be Now My Vision

*Ancient Irish text, c. 8th century; transl. Mary E. Byrne, 1905**Versified by Eleanor H. Hull, 1912; adapt.*

*Unison*

1 Be now my vi - sion, O God of my heart;  
 2 Be now my wis - dom, and be my true word;  
 3 Rich - es I need not, nor life's emp - ty praise,  
 4 Sov - ereign of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

noth - ing sur - pass - es the love you im - part—  
 ev - er with - in me, my soul is as - sured;  
 you, my in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;  
 may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav - en's Sun!

You my best thought, by day or by night,  
 Moth - er and Fa - ther, you are both to me,  
 You and you on - ly are first in my heart,  
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, your pres - ence my light.  
 now and for - ev - er your child I will be.  
 great God, my trea - sure, may we nev - er part.  
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

*Dating from the eighth century or earlier, this Irish hymn was translated into prose by Mary Byrne. It was then versified by Eleanor Hull, author of several books on Irish literature and history. David Evans arranged the Irish melody for this text in 1927.*

Tune: SLANE 10.10.9.10.  
*Traditional Irish melody  
 Harm. David Evans, 1927*




# Called as Partners in Christ's Service

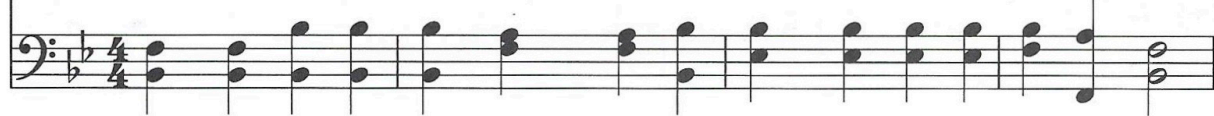
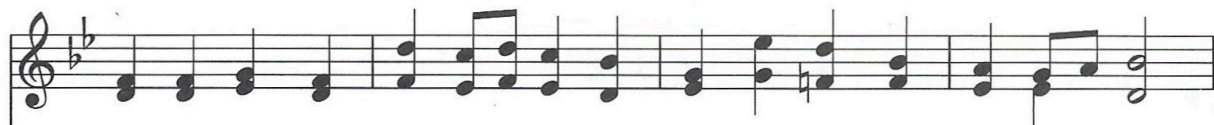
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Jane Parker Huber, 1981



John 15:12-17; Gal. 6:2; Eph. 2:14-22





1 Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is-tries of grace,  
 2 Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in-spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,  
 3 Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,  
 4 So God grant us for to-mor-row ways to or-der hu-man life


We re-pond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.  
 Let us fol-low, nev-er fal-tering, rec-on-cil-ing folk on earth.  
 Help us bear each oth-er's bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.  
 That sur-round each per-son's sor-row with a calm that con-quests strife.

May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,  
 Men and wom-en, rich-er, poor-er, all God's peo-ple, young and old,  
 Words of com-fort, words of vi-sion, words of chal-lenge, said with care,  
 Make us part-ners in our liv-ing, our com-pas-sion to in-crease,

E-qual part-ners in our car-ing to ful-fill God's cho-sen end.  
 Blend-ing hu-man skills to-geth-er gra-cious gifts from God un-fold.  
 Bring new power and strength for ac-tion, make us col-leagues, free and fair.  
 Mes-sen-gers of faith, thus giv-ing hope and con-fi-dence and peace.



One of Jane Parker Huber's most widely sung texts, this hymn was originally written for a women's breakfast at the 1981 Presbyterian General Assembly meeting to celebrate the partnership of women and men in service of the church.

Tune: BEECHER 8.7.8.7.D.  
 John Zundel, 1855  
 For another key, see 43, 368



**Rev. Raygan Baker**  
**Senior Pastor, First Congregational Church of Fresno**  
**United Church of Christ**

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### **Assisting in Today's Service**

**Rev. Akiko Miyake-Stoner**, Senior Pastor, United Japanese Congregational Church  
Moderator, Sequoia Association, NCNC UCC

**Rev. Daniel Ross-Jones**, Associate Conference Minister, NCNC UCC

**Rebecca Snyder**, Moderator, First Congregational Church of Fresno

**Peter Wall**, First Congregational Church of Fresno

**Michelle Krenz**, First Congregational Church of Fresno

**David Fox**, Piano

**John Morrice**, Violin

**Karisa Garza**, Technician

### **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.