

# 6th Sunday of Easter

## May 22, 2022



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF FRESNO  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Rev. Raygan Baker

# 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.*

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

**Prelude**

Scott Horton, organ

**Welcome**

Rev. Raygan Baker

**\*Call to Worship**

Liturgist: Melinda Mobley

Let us gather in the presence of our Creator.

**By Divine hand, the dawn of each new day breaks!**

Each evening, when the days end calls us to come and rest,

**God covers us in the darkness of night.**

In joy and in struggle, the rhythms of creation uphold us.

**Thanks be to God who renews all life.**

**\*Hymn**

“Morning Has Broken”

**Opening Prayer**

Liturgist: Melinda Mobley

*Holy God,*

*Open our eyes. Open our hearts. Open our ears. The wonder of creation testifies to your wisdom. There is no creature that falls outside of your caring embrace - not a single life-form is insignificant to you. When we struggle to find our place among the whole, insecure or arrogant about where we belong, ground us, O God, in your love. Amen.*

**Scripture Reading**

John 6:16-27

**Special Music**

“Capricho Arabe” -Francisco Tarrega

Kevin Cooper, guitar

**Time for Discovery | Taking a Tour**

**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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**\*Hymn**

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

#31, pew hymnal

**Psalm Reading Part 1**                      Psalm 104:1-15

**Scenic Overlook #1**

**Psalm Reading Part 2**                      Psalm 104:16-23

**Scenic Overlook #2**

**Psalm Reading Part 3**                      Psalm 104:24-35

**Scenic Overlook #3**

**\*Hymn**                      “In the Bulb There Is a Flower”                      #433, 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**

*Concluding with the Lord's Prayer*

**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.***

## **Responsive Prayer; Eco-Beatitudes**

**Blessed are we when we treasure the wisdom of the earth,**

receiving survival strategies whispered underground by bristlecone pine and sequoia, returning the praise songs of nuthatch and titmouse, flocking together with the murmurations of bees and bats and butterflies, and pollinating possibilities for living in these beautiful ruins.

**Woe to us when losses of profit are considered more costly than losses of habitat, health, or home.**

Holy confrontation with corporations that harm is the faithful labor of Love.

**Blessed are we when our daily actions and interactions align with dreams for collective flourishing,**

and pattern our days with the small, the slow, and the simple, moving through the world gently, with gratitude, attentive to beauty, savoring the life force that flows freely through it all.

**Woe to us when we privatize natural resources,**

when we hoard and steal the gifts of the land, or conceal patterns of colonization. The only way to planetary healing is through return, reparations, and repair.

**Blessed are we when our grief propels us toward protection,**

our wild love for the world motivating our every dream. No escape, no denial, but holding what is in our cupped hands and broken open hearts, our prayers poured forth like libations of lament, remembrance, and promise.

**Woe to us when we cross the boundaries of the earth;**

when we continue to push, extract, and consume in willful refusal of glaring devastation, and need for rest. Unsustainable practices diminish and destroy the rhythms of life.

**Blessed are we when we remember we're "we," not "me," or "us and them,"**

bound to each other cellularly and socially, holding and being held in the web of relations, honoring each species extinction as a death of divinity, each oil spill opening our veins, each pipeline poisoning our precious lifeblood, each encounter, an opening for the medicine of care.

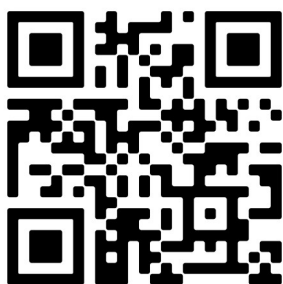
**Woe to us when we do not choose solidarity,**

when we protect ourselves at the expense of others, or silo our struggles as if they are inseparable. For climate justice must be gender justice must be racial justice must be disability justice must be a matter of leaving all domination behind.

## Invitation to Generosity

Liturgist: Melinda Mobley

*Here at the Big Red Church, everyone counts, and every gift counts!*



- ⇒ *There are two donation boxes and giving envelopes for your gifts in the Narthex (the area where an usher handed you an Order of Worship).*
- ⇒ *You can also give through the Givelify App by scanning the QR code with your smartphone camera.*
- ⇒ *BigRedChurch.org/Giving/ has more instructions, links, and information about giving to the church. Thank you for supporting and joining in the ministry of this church.*

## Offertory Music

“Edelweiss” - Rodgers & Hammerstein

Scott Horton, piano

## \*Doxology

*Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## \*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

“Hymn to Joy” -A. Travis

Scott Horton, organ

## We Go Out to Love and Serve the World

*The responsive Eco-Beatitudes were by Rev. Anna Blaedel and  
Rev. M Jade Barclay, enfleshed.com. Used with permission.*

# Morning Has Broken

C Am Dm G Dm G C

1. Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing, black-bird has  
 2. Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from heav - en, like the first  
 3. Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing born of the

Em Am Em F G C Am F C

spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the  
 dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet  
 one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - ery

Am G C G Am Dm GW C

morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!  
 gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.  
 morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!



# All Things Bright and Beautiful

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*Cecil F. Alexander, 1848; alt.*

*Unison Refrain*

All things bright and beau-ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,

*Last time, end*

All things wise and won - der - ful, our dear God made them all.

1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,  
 2 The pur - ple-head - ed moun-tain, the riv - er run - ning by,  
 3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas-ant sum-mer sun,

*to Refrain*

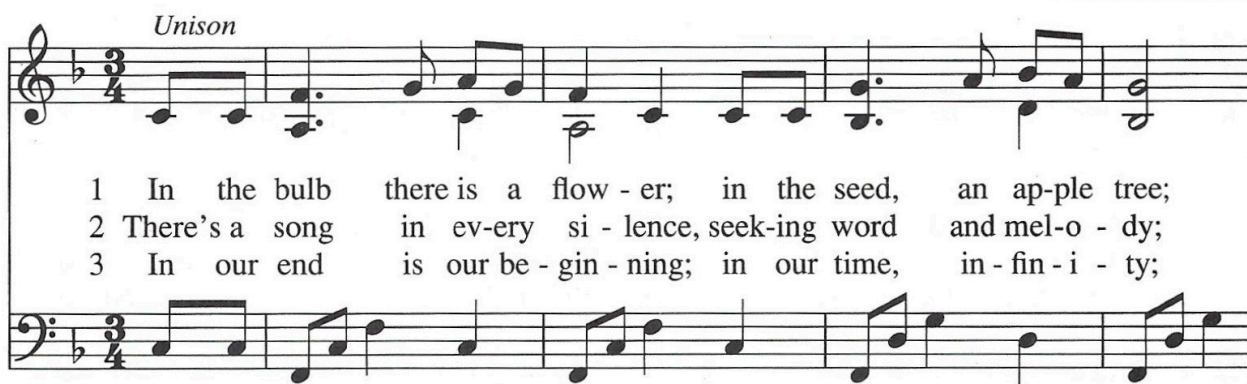
God made their glow-ing col - ors, and made their ti - ny wings.  
 The sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright-ens up the sky.  
 The ripe fruits in the gar - den, God made them ev - ery one.

*This hymn for children is based on the first article of the Apostles' Creed: "Maker of heaven and earth." The English hymnwriter Cecil Frances Alexander was married to William Alexander, who became bishop of Ireland.*

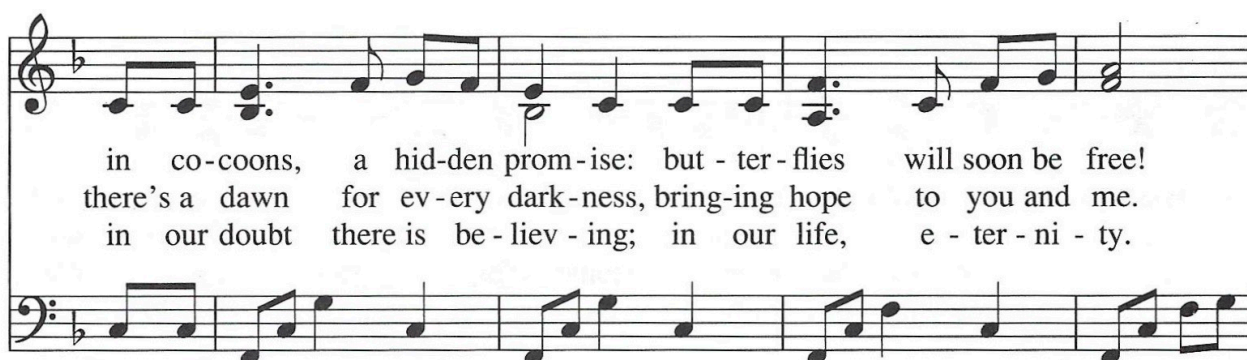
Tune: ROYAL OAK 7.6.7.6. with refrain  
 English melody  
 Adapt. Martin Shaw, 1915

Natalie Sleeth, 1985

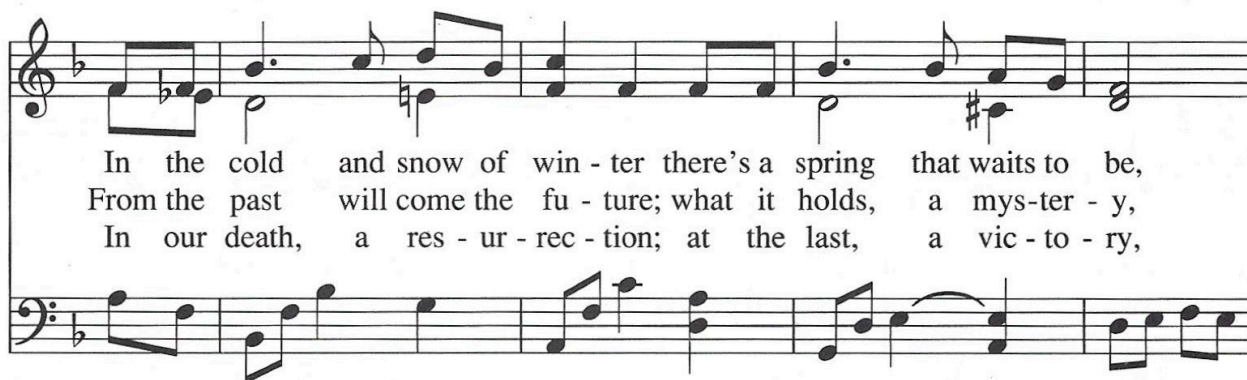
*Unison*



1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;  
 2 There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;  
 3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;



in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be free!  
 there's a dawn for ev - ery dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.  
 in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.



In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,  
 From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,  
 In our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,



un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.  
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Natalie Sleeth composed her "Hymn of Promise" first as a choral anthem and then adapted it to this version for congregational singing. It was dedicated to her husband, Ronald Sleeth, who died shortly after she completed it.

Tune: PROMISE 8.7.8.7.D.  
 Natalie Sleeth, 1985

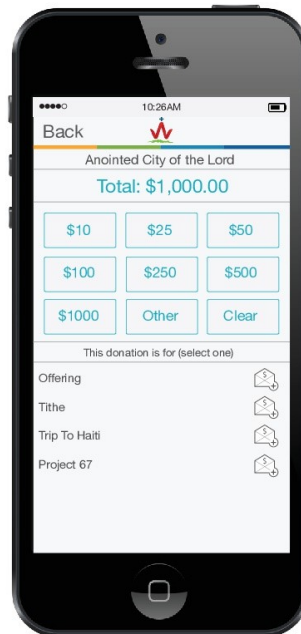


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# KIDmunity Music Camp at Big Red

**Monday, June 13-Sunday, June 19. 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon**

**Performance 10 a.m., June 19 at the Big Red Church**

**Registration Fee of \$50.00**

**First Congregational Church of Fresno, 2131 N Van Ness Blvd,  
Fresno, CA 93704**



## 559.426.5099

Camp administrators will contact you to confirm and finalize registration. A registration fee of \$50 per camper will be accepted via cash or check at check in on the first day of camp.

A printed registration form is also available in the office at the Big Red Church.

### KIDmunity participants will...

- ▶ Learn music from around the world.
- ▶ Discover and develop their singing voices.
- ▶ Read basic rhythmic and melodic notation.
- ▶ Learn the basics of guitar and recorder.
- ▶ Perform together in a culminating concert.
- ▶ Experience how music can bring them together as a KIDmunity.

### Registration

Students enrolled in incoming grades K-8 are welcome! Advance registration is not required, but is recommended. Walk-in registration will be from 8:30-9:00 a.m. on Monday, June 13.

Registration fees must be paid at check in on Monday, June 13. Cash or check made payable to KIDmunity Music



Scan this QR code or visit our KIDmunity Music online registration form at:

<https://forms.gle/K1uSRiQCeU9xukYt5>

## This Week at Big Red

### Monday, May 23

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

### Tuesday, May 24

- ♦ No Events

### Wednesday, May 25

- ♦ **8:00am:** Bible Study (Zoom)
- ♦ **5:00pm:** Yoga (Nursery)
- ♦ Grapeleaf Submissions Due

### Thursday, May 26

- ♦ No Events

### Friday, May 27

- ♦ **10:00am:** Free Food Saturday Prep (Fellowship Hall)
- ♦ **5:00pm:** Yoga (Nursery)

### Saturday, May 28

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

### Sunday, May 29

- ♦ **9:00am:** Exploration Hour (Various)
- ♦ **10:00am:** Worship (Sanctuary)

## **First Congregational Church of Fresno**

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Office Hours: Monday – Friday

9:00 am – 3:30 pm

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### **Accountant**

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Brad Jenkins

Erica Holland

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

Liturgist: Melinda Mobley

Music Director/ Organist: Scott Horton

Special Music: Kevin Cooper

Ushers: Bruce Owdom, Sue Karibian, Bob McParland

Technician: Erica Holland

### **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.