

4th Sunday of Easter

May 8, 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.

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

Prelude “Trumpet Voluntary” -J. Stanley; arr. Coleman Scott Horton, organ

Welcome Rev. Raygan Baker

***Call to Worship** Liturgist: Faye Saxton

Day by day, God leads us:
**to the deep, deep pools of peace,
to the green, lush lawns of grace.**

Day by day, Jesus calls us:
**to pour out ourselves in service,
to anoint the stranger with hope.**

Day by day, the Holy Spirit shows us:
**the community we could be,
the family we are called to become.**

***Hymn** “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” #304, pew hymnal

Opening Prayer

Holy God,
We come to hear your word,
so may you speak through us.
***We offer our limited understanding, our insight,
our emotions and experiences,
our skills and our talents,
and pray that your voice might be heard
in this place and around the world.***

We praise you, O God,
and we thank you for your promise to be always in our midst.
***Open our eyes to see you as you are,
open our ears to hear you as you speak,
open our hearts to receive your care and your challenge,
that we might be your faithful disciples. Amen.***

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 10:22-30

Liturgist: Faye Saxton

Sermon

***Hymn**

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

#252, 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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Invitation to Generosity

Liturgist: Faye Saxton

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

“You Raise Me Up” -arr. J. Martin

Chancel Choir

*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

“Songs My Mother Taught Me” -A. Dvorak

Scott Horton, organ

We Go Out to Love and Serve the World

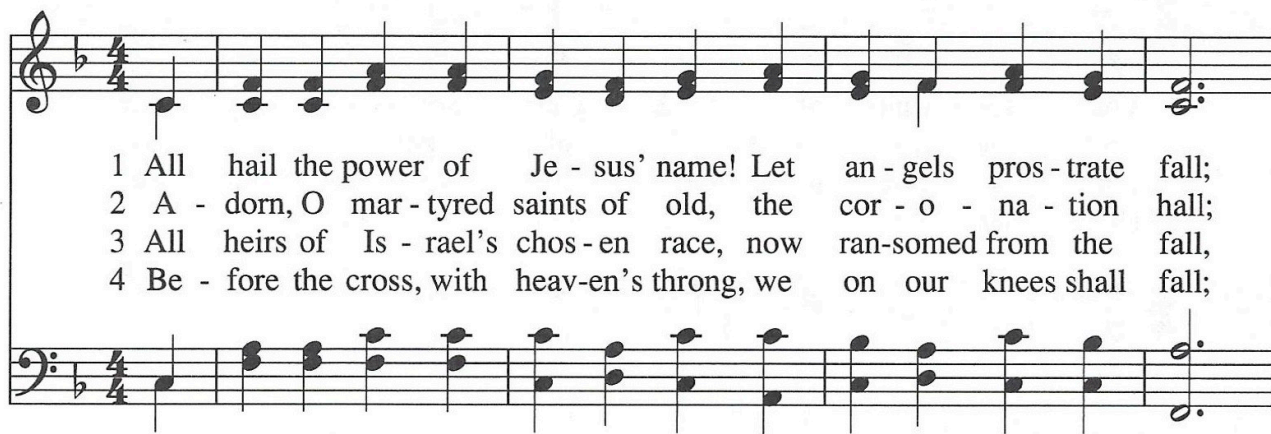
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

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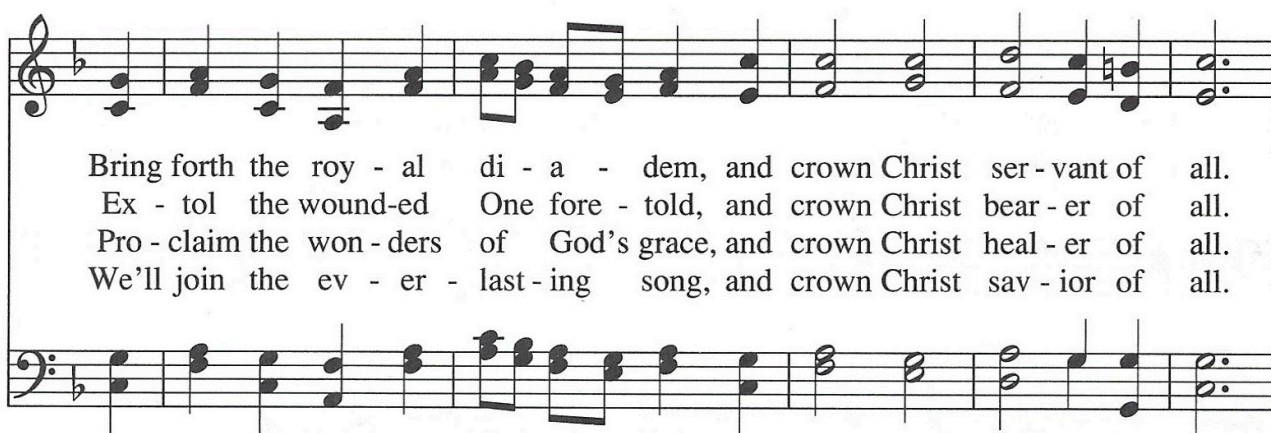
St. 1-3, Edward Perronet, 1779, 1780; alt.

Rev. 19; 5:9; Phil. 2:9-11

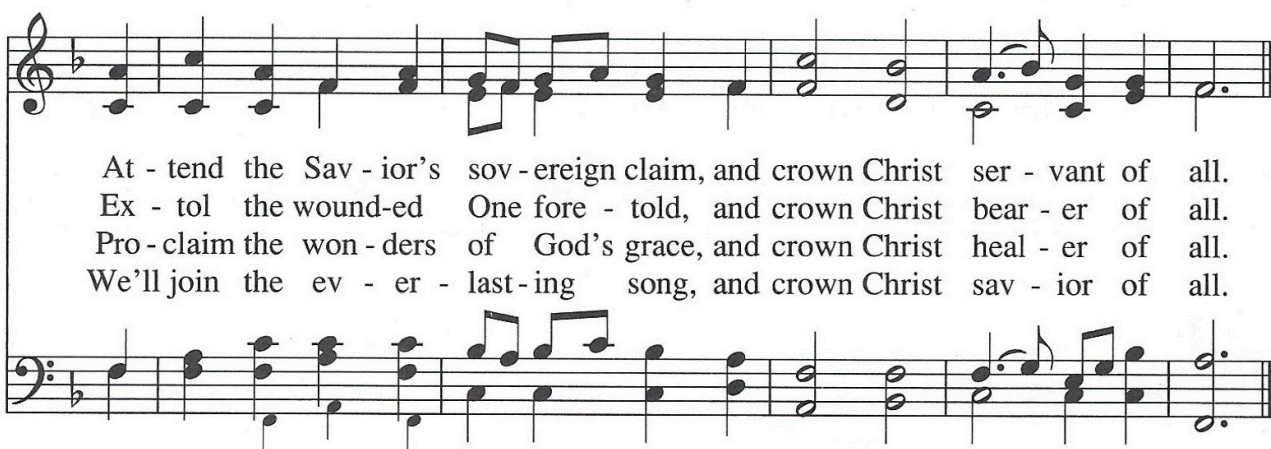
St. 4, John Rippon, 1787; alt.



1 All hail the power of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
 2 A - dorn, O mar - tyred saints of old, the cor - o - na - tion hall;
 3 All heirs of Is - rael's chos - en race, now ran - somed from the fall,
 4 Be - fore the cross, with heav - en's throng, we on our knees shall fall;



Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown Christ ser - vant of all.
 Ex - tol the wound - ed One fore - told, and crown Christ bear - er of all.
 Pro - claim the won - ders of God's grace, and crown Christ heal - er of all.
 We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song, and crown Christ sav - ior of all.



At - tend the Sav - ior's sov - ereign claim, and crown Christ ser - vant of all.
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Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

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Attrib. to Dorothy A. Thrupp (1779–1847)

John 10:1–29

From Hymns for the Young, 1836; alt.

St. 1 transl. to Hawaiian by Laiana (1807–1886)

1 Sav-ior, like a shep-herd lead us, much we need your ten - der care;
 1 Ie - su no ke Ka - hu - hi - pa, Ka - hu - hi - pa ma'i-ka'i e,
 2 We are yours, in love be - friend us, be the guard-ian of our way;
 3 Let us al - ways seek your fa - vor; let us al - ways do your will;

in your pleas - ant pas-tures feed us, for our use your folds pre-pare.
 Ei - a ma - kou ka 'o - ha - na ke ho'o-lo - he a ha - hai:
 keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.
 Je - sus Christ our on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.

Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us, yours we are;
 E a - lo - ha, e a - lo - ha, a - la - ka'i a ha - nai mai,
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear your chil - dren when we pray;
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still;

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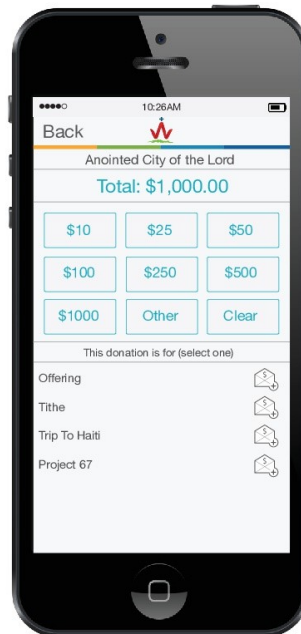


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This Week at Big Red

Monday, May 9

- ♦ **5:00pm:** Yoga (Nursery)

Thursday, May 12

- ♦ **5:30pm:** Ministry of Resources (Parlor)

Tuesday, May 10

- ♦ No Events

Friday, May 13

- ♦ **5:00pm:** Yoga (Nursery)

Wednesday, May 11

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

Saturday, May 14

- ♦ No Events

Sunday, May 15

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

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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.