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June 12, 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

Scott Horton, organ

Welcome

Rev. Raygan Baker

***Call to Worship**

Liturgist: Gayle Thornton

We believe that all people are sacred creations of a loving God.

We affirm the diversity that exists among us.

The presence of God welcomes the fullness of who we are.

We are people who desire. Who long. Who practice love in many ways.

We celebrate love that is platonic and love that is romantic.

Love that is queer and love that is collective.

We are people who want to know and be known -

for who we’ve been, who we are, and who we are becoming.

We honor identities in transition.

We delight in authentic self-expression.

God moves in our becoming.

How wonderful are the many works of God’s creative hand!

May all who long for love’s embrace feel their holy worth.

***Hymn**

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

#277, pew hymnal

Opening Prayer

Liturgist: Gayle Thornton

Beloved One,

Your embrace is a refuge from violence and hatred. Those who have been turned away, forgotten, or persecuted find belonging in you. We hope to embody such love in this place. May we be a sanctuary, a shelter, a safe place to turn. May we endeavor to learn from each other and grow together in love that protects and uplifts. Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

**Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit Three in One;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.**

Scripture Reading Romans 9:30-33; 11:5-15; 14:4-13

Choral Anthem "Come, Holy Spirit Like the Wind" Summer Choir
-Beall/Carter

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.***

Scripture Reading John 16:12-15 Liturgist: Gayle Thornton

Sermon Stumbling Blocks: Rev. Raygan Baker
An Example in Romans 1:15-2:4

***Hymn** "Come Now, Almighty God" #275, 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: Gayle Thornton

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

“Spirit of the Living God” -Iverson (#283)

Summer Choir

*Doxology

(Tune: OLD HUNDRETH)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God, above, ye heavenly host.
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost!**

*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

“Military March No.1 in D Major, Op. 39” -E. Elgar Scott Horton, organ

We Go Out to Love and Serve the World

Descant

4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, God the Al - might - y!
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Saints a - dore you tru - ly,
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though we know but dim - ly,
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, God the Al - might - y!

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing we praise your maj - es - ty.
 Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 Though the eyes of hum - an - kind your glo - ry may not see,
 All your works shall praise your name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!

Ho - ly, ho - ly ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim bow be - fore you on - ly,
 You a - lone are ho - ly, you a - lone are wor - thy,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 From the be - gin - ning, God e - ter - nal - ly.
 Per - fect in power, in love and pur - i - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

This hymn by Reginald Heber was published in a book of hymns for Banbury Parish Church in England. Nicaea, one of nearly 300 tunes by John B. Dykes, was named for the famous council that defined the doctrine of the Trinity.

Tune: NICAEA 11.12.12.10.
 John B. Dykes, 1861
 Descant David McK. Williams, 1948

Come Now, Almighty God

Anon., English, c. 1757; alt.

1 Come now, Al - might - y God, help us your
 2 Come now, In - car - nate Word, by heaven and
 3 Come, Ho - ly Com - fort - er, your sa - cred
 4 To you, great One in Three, e - ter - nal

name to laud; our songs we raise:
 earth a - dored; our prayer at - tend:
 wit - ness bear in this glad hour.
 prais - es be for ev - er - more.

Rul - er all glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic - to - ri - ous,
 Come, and your peo - ple bless, and give your word suc - cess;
 Your grace to us im - part, now rule in ev - ery heart,
 Your sov - ereign maj - es - ty may we in glo - ry see,

come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days!
 grant us your ho - li - ness, Sav - ior and Friend!
 nev - er from us de - part, Spir - it of power!
 and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

This anonymous English hymn to the Trinity was first published in George Whitefield's Collection, 1757. This tune was composed especially for this text by Giardini, who was a brilliant violinist.

Tune: ITALIAN HYMN 6.6.4.6.6.6.4.
Felice de Giardini, 1769

Spirit of the Living God

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Daniel Iverson, 1926

Acts 11:15; 2 Cor. 3:1-6; Gal. 5:25

F Gm D Gm F Dm C F

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me;

F Gm D Gm F Bb/C C7 F

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

Bb F G7 C

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

F Gm D Gm F Dm C7 F

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

Presbyterian minister Daniel Iverson was inspired to write this chorus one evening while attending revival services led by the George T. Stephans Evangelistic Party in Orlando, Florida, in 1926. It became widely popular at similar meetings before it was published several years later.

Tune: IVERSON 7.5.7.5.8.7.5.
Daniel Iverson, 1926



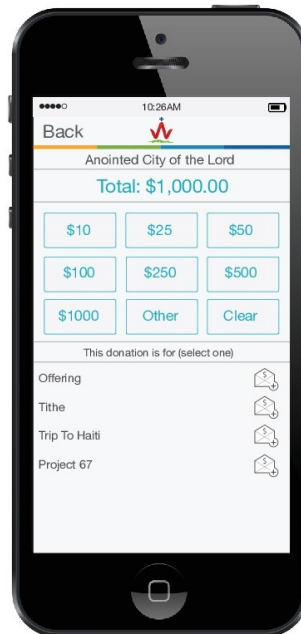
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This Week at Big Red

Monday, June 13

- ♦ **9:00am:** KIDmunity Music Camp (Various)
- ♦ **5:00pm:** Yoga (Nursery)

Tuesday, June 14

- ♦ **9:00am:** KIDmunity Music Camp (Various)

Wednesday, June 15

- ♦ **8:00am:** Bible Study (Zoom)
- ♦ **9:00am:** KIDmunity Music Camp (Various)
- ♦ **5:00pm:** Yoga (Nursery)
- ♦ Grapeleaf Submissions due

Thursday, June 16

- ♦ Pastor Raygan at NCNC Annual Gathering
- ♦ **9:00am:** KIDmunity Music Camp (Various)
- ♦ **2:00pm:** Ministry of Outreach (Parlor)
- ♦ **6:00pm:** Ministry of Worship (Zoom)

Friday, June 17

- ♦ Pastor Raygan at NCNC Annual Gathering
- ♦ **9:00am:** KIDmunity Music Camp (Various)
- ♦ **5:00pm:** Yoga (Nursery)

Saturday, June 18

- ♦ Pastor Raygan at NCNC Annual Gathering
- ♦ **9:00am:** KIDmunity Music Camp (Various)

Sunday, June 19

- ♦ Pastor Raygan at NCNC Annual Gathering
- ♦ **9:00am:** Exploration Hour (Various)
- ♦ **10:00am:** Worship (Sanctuary)
KIDmunity Final Performance!
Christopher Williams Leading Worship!

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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.