

# Fruitful

July 10, 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**)

<b>Prelude</b>	Organ Music of Gordon Young	Scott Horton, organ
<b>Welcome</b>		Rev. Raygan Baker
<b>*Call to Worship</b>		Liturgist: Wayne Brown

We gather in the presence of the Beloved One,  
**Insistent that we are a community of equals.**

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.**

God has claimed us:  
**We are children of the Divine;  
Each of us, no more, no less.**  
Praise God, who frees us to love one another.

<b>*Hymn</b>	“Now is the Time Approaching”	#609, pew hymnal
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## Opening Prayer

*Holy God,  
Systems of oppression manipulate us into believing our dreams for liberation are far-fetched. But we live in a long lineage of prophets, elders, and accomplices who have been tilling the soil of Life Abundant. Holy Spirit, thank you for those who have been tending the garden of Revolutionary Love long before us; guide us with Wisdom as we pick up the trowel. For our spiritual ancestors are with us and our dreams of thriving are possible. Amen.*

**Scripture Reading**

Galatians 3:23-29

**Special Music**

"One Bready, One Body" -J.B. Foley Catherine Cooper, soloist  
Scott Horton, piano

**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 4:4-42

Liturgist: Wayne Brown

**Sermon**

Fruitful  
1 Corinthians 6:9-20

**\*Hymn**

"Fill My Cup, Lord" (page 5)

**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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## Prayer of the Church

### Invitation to Generosity

Liturgist: Wayne Brown

*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

**"Komm, Gott Schöpfer, heiliger Geist"  
- J.S. Bach**

Scott Horton, organ

### \*Doxology (Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH)

**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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**Postlude**      "Postscript of MIDDLEBURY" -arr. G. Martin      Scott Horton, organ

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

# Now Is the Time Approaching

609

Jane Laurie Borthwick, 1859; alt.

Jer. 33:14-16; Isa. 11:6-9; 61:11

1 Now is the time ap - proach - ing, by proph-ets long fore - told,  
2 Let all that now di - vides us re - move and pass a - way,  
3 O long - ex - pect - ed dawn - ing, come with your cheer-ing ray!

when all shall dwell to - geth - er, se - cure and man - i - fold.  
like mists of ear - ly morn - ing be - fore the blaze of day.  
Yet shall the prom - ise beck - on and lead us not a - stray.

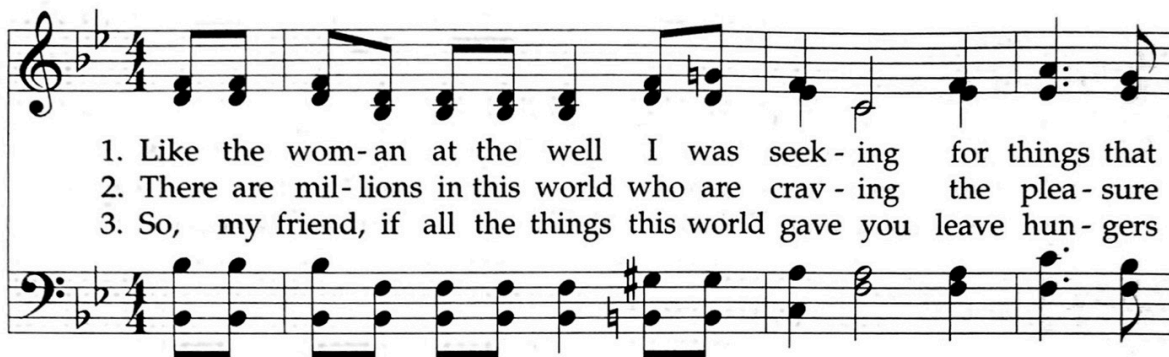
Let war be learned no long - er, let strife and tu - mult cease,  
Let all that now u - nites us more sweet and last - ing prove,  
O sweet an - tic - i - pa - tion! It cheers the watch-ers on

all earth a bless - ed gar - den that God shall tend in peace.  
a clos - er bond of un - ion, in bless - ed lands of love.  
to pray, and hope, and la - bor till Christ's new realm is come.

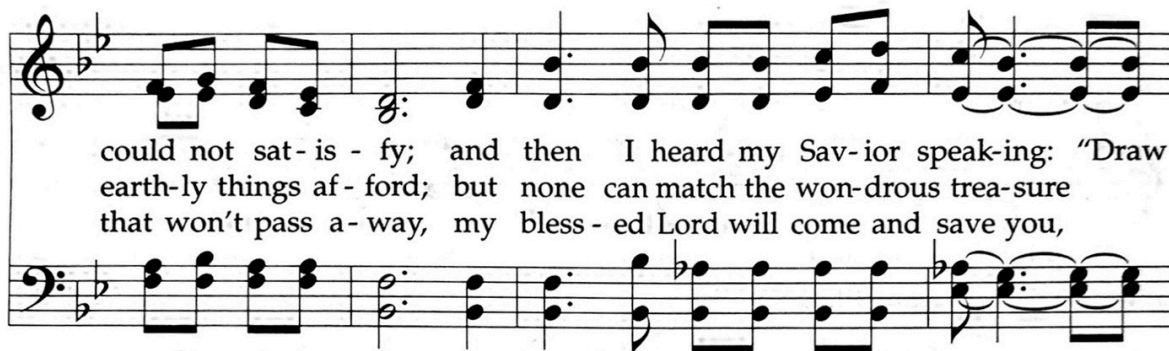
Jane Laurie Borthwick's text titled "Anticipation of Heaven" was published in her *Thoughts for Thoughtful Hours* (1859). George J. Webb, American organist and music publisher, originally wrote this music for a secular song, "Tis dawn, the lark is singing."

Tune: WEBB 7.6.7.6.D.  
George J. Webb, 1837

# Fill My Cup, Lord



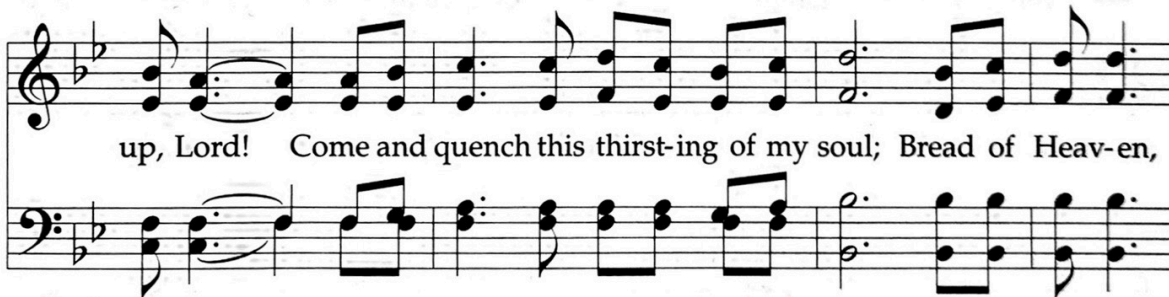
1. Like the wom-an at the well I was seek - ing for things that  
 2. There are mil-lions in this world who are crav - ing the plea - sure  
 3. So, my friend, if all the things this world gave you leave hun - gers



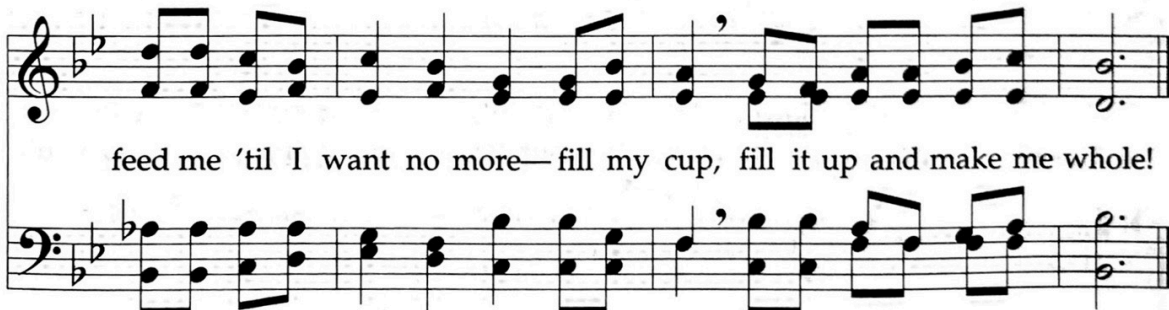
could not sat-is - fy; and then I heard my Sav-ior speak-ing: "Draw  
 earth-ly things af - ford; but none can match the won-drous trea-sure  
 that won't pass a-way, my bless - ed Lord will come and save you,



from my well that nev-er shall run dry."  
 that I find in Je-sus Christ my Lord. Fill my cup, Lord, I lift it  
 if you kneel to him and hum-bly pray:



up, Lord! Come and quench this thirst-ing of my soul; Bread of Heav-en,



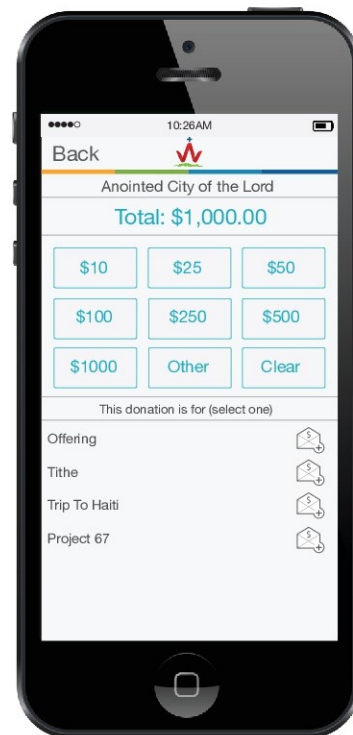
feed me 'til I want no more—fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole!

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- 6 Tap Give Now



- 7 Create your account
- 8 Securely enter your payment information
- 9 Complete your donation

- ➔ Next time you use Givelify, you can save time with the **1-TAP GIVE NOW** button

## This Week at Big Red

### Monday, July 11

- ♦ **5:00pm:** Yoga (Nursery)

### Friday, July 15

- ♦ **5:00pm:** Yoga (Nursery)

### Tuesday, July 12

- ♦ No Events

### Saturday, July 16

- ♦ No Events

### Wednesday, July 13

- ♦ **8:00am:** Bible Study (Zoom)
- ♦ **1:00pm:** PRC Meeting (Parlor)
- ♦ **5:00pm:** Yoga (Nursery)
- ♦ Grapeleaf Submissions due

### Sunday, July 17

- ♦ Camp Tamarack Jr. Camp begins
- ♦ **9:00am:** Roots & Branches (Fireside)
- ♦ **10:00am:** Worship (Sanctuary)

### Thursday, July 14

- ♦ No Events

## **First Congregational Church of Fresno**

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9:00 am – 3:30 pm

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### **Pastor**

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### **Music Director/Organist**

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### **Caretaker/ Event Coordinator**

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### **Technicians**

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Brad Jenkins

### **Accountant**

Penny Leas Peterson

Erica Holland

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

Music Director/Organist: Scott Horton

Liturgist: Wayne Brown

Special Music: Catherine Cooper

Ushers: Clifford Dodd, Mike Gostanian

Technician: Brad Jenkins

### **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.