

6th Sunday after Pentecost

July 17, 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

Contemporary Christian Music
Please feel free to sing along!

Catherine English, piano

Welcome

Rev. Raygan Baker

***Call to Worship**

Liturgist: Melinda Mobley

May we land in our bodies
and soften our spirits
to meet the Living God in our midst.

**The Holy Spirit is present within us,
between us, and beyond us.**

With the Spirit as our guide,
we nurture the Ways of Life.

***Hymn**

"The God of Abraham Praise"

#24, pew hymnal

Opening Prayer

*Holy God,
Creative God, sometimes fear and old habits limit our sense of what's possible. Expand our imagination, that we might live into the abundance you intend for all of us. Guide us towards not a shallow freedom, oh God, but into deep wells of liberation. Amen.*

Scripture Reading

Genesis 18:1-15

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

Luke 10:38-42

Liturgist: Melinda Mobley

Sermon

***Hymn**

"Seek Ye First" (attached)

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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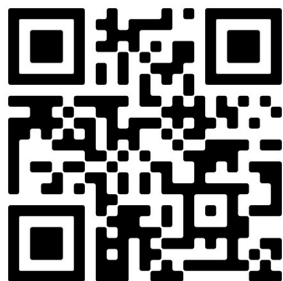
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Prayer of the Church

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

"A Trumpet Tune"
- Gene Clark

Catherine English, 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

"A Triumphant Finale"

Catherine English, organ

It is our tradition to be seated for the Postlude.

We Go Out to Love and Serve the World

A Note for Elders!

Sunday July 31, we will be honoring you!

Please come to church so that the congregation will
know who you are.

Kenny will be in the pulpit on that day to praise your
importance as part of our church family!

Yigdal Elohim Chai

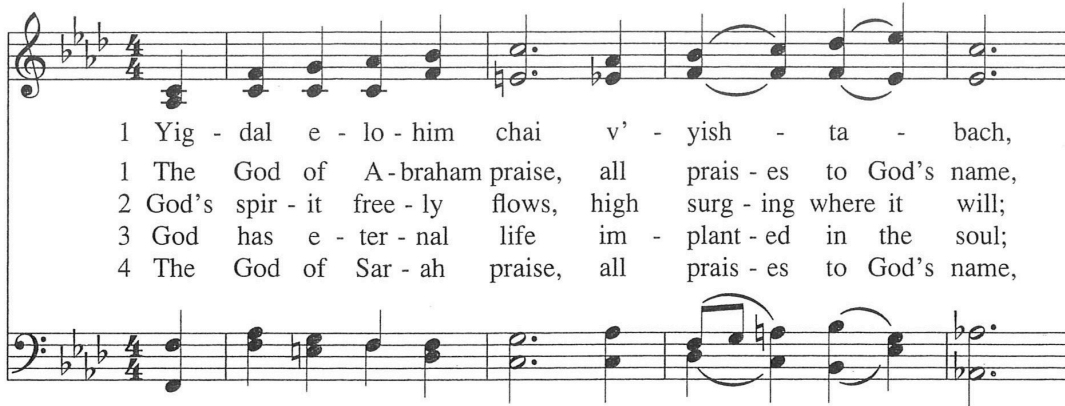
(The God of Abraham Praise)

Gen. 12:1; 17:15-16; Exod. 3:14; Isa. 44:6; Rev. 4:8

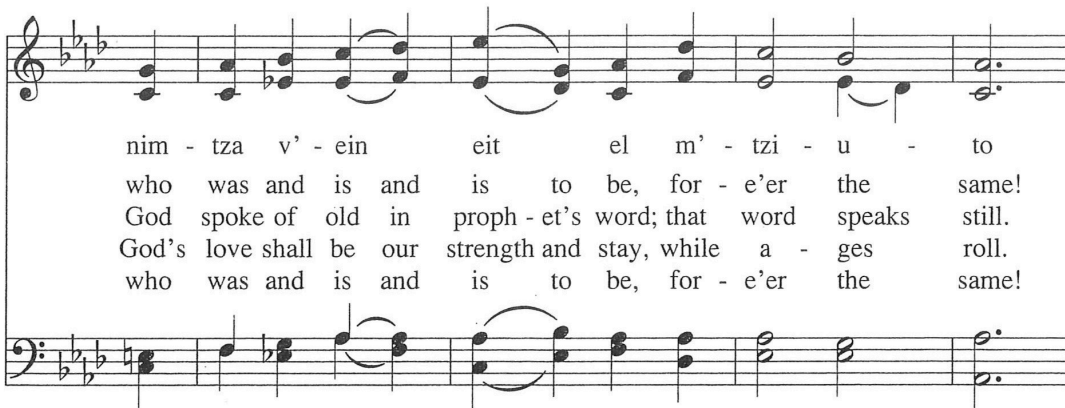
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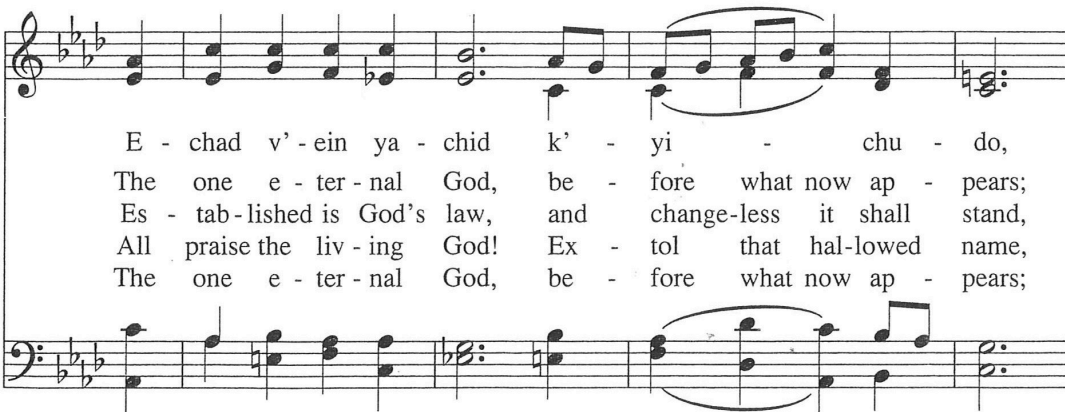
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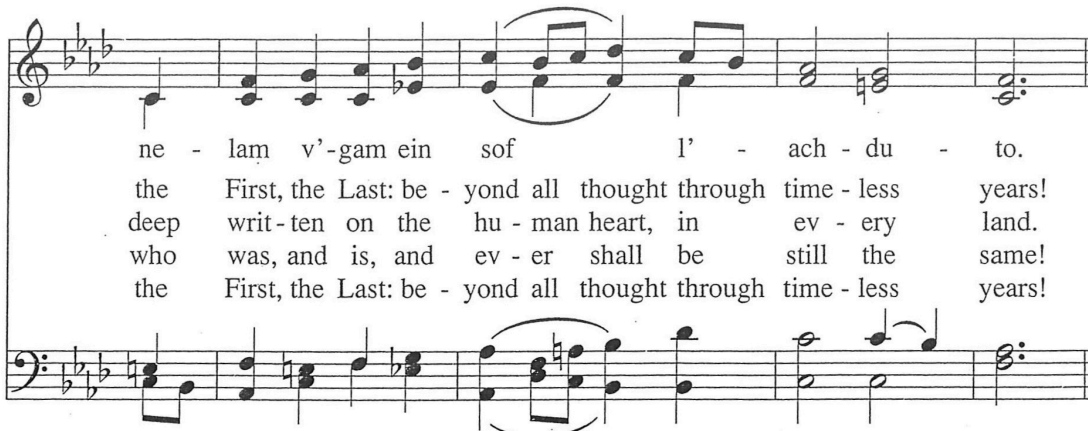
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 1 The God of A - braham praise, all prais - es to God's name,
 2 God's spir - it free - ly flows, high surg - ing where it will;
 3 God has e - ter - nal life im - plant - ed in the soul;
 4 The God of Sar - ah praise, all prais - es to God's name,



nim - tza v' - ein eit el m' - tzi - u - to
 who was and is and is to be, for - e'er the same!
 God spoke of old in proph - et's word; that word speaks still.
 God's love shall be our strength and stay, while a - ges roll.
 who was and is and is to be, for - e'er the same!



E - chad v' - ein ya - chid k' - yi - chu - do,
 The one e - ter - nal God, be - fore what now ap - pears;
 Es - tab - lished is God's law, and change - less it shall stand,
 All praise the liv - ing God! Ex - tol that hal - lowed name,
 The one e - ter - nal God, be - fore what now ap - pears;



ne - lam v' - gam ein sof I' - ach - du - to.
 the First, the Last: be - yond all thought through time - less years!
 deep writ - ten on the hu - man heart, in ev - ery land.
 who was, and is, and ev - er shall be still the same!
 the First, the Last: be - yond all thought through time - less years!

Seek Ye First

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1. Seek ye first the king - dom of God and God's
2. Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you; seek and

D Em7 A7sus D F#m

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righteous - ness, and all these things shall be
ye shall find, knock, and the door shall be

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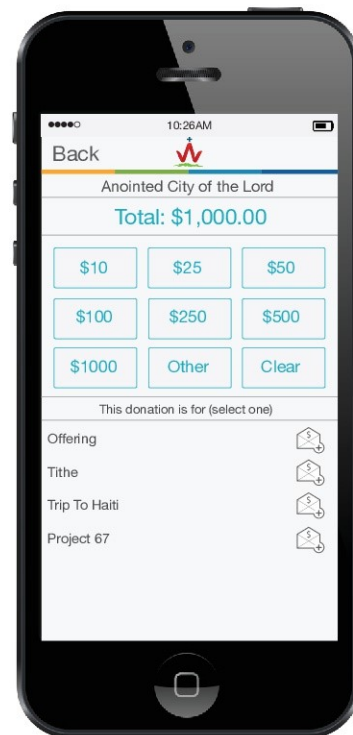
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- 1 Download the free Givelify app



- 2 Locate our church
- 3 Tap the Give button
- 4 Tap an amount
- 5 Select an envelope
- 6 Tap Give Now



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

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This Week at Big Red

Monday, July 18

- ♦ Camp Tamarack Jr. Camp
- ♦ **5:00pm:** Yoga (Nursery)

Tuesday, July 19

- ♦ Camp Tamarack Jr. Camp
- ♦ **6:00pm:** Church Council (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, July 20

- ♦ Camp Tamarack Jr. Camp
- ♦ **8:00am:** Bible Study (Zoom)
- ♦ **5:00pm:** Yoga (Nursery)
- ♦ Grapeleaf Submissions due

Thursday, July 21

- ♦ Camp Tamarack Jr. Camp
- ♦ **2:00pm:** Ministry of Outreach (Parlor)
- ♦ **6:00pm:** Ministry of Worship (Zoom)

Friday, July 22

- ♦ Camp Tamarack Jr. Camp
- ♦ **5:00pm:** Yoga (Nursery)

Saturday, July 23

- ♦ Camp Tamarack Jr. Camp

Sunday, July 24

- ♦ Camp Tamarack Jr./Sr. High Camp begins
- ♦ **9:00am:** Roots & Branches (Fireside)
- ♦ **10:00am:** 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.