

# 10th Sunday after Pentecost

## August 14, 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** “Organ Chorale Settings on “Allein Gott in der Höh’ sei Ehr’ “

Scott Horton, organ

**Welcome**

Rev. Raygan Baker

**\*Call to Worship**

Liturgist: Char Lund

O God, who comes as the disturbing comforter,  
shattering the rigid preconceptions of our minds and hearts,  
**give us the grace to welcome your coming,**  
**to trust beyond where we can see,**  
to have hope in the midst of chaos,  
**to learn from our mistakes,**  
to accept your forgiveness,  
**and to walk bravely in the way of Gospel gladness.**

**\*Hymn** “When Morning Gilds the Skies”

#86, pew hymnal

**Opening Prayer**

Liturgist: Char Lund

O God of the joyful morning and of the dark night of the soul,  
Thank you for your sustaining love. Sometimes it feels easy to be connected to your compassion. Other times, we grapple for ways to be faithful to the path of love. Unjust systems distract and divert us. Ground us in your steadfastness, Living Christ, that we have clarity and courage to live by your example. Amen.

**Scripture Reading**

Isaiah 5:1-7

**Choral Anthem**

“Sanctuary” arr. L. Larson

Summer Choir

## 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 12:49-59

Liturgist: Char Lund

**Sermon**

**\*Hymn**

"Be Now My Vision"

#451, 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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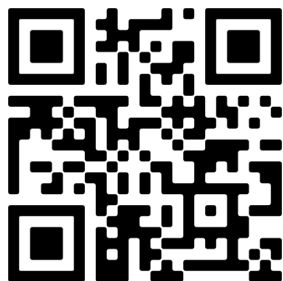
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## Prayer of the Church

### Invitation to Generosity

Liturgist: Char Lund

*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

"Thy Word" - Grant/Smith

Summer Choir

### \*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**      “Wer nur den lieben Gott lässt walten” - JS Bach Scott Horton, organ

*It is our tradition to be seated for the Postlude.*

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

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# This Week at Big Red

## Monday, Aug 15

- ♦ **5:00 pm:** Yoga - Nursery

## Tuesday, Aug 16

- ♦ **6:00 pm:** Council Meeting  
Fellowship Hall/Zoom

## Wednesday, Aug 17

- ♦ **8:00 am:** Bible Study - Zoom
- ♦ **5:00 pm:** Yoga - Nursery
- ♦ Grapeleaf submissions due

## Thursday, Aug 18

- ♦ **2:00 pm:** Ministry of Outreach  
Meeting - Parlor

## Friday, Aug 19

- ♦ **5:00 pm:** Yoga - Nursery

## Sunday, Aug 21

- ♦ **9:00 am:** Roots & Branches  
Fireside Room
- ♦ **10:00am:** Worship - Sanctuary
- ♦ **11:00 am:** Coffee Hour  
Fellowship Hall

## **First Congregational Church of Fresno**

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Office Hours: Monday – Friday

9:00 am – 3:30 pm

First Time Worshiping with Us? Text “New” to (559) 425-4050 and fill out the Connect Card.

### **Pastor**

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### **Office Manager**

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### **Music Director/Organist**

Scott Horton

### **Custodian**

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### **Caretaker/ Event Coordinator**

Pat Morales

### **Technicians**

Karisa Garza  
Brad Jenkins  
Erica Holland

### **Accountant**

Penny Leas Peterson

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

Organist: Scott Horton

Liturgist: Char Lund

Ushers: 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.

## When Morning Gilds the Skies

Ps. 5:3; 59:16-17

Katholisches Gesangbuch, 1828  
Transl. Edward Caswall, 1854; alt.

1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing cries,  
2 New strength comes night or day when from the heart we say,  
3 Dis - cor - dant hu - man - kind, in this your con - cord find,  
4 Be this, while life is mine, my can - ti - cle di - vine,

may Je - sus Christ be praised! A - like at work and prayer,  
may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let sin and e - vil fear,  
may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let all the earth a - round  
may Je - sus Christ be praised! Be this the e - ter - nal song,

one pur - pose I de - clare: may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
when this sweet chant they hear: may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
ring joy - ous with the sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
through all the a - ges long: may Je - sus Christ be praised!

*This anonymous German Catholic hymn was translated to English by Edward Caswall, an Anglican—and later, Roman Catholic—priest. Among the scripture references is Psalm 5:3, “O God, in the morning you hear my voice. . . .”*

Tune: LAUDES DOMINI 6.6.6.6.6.6.  
Joseph Barnby, 1868



## Be Now My Vision

*Ancient Irish text, c. 8th century; transl. Mary E. Byrne, 1905**Versified by Eleanor H. Hull, 1912; adapt.**Unison*

1 Be now my vi - sion, O God of my heart;  
 2 Be now my wis - dom, and be my true word;  
 3 Rich - es I need not, nor life's emp - ty praise,  
 4 Sov - ereign of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

noth - ing sur - pass - es the love you im - part—  
 ev - er with - in me, my soul is as - sured;  
 you, my in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;  
 may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav - en's Sun!

You my best thought, by day or by night,  
 Moth - er and Fa - ther, you are both to me,  
 You and you on - ly are first in my heart,  
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, your pres - ence my light.  
 now and for - ev - er your child I will be.  
 great God, my trea - sure, may we nev - er part.  
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

*Dating from the eighth century or earlier, this Irish hymn was translated into prose by Mary Byrne. It was then versified by Eleanor Hull, author of several books on Irish literature and history. David Evans arranged the Irish melody for this text in 1927.*

*Tune: SLANE 10.10.9.10.  
 Traditional Irish melody  
 Harm. David Evans, 1927*