

# 11th Sunday after Pentecost

## August 21, 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 works of Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens “ Scott Horton, organ

**Welcome** Rev. Raygan Baker

**\*Call to Worship** Liturgist: Robbyn Mosley

We gather in the presence of the Beloved  
**who does not forget or forsake us,**  
who does not take a day off,  
**but who breathes vibrance into the Cosmos**  
and Love into our lives  
**yesterday, today, and tomorrow.**

We bring to the God of Abundance:  
**our breath, our pleasure, our aches and pains,**  
our delight, our fears, our innermost longings.

**Let us be joined to God’s song of justice,**  
**bearing beauty into the life of the world.**  
May our lives be formed for faithfulness by the One who is always faithful.

**\*Hymn** “Rejoice, You in Pure Heart” #55, pew hymnal

**Opening Prayer** Liturgist: Robbyn Mosley

**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 con-**  
**nected to your compassion. Other times, we grapple for ways to be faith-**  
**ful 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 58:9b-14

## Time for Discovery: Baptism of Sam Delcore

**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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### Invitation

Members and friends in Christ, we gather now to celebrate the gift of grace in the sacrament of baptism.

**There is one body and one Spirit. There is one hope in God's call to us.**

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism,  
**One God and Creator of us all.**

### Questions

*Concluding with:*

Do you who witness and celebrate this sacrament,  
promise your love, support, and care  
to the one about to be baptized,  
as he lives and grows in Christ? □

**We promise our love, support, and care.**

### Prayer of Baptism

#### Welcome

...Let us welcome the newly baptized.

***With joy and thanksgiving  
we welcome you into Christ's church  
to share with us in his ministry,  
for we are all one in Christ.***

Scripture Reading

Luke 13:10-17

Liturgist: Robbyn Mosley

Sermon

\*Hymn

"Lead Us From Death to Life"

#581, pew hymnal

Invitation to Prayer

Sung Call to Prayer

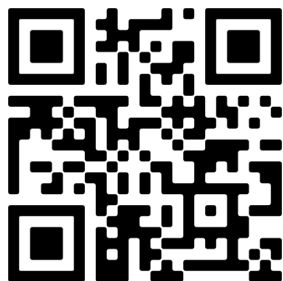
**Lord, listen to your children praying:  
Lord send your Spirit in this place.  
Lord, listen to your children praying:  
Send us love, send us power, send us grace.**

## Prayer of the Church

### Invitation to Generosity

Liturgist: Robbyn Mosley

*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

“Offertoire “ - Lemmons

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**

**“Fanfare” - Lemmons**

**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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**25**  
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# This Week at Big Red

## Monday, Aug 22

- ♦ **5:00 pm:** Yoga - Nursery

## Wednesday, Aug 24

- ♦ **8:00 am:** Bible Study - Zoom
- ♦ **5:00 pm:** Yoga - Nursery
- ♦ **6:00 pm:** Hand bell rehearsal  
Music room
- ♦ **7:00 pm:** Chancel Choir  
rehearsal - Sanctuary
- ♦ **3:00 pm:** Grapeleaf submissions  
due

## Friday, Aug 26

- ♦ **5:00 pm:** Yoga - Nursery
- ♦ **10:00 am:** Pantry food distribution  
prep—Fellowship hall

## Saturday, Aug 27

- ♦ **10:00 am:** Pantry food distribution  
Fellowship Hall

## Sunday, Aug 28

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

## **First Congregational Church of Fresno**

2131 N. Van Ness Blvd., Fresno, CA 93704 | (559) 227-8489

Office Hours: Monday – Friday

9:00 am – 3:30 pm

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### **Pastor**

Rev. Raygan Baker  
rbaker@bigredchurch.org

### **Office Manager**

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### **Music Director/Organist**

Scott Horton

### **Custodian**

Gregory Chavarria

### **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: Robbyn Mosley

Ushers: Brue Owdom, Sue Karibian, Bob McParland

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.

# Rejoice, You Pure in Heart

55

Edward H. Plumptre, 1865; alt.

Ps. 20:5; Phil. 4:4

1 Re - joice, you pure in heart; lift prais - es to the sky;  
2 Bright youth and sea - soned age, strong souls and spir - its meek,  
3 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's surg - ing praise,  
4 Yes, on through life's long path, still chant - ing as you go,  
5 Praise God who rules all worlds, the ris - en Christ a - dore,

Your fes - tal ban - ner wave with joy, the cross of Christ raise high!  
Raise high your free, ex - ult - ing song, God's won - drous prais - es speak.  
Send forth the hymns the saints have loved, the psalms of an - cient days.  
From youth to age, by night and day, in glad - ness and in woe:  
Praise God the Spir - it, Ho - ly Fire, one God for ev - er - more!

*Refrain*

Re - joice, re - joice, re - joice, give thanks and sing.  
Re - joice Re - joice

*This hymn, inspired by Philippians 4:4, was written for the Choral Festival held at Peterborough Cathedral in England. The author was an Anglican priest and a professor of theology at Oxford University.*

Tune: MARION S.M. with refrain  
Arthur H. Messiter, 1883  
For an alternate setting, see 71  
Alternate tune: CHRISTPRAISE RAY



# Summer Serenade



August 21, 2022  
3:00 p.m.

Join Us For An Afternoon of Music

*- featuring -*

Erika Nicole Alatorre, Terry Estabrook,  
and Barbara Wilkinson Vlymen, vocalists  
Jordan Williams, piano; Scott Horton, pipe organ

*- performing masterworks from -*

Crist, Puccini, Donizetti, Rossini, & Humperdinck

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Free Concert - Free-will offering to benefit Casavant Pipe Organ

2 John 1:3; Isa. 2:2-4

Refrain, Satish Kumar  
Stanzas, Marty Haugen, 1985

*Refrain* C C7 F G C G/B Am

Lead us from death to life, from false-hood to truth, from de -

Dm7 G C Dm7 C7/E C7 Dm7

spair to hope, from fear to trust. Lead us from hate to

G C/E E7 Am Dm7 G

love, from war to peace; let peace fill our hearts, let

Em Am Dm7 C/E Dm/F C/G G7 C

peace fill our world, let peace fill our u - ni - verse.

*to Stanzas*

*Last time, end*



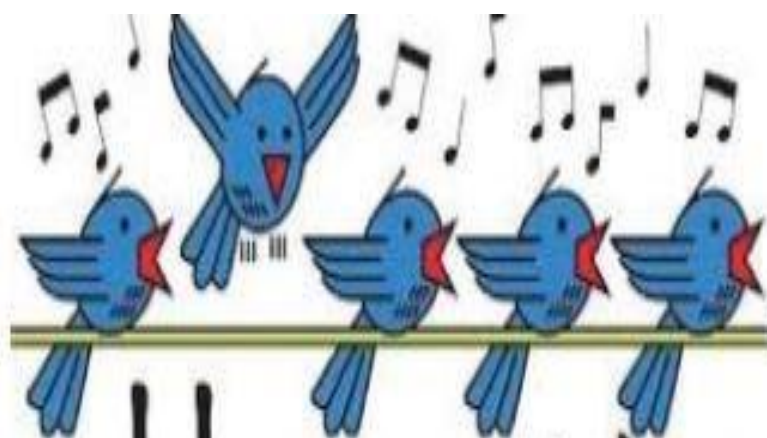
Dm7                      G                      Em7                      Am  
 1 Still all the an-gry cries, still all the an-gry guns, still now your  
 2 So man - y lone-ly hearts, so man - y bro-ken lives, long-ing for  
 3 Let jus - tice ev - er roll, let mer - cy fill the earth, let us be -

Dm7                      G7                      C                      Am                      Dm7  
 peo-ple die, earth's sons and daugh-ters. Let jus-tice roll, let  
 love to break in - to their an - guish. Come, teach us love,  
 gin to grow in - to your peo - ple. We can be love,

E7                      Am                      F                      D7/F#                      C/G                      G7                      C to Refrain  
 mer - cy pour down, come and teach us your way of com - pas-sion.  
 come, teach us peace, come and teach us your way of com - pas-sion.  
 we can bring peace, we can still be your way of com - pas-sion.

The text for the refrain of this hymn is known as the "World Peace Prayer." It is a paraphrase of a verse from the Upanishads, the most ancient scriptures of Hinduism. Since its introduction at a service in Westminster Abbey on Hiroshima Day, 1981, the prayer has been translated into numerous languages and circulated around the world. The musical setting and additional stanzas were composed by Marty Haugen, composer-in-residence at Mayflower United Church of Christ, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Tune: WORLD PEACE PRAYER  
 12.11.9.10. with refrain  
 Marty Haugen, 1985



# Add Your Voice

## ANNOUNCEMENT

Want to be active in Church? Be  
around fun and energetic people?  
Love to sing?

You Should Join our Chancel Choir!!!

Practices have resumed and are on Wednesday evenings in the Church at 7:00  
p.m.

Please inquire with Scott Horton, Music Director, at [shtulare@gmail.com](mailto:shtulare@gmail.com), or at  
church on Sunday, to see how you can get involved.