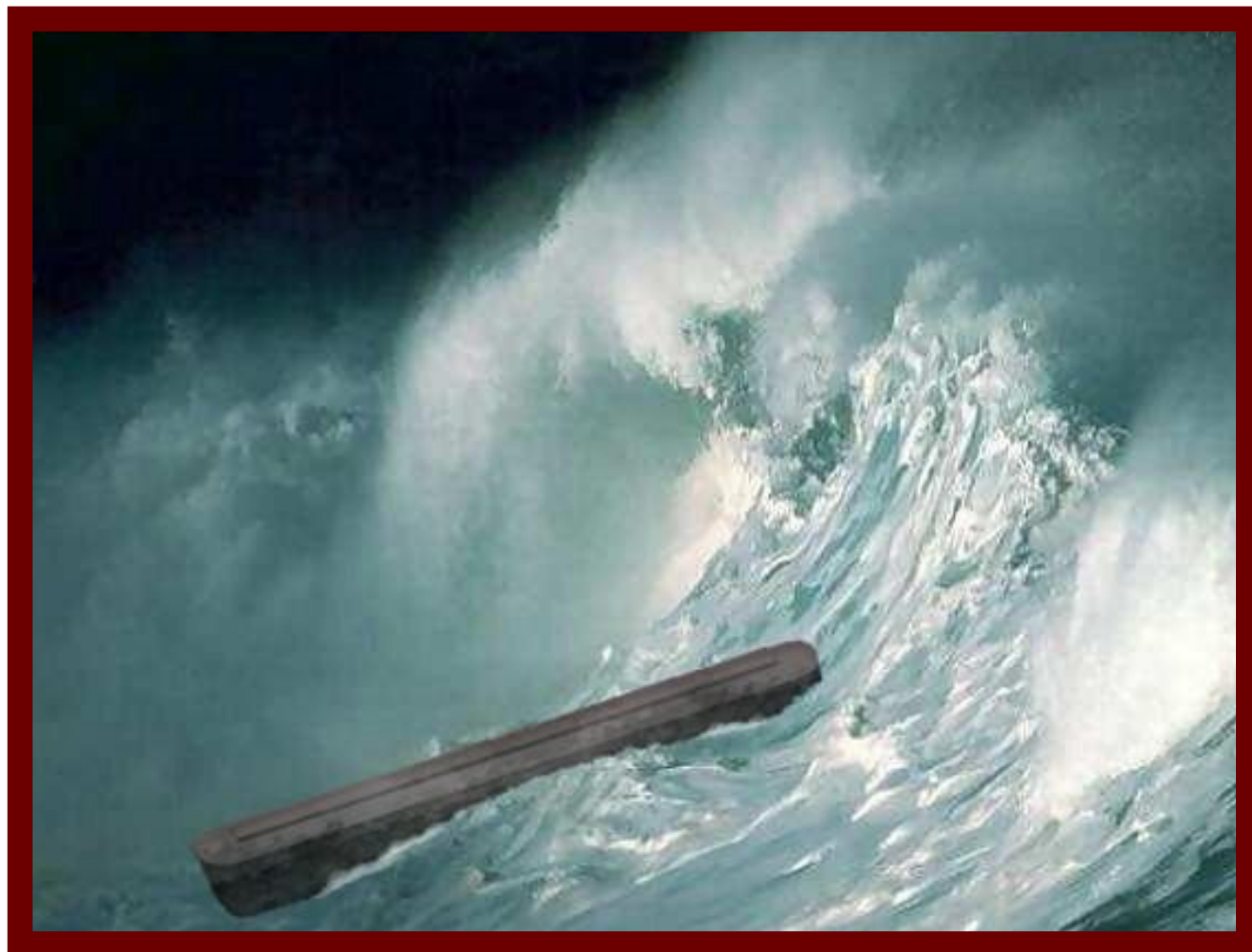


# 14th Sunday after Pentecost

## September 11, 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?**

*Fill out a "Welcome" card , located in the slot next to Hymnal, and place in offering plate*

**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**

"Fantasia in G Major" - J.S. Bach

Scott Horton, organ

**Welcome**

Rev. Raygan Baker

**\*Call to Worship**

Liturgist: Maggie Kalashian

Drip drop. Trickle. Gurgle.  
Splash! Crash! Roar!  
The sound of water,  
the sound of life.  
We come this morning to the life giver,  
in worship and praise,  
ready to hear again  
and to notice afresh  
an old story.  
Gather round safe from the storm  
as we come to God  
who has promised us never again.

**\*Hymn**

"All Are Welcome"

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**Opening Prayer**

Liturgist: Maggie Kalashian

God of the whole universe,  
you who can cast a whole light show  
with the sun and the moon and the stars,  
you who commands streams and rivers and oceans,  
you who formed mountains and valleys  
and populated the earth with all manner of living things, meet with us here  
in this place.

**God give us insight to love and honor your creation:  
the weird and the wonderful,  
the different and diverse,  
the magical and magnificent,  
the outstanding and the ordinary,  
and remind us of our place in creation as your beloved children.  
We are loved, freed, forgiven,  
and called to care for all that you create. Amen.**

**Scripture Reading**

Luke 15:1-10

Liturgist: Maggie Kalashian

**Choral Anthem**

"Kyrie, from Memorial" - Rene Clausen

Chancel Choir



## **14<sup>th</sup> Annual Chamber Concert**

**September 18, 2022 - 3:00 p.m.**

**Join Us For An Afternoon of Music**

*- featuring -*

Catherine English, and Terry Estabrook, vocalists

Gina Fazio, Matthew Horton, Jane Davis Maldonado, and Robert Maldonado, piano

Scott Horton, pipe organ

The program offers a great variety of keyboard chamber music for  
voice, piano duet, two piano, and solo organ

*- performing masterworks from -*

Bach, Castelnuovo-Tedesco, Desmond, Gliere, Holst,  
Moszkowski, Rossini, and Schumann

First Congregational Church of Fresno - 2131 N. Van Ness Blvd. (South of Clinton)  
This is a free concert. A free will offering will be collected to benefit the Casavant Pipe Organ

## 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:** Genesis 6:5-22; 8:6-12; 9:8-17 Liturgist: Maggie Kalashian

## Sermon

**\*Hymn** "Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song" #270 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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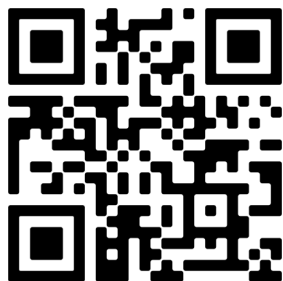
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## Prayers of the Church

### Invitation to Generosity

Liturgist: Maggie Kalashian

*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

"The Time for Singing Has Come" - J. Martin

Chancel 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

"Toccata" - G. Young

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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ABOUT TODAY'S ANTHEM *Kyrie, from "Memorial", by Rene Clausen*

*The Kyrie, is taken from the ending of the larger work, "Memorial," (2003) which was written in response to the events of September 11, 2001. The Kyrie is based on the traditional text of the plea for mercy, 'Kyrie eleison', 'Christe eleison', 'Lord have mercy', 'Christ have mercy', and it's a rather impassioned plea for peace and understanding.*

*Today's flowers are to Honor the Chancel Choir members, past, present, and in glory.*

**Are you thinking about becoming a member of First Congregational Church of Fresno, then save these dates:**

**October 1 10:30 am:** Prospective Members' Brunch

**October 9 10:00 am:** New member worship service

## This Week at Big Red

### Monday, Sept 12

- ♦ **5:00 pm:** Yoga—Nursery

### Wednesday, Sept

- ♦ **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
- ♦ Grape Leaf submissions due

### Thursday, Sept 15

- ♦ **2:00 pm:** Ministry of  
Outreach Meeting - Parlor
- ♦ **6:00 pm:** Ministry of  
Worship Meeting - Parlor

### Friday, Sep 9

- ♦ **5:00 pm:** Yoga - Nursery

### Sunday, Sep 11

- ♦ **9:00 am:** Roots & Branches  
Fireside Room
- ♦ **10:00am:** Welcome Back Sunday  
Sanctuary
- ♦ **11:00 am:** Congregational Budget  
Review meeting - Sanctuary
- ♦ **11:45 am:** Coffee Hour  
Fellowship Hall
- ♦ **3:00 pm:** Chamber Music Concert  
Sanctuary

## **First Congregational Church of Fresno**

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Liturgist: Maggie Kalashian

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Technician: Karisa Garzo

## **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.

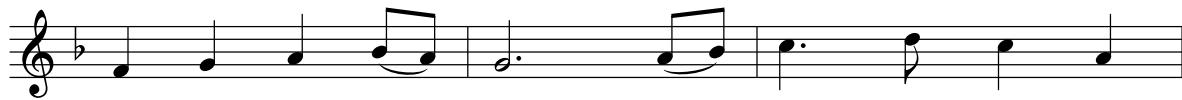
As Christians, we experience God's reconciling love. In response we stand with those who suffer discrimination, isolation and alienation. We welcome all people to participate fully in our church's life and ministry. We celebrate the variety of talents and perspectives which flow into our spiritual community, continuing to enrich us in ways we could not have predicted or envisioned.



# All Are Welcome



1. Let us build a house where love can dwell And  
 2. Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, And  
 3. Let us build a house where love is found In  
 4. Let us build a house where hands will reach Be -  
 5. Let us build a house where all are named, Their



all can safe - ly live, A place where saints and  
 words are strong and true, Where all God's chil - dren  
 wa - ter, wine and wheat: A ban - quet hall on  
 yond the wood and stone To heal and strength - en,  
 songs and vi - sions heard And loved and treas - ured,



chil - dren tell How hearts learn to for -  
 dare to seek To dream God's reign a -  
 ho - ly ground, Where peace and jus - tice  
 serve and teach, And live the Word they've  
 taught and claimed As words with - in the



give. Built of hopes and dreams and vi - sions,  
 new. Here the cross shall stand as wit - ness  
 meet. Here the love of God, through Je - sus,  
 known. Here the out - cast and the stran - ger  
 Word. Built of tears and cries and laugh - ter,



Rock of faith and vault of grace; Here the  
 And as sym - bol of God's grace; Here as  
 Is re - vealed in time and space; As we  
 Bear the im - age of God's face; Let us  
 Prayers of faith and songs of grace, Let this



love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:  
 one we claim the faith of Je - sus:  
 share in Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel-come,  
 bring an end to fear and dan - ger:  
 house pro-claim from floor to raft - er:



all are wel-come, all are wel-come in this place.

# Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

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Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1982

Isa. 38:14; Rom. 8:26; 12:4-5; John 15:1-5

1 Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, like the chal - lenge of her  
2 To the mem - bers of Christ's bod - y, to the branch-es of the  
3 With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, with the cease-less voice of

flight, like the vig - or of the wind's rush, like the  
Vine, to the church in faith as - sem - bled, to our  
prayer, with the power to love and wit - ness, with the

new flame's ea - ger might:  
midst as gift and sign: Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.  
peace be - yond com - pare:

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass staff for the piano accompaniment and a single staff for the voice. The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 3/4. The score is divided into three systems, each corresponding to a line of lyrics. The first system includes three verses of lyrics. The second system continues the lyrics. The third system concludes the piece with a final line of lyrics. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and moving lines in both hands, providing a harmonic foundation for the voice.

Carl P. Daw, Jr., wrote this text for The Hymnal 1982 (Episcopal), and expressly for the tune Bridegroom. Born and educated in England, composer Peter Cutts has served as music director for churches in Massachusetts and on the faculty of Andover Newton Theological School.

Tune: BRIDEGROOM 8.7.8.7.6.  
Peter Cutts, 1969

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