

*Fifth Sunday after Epiphany  
with Communion  
February 5, 2023*



*First Congregational Church of Fresno  
United Church of Christ  
2131 N. Van Ness Blvd.  
Fresno, CA 93704*

*Kenny Schoelen  
Guest Preaching*

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## Our Gathering

Prelude Hymn Sing

Scott Horton

Welcome

Kenny Schoelen

**\*Call to Worship**

Pauline Phillips, Liturgist

One: Praise the Holy One! Be in awe of God!

**Many: Happy are those who delight in the Holy One's presence!**

One: Fear no evil. Keep your heart firm. Be secure in God!

**Many: Happy are those who delight in the Holy One's protection!**

One: Arise for what is right. Be pursuers of justice.

**Many: Happy are those who delight in the Holy One's power!**

**\*Hymn**

"Arise, Your Light Is Come"

#164, pew hymnal

**\*Opening Prayer**

Pauline Phillips, Liturgist

**Sovereign God, we gather as a community to worship you in spirit and in truth. May we resist empty actions. Let our rituals and routines hold meaning and connect us to you. May we seek an encounter with you to receive your revelation and be transformed, healed, and renewed. Let it be so. Amen.**

**Choral Anthem**

"Communion Kum Ba Yah"  
- Rhoades & Kupferschmid

Chancel Choir

**\*A Time for Discovery** *[children are invited to the chancel steps]*

***Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still; let this be our song-  
no one stands alone, standing side by side.***

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**\*Hymn of Preparation**

"Come, Gather in This Special Place"

#335, pew hymnal

**\*Consecration of Bread and Wine (*responsively*)**

Set before us are these two sacramental elements of bread and wine.

Remembering how on the night he gathered with his disciples, Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it, and said “This is my body given for you.”

***Come Holy Spirit, bless this bread and us, that in ways symbolic and real, the bread we share connects us more closely with you and with our neighbors- near and far.***

Remember, too, how he took the cup and said that it is offered for the forgiveness of sin.

***Come Holy Spirit, bless this cup in ways symbolic and real, that this fruit of the vine reminds us of a divine love- that when poured out it brings the promise of abundant and new life through Jesus our Christ.***

Blessing God, may this simple meal bring us into union with you, our ancestors in faith, your people here today, and throughout your world: ***each united as body and spirit in the One Body of Christ.***

**The Sharing**

**(The Thanksgiving (*in unison*))**

***Holy and Abiding Presence of God, by the Bread of Heaven and the Cup of Life, you make us one body. Bind us together by your Spirit that we might live into your hopes for us, a community centered in Christ and rich in compassion, commitment, courage, and care. Amen.***

**\*Hymn**

“You Are Salt for the Earth, O People”

#181, pew hymnal

**Scripture Readings**

Isaiah 58:1-12  
Matthew 5:13-20

Pauline Phillips, Liturgist

**Message**

Kenny Schoelen

**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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## Prayers of the Church



*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

“Walk in the Light” - arr. André Thomas

Chancel Choir

### \*Doxology

***We give You but Your own, whate'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is Yours alone, we give it gratefully. Amen.***

### Dedication

### \*Closing Hymn

“I Am the Light of the World”

#584, pew hymnal

### Benediction

### \*Blessing Hymn

“Go Now in Peace”

***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 o.  
Go now in love and show you believe;  
reach out to others so all the world can 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

“Postludium” - G. Young

Scott Horton, organ

*It is our practice to be seated through the Postlude -*

# **This Week at Big Red**

## **Monday February 6**

- ♦ 05:00pm: Yoga - Room 1

## **Tuesday, February 7**

## **Wednesday February 8**

- ♦ 08:00am: Bible Study - Zoom
- ♦ 05:00pm: Yoga - Room 1
- ♦ 06:00pm: Handbells Choir rehearsal - Music Room
- ♦ 07:00pm: Chancel Choir rehearsal - Sanctuary

## **Thursday February 9**

## **Friday February 10**

- ♦ 05:00pm: Yoga - Room 1

## **Saturday February 11**

## **Sunday February 12**

- ♦ 09:00am: Roots and Branches - Fireside Room
- ♦ 10:00am: Worship - Sanctuary - Kim Williams, Guest Preaching
- ♦ 11:00am: Coffee Hour - Fellowship Hall - Pat Morales hosting

## **First Congregational Church of Fresno**

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Coffee Hour: Jacqui Shore

## **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.

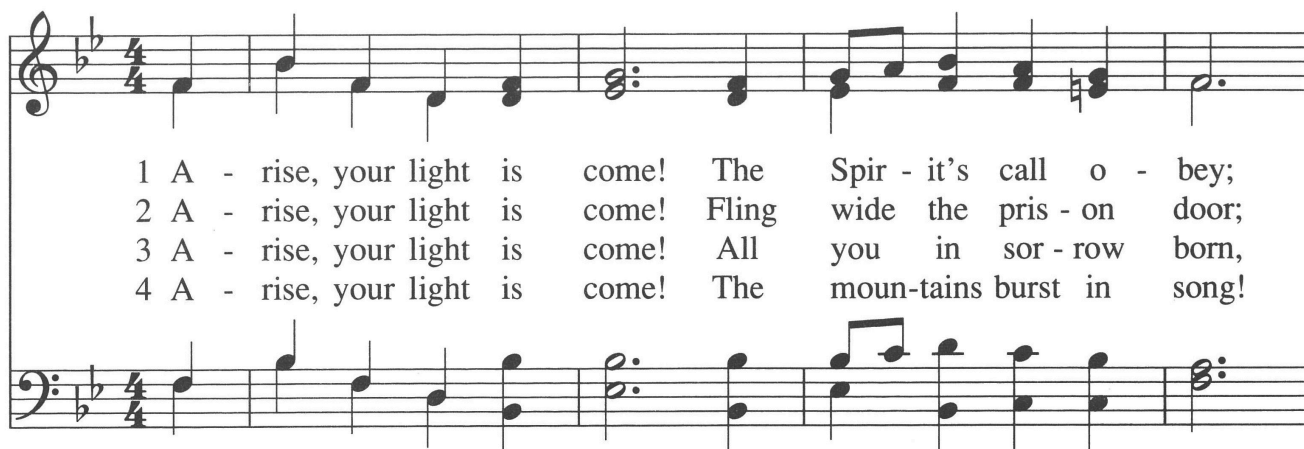
As Christians, we experience God's reconciling love. In response we stand with those who suffer discrimination, isolation and alienation.

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.

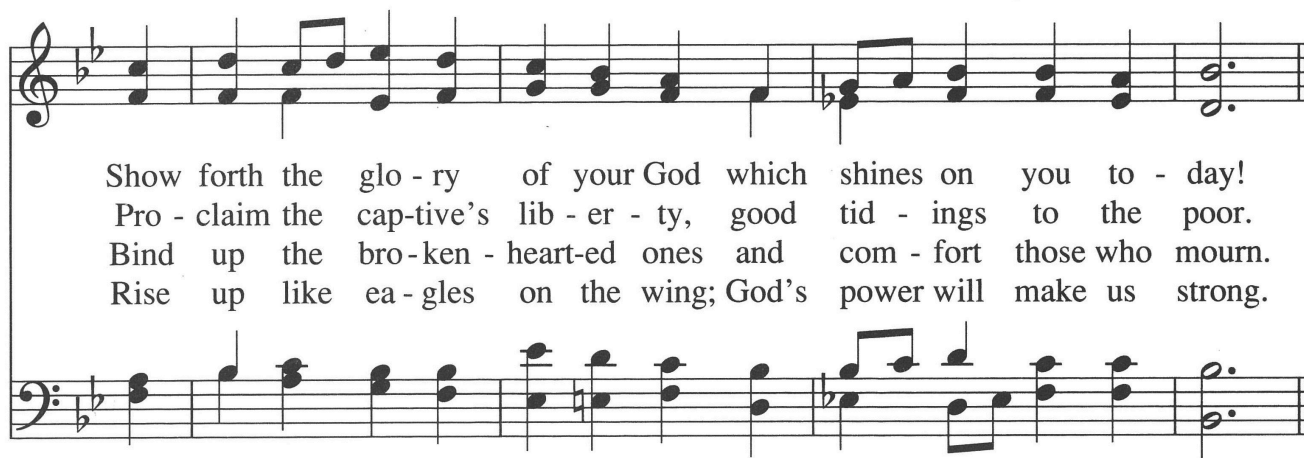
# Arise, Your Light Is Come

*Isa. 60:1; 61:1-2; Luke 4:14-21*

*Ruth Duck, 1973*



1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;  
 2 A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door;  
 3 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born,  
 4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun-tains burst in song!



Show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day!  
 Pro - claim the cap-tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.  
 Bind up the bro-ken - heart-ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.  
 Rise up like ea - gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

*This hymn was first published by the Ecumenical Women's Center of Chicago in the 1974 collection of hymn adaptations, Because We Are One People. Ruth Duck later included it in her own collection, Dancing in the Universe.*

Tune: FESTAL SONG S.M.  
*William Walter, 1872*

# Come, Gather in This Special Place

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Phil Porter, 1991

Unison Em D Em

1 & 4 Come, gath - er in this spe - cial place; the ta - ble here is  
 2 The grapes have yield - ed es - sence pure, a drink to quench the  
 3 The bread is fresh - ly baked to - day, a fra - grant feast of

CM7 D G Bm D Am Em

long and wide; For all who heed com - mu - nion's call, there's  
 grav - est thirst; The cup is passed from hand to hand, and  
 grain sup - plied; And e - ven crumbs that dust our palms will

C D Em

room for thou - sands side by side.  
 each will sense de - spair re - versed.  
 leave souls ful - ly sat - is - fied.

The musical score is written for a unison voice part and a piano accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 6/8. The score is divided into three systems. The first system contains the first line of music and the first three lines of lyrics. The second system contains the second line of music and the next three lines of lyrics. The third system contains the third line of music and the final three lines of lyrics. Chord symbols are placed above the piano part: Em, D, and Em in the first system; CM7, D, G, Bm, D, Am, and Em in the second system; and C, D, and Em in the third system. The lyrics are arranged in three columns, corresponding to the three parts of the unison. The first column contains the first line of lyrics, the second column contains the second line, and the third column contains the third line. The lyrics are: '1 & 4 Come, gath - er in this spe - cial place; the ta - ble here is', '2 The grapes have yield - ed es - sence pure, a drink to quench the', '3 The bread is fresh - ly baked to - day, a fra - grant feast of', 'long and wide; For all who heed com - mu - nion's call, there's', 'grav - est thirst; The cup is passed from hand to hand, and', 'grain sup - plied; And e - ven crumbs that dust our palms will', 'room for thou - sands side by side.', 'each will sense de - spair re - versed.', 'leave souls ful - ly sat - is - fied.'



# You Are Salt for the Earth, O People

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Paraphr. by Marty Haugen, 1986; alt.

Matt. 5:13-15

Unison

D (allow to ring off)

1 You are salt for the earth, O peo-ple: salt for the reign of God!  
 2 You are a light on the hill, O peo-ple: light for the Cit-y of God!  
 3 You are a seed of the Word, O peo-ple: bring forth the reign of God!  
 4 We are a blessed and a pil-grim peo-ple: bound for the reign of God!

Share the fla-vor of life, O peo-ple: life in the Cit-y of God!  
 Shine so ho-ly and bright, O peo-ple: shine for the Cit-y of God!  
 Seeds of mer-cy and seeds of jus-tice, grow in the Cit-y of God!  
 Love our jour-ney and love our home-land: love is the Cit-y of God!

Refrain

Bring forth the reign of mer-cy, bring forth the reign of peace;

Bring forth the reign of jus-tice, bring forth the Cit-y of God!

During a residency at Holden Village, a retreat center in the state of Washington, Marty Haugen wrote this hymn to be used as a "processing song" for outdoor worship. The lectionary readings focusing on Jesus' teaching about the "reign of God" provided the basis for the text.

Tune: BRING FORTH Irr. with refrain  
 Marty Haugen, 1986

## I Am the Light of the World

John 8:12

Jim Strathdee, 1969; rev. 1981

In response to a Christmas poem by Howard Thurman

*Unison Introduction*

*Refrain*

F B $\flat$  C F

"I am the light of the world!"

B $\flat$  C F Gm Dm C

You peo-ple come and fol-low me!" If you fol-low and love you'll

F Gm7 C B $\flat$  F B $\flat$  F

*Last time, end*

learn the mys-ter-y of what you were meant to do and be.

F B $\flat$ /D C F

1 When the song of the an-gels is stilled, when the  
 2  $\gamma$  To find the lost and lone-ly one,  $\gamma$  to  
 3  $\gamma$  To free the pris-oner from all chains,  $\gamma$  to  
 4 To bring hope to ev-ery task you do,  $\gamma$  to

This text is based on a Christmas poem by Howard Thurman, a prolific twentieth-century writer, theologian, and teacher. The song grew out of Jim Strathdee's music ministry at an intercultural, bilingual congregation in Los Angeles.

Tune: LIGHT OF THE WORLD Irr.  
 Jim Strathdee, 1969



Gm Dm C

star in the sky is gone, When the  
 heal the bro - ken soul with love, 7 To  
 make the pow - er - ful care, To re -  
 dance at a ba - by's new birth, 7 To

F Bb C F

sag - es and the shep - herds have found their way home, the  
 feed the hun - gry chil - dren with warmth and good food, To  
 build the na - tions with strength of good will, to  
 make mu - sic in . . . an old per - son's heart, and

Dm Bb Gm7 C Return to 

work of Christ-mas is be - gun:  
 feel the earth be - low, the sky a - bove!  
 see all God's chil - dren ev - ery - where!  
 sing to the col - ors of the earth!



*Save the Date:*

## The Galloway Memorial Organ Evensong

March 5, 2023, @ 3:00 p.m.