

The background features a light cream color with several organic, torn-edge shapes in muted green, brown, and tan. In the top left, there are small, dark green, teardrop-shaped patterns. At the bottom, there are stylized brown leaves.

Welcome
thanks for coming

FCBC Fresno
September 26th, 2021

Introit – Cris Abejo

Announcements – MaryAnne Lai

Children’s Time

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

Call to worship: 'Small Wonder?' Paraphrase Based on Psalm 8

P: When we look up at the night sky and see the breath-taking work of your hands,

ALL: we wonder – who are we that you should care so much for us?

P: When we feel small and inadequate, powerless, and easily swayed, when we wish we could be heroes, yet find ourselves adrift in a sea of straying,

ALL: we wonder once again – who are we that you should care so much for us?

P: When we find ourselves in a land filled with the giants of pandemic, grief, economic loss, and politics,

ALL: when others seem to ignore us, or disregard us, or let us down, when we fail to make the kind of impact we long for, we wonder once again - who are we that you should care so much for us?

P: Today when we hear again that ancient story, truth, and love pinned on a darkened skyline, a kind, courageous man held before us with three nails, and we wonder why he would go so far for us, we ask once again –

ALL: who are we that you should care so much for us?

P: We wonder again about that love, a love so far beyond our understanding, bigger than our frequent mistakes and our little minds, small enough to reach into every crevice of our lives, and we wonder once again

ALL: - who are we that you should care so much for us?

“Ancient of Days”

Offertory Prayer

Doxology

Special Music – Cris Abejo

Message: I Understand: Judge Not!

ENGAGE

This week read Matthew 7:1-2

- Using your own words what does Jesus teach in these verses?
- Why is this important for our relationships?

Read Luke 11:38-46; 15:2

- What is wrong with the Pharisees' perception of Jesus and of those he associates with?

APPLY!

1. How does judging whether we are the judge or the judged, affect our relationship with God?
2. Evaluate yourself when it comes to judging others.
3. What can you do this week, empowered by the Holy Spirit, to see other's actions as Jesus sees your actions, and to treat them as you want Jesus to treat you?

"They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love"

God be With You Until We Meet Again!

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