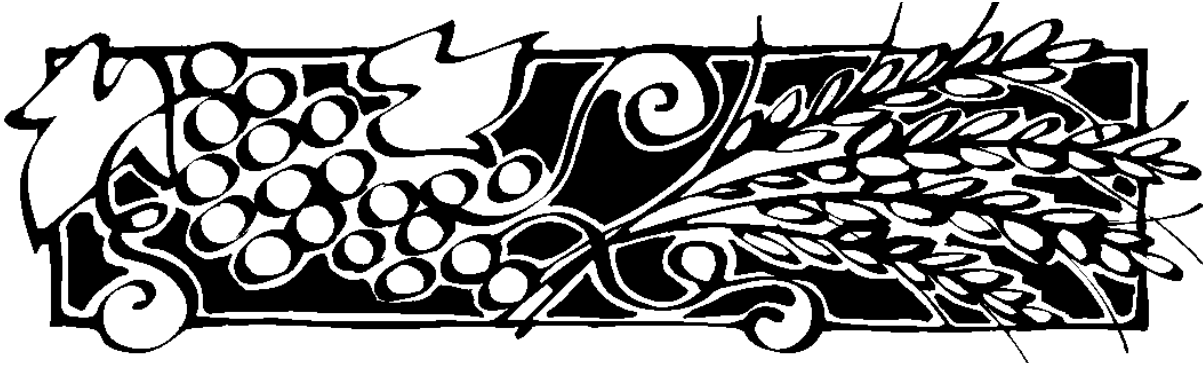


FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

September 5, 2021

11:00 a.m.

Fifteenth
Sunday after
Pentecost



PRELUDE

Etude No. 6

Bach-Grandjany

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

INTROIT

Sanctuary

Lawrence-Salzedo

CALL TO WORSHIP

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

#477 Come and Find the Quiet Centre

BEACH SPRING

F $\frac{Gm}{F}$ F Dm B \flat $\frac{C}{B\flat}$ B \flat F

1 Come and find the qui - et cen - ter in the crowd-ed life we lead,
 2 Si-lence is a friend who claims us, cools the heat and slows the pace,
 3 In the Spir - it let us trav - el, o - pen to each oth-er's pain,

F $\frac{Gm}{F}$ F Dm $\frac{Dm}{C}$ B \flat $\frac{C}{B\flat}$ B \flat F

find the room for hope to en - ter, find the frame where we are freed:
 God it is who speaks and names us, knows our be - ing, touch-es base,
 let our loves and fears un - rav - el, cel - e - brate the space we gain:

F $\frac{C}{E}$ C $\frac{C}{E}$ Dm Am $\frac{F}{A}$ B \flat

clear the cha - os and the clut - ter, clear our eyes, that we can see
 mak-ing space with - in our think - ing, lift-ing shades to show the sun,
 there's a place for deep-est dream-ing, there's a time for heart to care,

C Dm $\frac{Dm}{C}$ B \flat $\frac{F}{A}$ Gm7 Am $\frac{Gm}{B\flat}$ F

all the things that real - ly mat - ter, be at peace, and sim-ply be.
 rais-ing cour - age when we're shrink-ing, find-ing scope for faith be-gun.
 in the Spir - it's live - ly schem-ing there is al - ways room to spare!

***INVOCATION AND 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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess our sins to you Lord God, our Creator,
we have not cared for your creation.
We have polluted the oceans with sewage and plastic,
paved over rich farmland and spewed toxic gases
into the air we breathe, with little thought toward
the generations to come.
Lord, have mercy.

We confess to you Christ, our Saviour,
we have put up dividing walls between us and others.
We have oppressed brothers and sisters through racism,
sexism, homophobia, colonialism, classism
and other harmful practices.
We think less of those who differ from us
in minor points of faith, with little thought toward our
witness before an unbelieving world.
Christ, have mercy.

We confess to you Holy Spirit, Empowering Presence,
we have ignored your leading.
We have replaced prayer
with our own strategies and methods.
We have become cynical and no longer expect you
to do great things, with little thought toward
the in-breaking of your kingdom.
Lord, have mercy.

(Silence for personal confession and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI

R. Goodson

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and
Ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 35:1-10

Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

*HYMN OF PRAISE

#129 Be Still, for the Spirit of the Lord

D.Evans

Unison D F#m7 Bm Em7 A

1 Be still, for the Spir-it of the Lord, the Ho - ly One, is here.
2 Be still, for the glo-ry of the Lord is shin-ing all a - round;
3 Be still, for the pow-er of the Lord is mov-ing in this place,

D F#m7 Bm Em7 Asus A

Come, bow be - fore him now, with rev-erence and with fear.
he burns with ho - ly fire, with splen-dor he is crowned.
he comes to cleanse and heal, to min - is - ter his grace.

G A D
 G F#

In him no sin is found, we stand on ho - ly ground.
 How awe-some is the sight, our ra-diant King of light!
 No work too hard for him, in faith re - ceive from him.

G A F#m7 Bm Em7 Asus A D

Be still, for the Spir-it of the Lord, the Ho - ly One, is here.
 Be still, for the glo-ry of the Lord is shin-ing all a - round.
 Be still, for the pow-er of the Lord is mov-ing in this place.

WORDS and MUSIC: David Evans (20th c.)

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CHILDREN'S BLESSING

Prayers of Lament

Voice 1: Why, God? Why? When our need
is desperate, when all other help is vain,
do you turn away from us?

Voice 2: Why? Why, when the darkness is deepest
and our midnight is starless
do you hide yourself from us?

Voice 3: Why? In times of grief and distress,
when there is no light in the window,
do we find a door slammed in our face,
and a sound of bolting and
double bolting from within?

Voice 4: Why forsake us when we need you most?
Why are you present when the skies are clear,
our help in our days of prosperity,
but so absent in our time of trouble?

Voice 1: We know that faith does not exempt us from sorrow or shield us from evil;
we know that; we know, too,
that the earth is wet with the blood of the innocent
but why this? Why now? Why?

Voice 2: Know this, God, know this:
if faith were dependent on feelings,
if our trust in you were no more than
a matter of the mind, we would be done with you,
done with you now, done with you forever.

Voice 3: And hear this, God, hear this:
if it were not for that man
who was a friend of the poor and the distraught
for that man who healed the sick
and gave sight to the blind;
if it were not for that man
whom we cursed and crucified,
and who is crucified still,
for that man who bore our griefs
and carried ours sorrows,
and who carries them still;

Voice 4: God, God eternal, God of Jesus,
God who said Yes to his life,
his love, his suffering, his death,
God of the cross, crucified God,
sharing our pain, bearing our sin,
if it were not, O God, for you,
for you our lover, you our judge,
you our hope, you our friend,
we would indeed be lost.

**ALL: God of Christ,
God who raised him from the dead,
God with whom life can begin again,
come to us now, hold us, help us, heal us,
for you and you alone are our salvation.**

Prayers of the People

One: Let us pray, responding to the phrase
“Jesus Christ, lover of all” with the words
“bring healing, bring peace.”

One: Abiding Saviour - - long ago in Galilee
many who were sick and suffering needed
friends to bring them to your side. Confident of
your goodness, we now bring to you those who
need your healing touch.

One: We name before you those who are
ill in body:
whose illness is long, or painful, or difficult to cure;
who suffer restless days and sleepless nights.
(names of particular individuals may be said aloud)
Jesus Christ, lover of all,
People: bring healing, bring peace.

One: We name before you those who are
troubled in mind, distressed by the past,
or dreading the future; those who are trapped
and cast down in fear.
(names of particular individuals may be said aloud)
Jesus Christ, lover of all,
People: bring healing, bring peace.

One: We name before you those who for
whom light has been turned to darkness:
by the death of a loved one; the breaking of
a friendship; the fading of hope.
(names of particular individuals may be said aloud)
Jesus Christ, lover of all,
People: bring healing, bring peace.

One: In silence we pray for those things that
overwhelm us and leave us with groans that
words cannot express...
(silence)
Jesus Christ, lover of all,
People: bring healing, bring peace.

SECOND READING

Matthew 11:25-30

Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

MEDITATION

Rev. Dr. Ryan Sato

*HYMN OF APPROACH

#630 Healer of Our Every Ill

M. Haugen

Refrain (Unison)

Chord symbols for the first system: D, $\frac{Em7}{D}$, D, $\frac{G}{D}$, $\frac{A7}{D}$, D, Bm, A, $\frac{Bm}{A}$, G, A.

Chord symbols for the second system: F#m, $\frac{Em}{B}$, Bm, Em7, F#7, G, $\frac{D}{F\#}$, Em, D, $\frac{A}{C\#}$, A7, D.

Heal-er of our ev-ery ill, light of each to - mor - row,

give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be-yond our sor - row.

Bm F#m A G

1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your
 2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing, how your grace is
 3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - ery sis - ter,
 4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your

F Em D F# G Bm A C# A7 *to Refrain*

peace and glad - ness. Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.
 still un - fold - ing. Give us all your vi - sion, God of love.
 ev - ery broth - er. Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.
 way of heal - ing. Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

WORDS and MUSIC: Marty Haugen (1950-) .

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GATHERING AT THE TABLE

***The Passing of the Peace**

***Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,

Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, dead, and buried;

he descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,

and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

from there he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic* Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

**catholic means the church universal or the church for all time*

The Bread

The Cup

*All who seek God and the presence of Christ are welcome
to participate*

CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Be Thou My Vision

Carolan

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him all creatures here below;

Praise Him above ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Gratitude**

***HYMN FOR THE JOURNEY**

#621 For the Healing of the Nations

REGENT SQUARE

B \flat B \flat / $\frac{B\flat}{D}$ B \flat B \flat / $\frac{B\flat}{F}$ F/ $\frac{F}{E\flat}$ B \flat / $\frac{B\flat}{D}$ E \flat B \flat / $\frac{B\flat}{D}$ Gm F/ $\frac{F}{A}$ F7 B \flat

1 For the heal-ing of the na-tions, Lord, we pray with one ac-cord,
 2 Lead your peo-ple in-to free-dom, from de-spair your world re-lease,
 3 All that kills a-bun-dant liv-ing, let it from the earth be banned;
 4 You, Cre-a-tor-God, have writ-ten your great name on hu-man-kind;

B \flat B \flat / $\frac{B\flat}{F}$ B \flat / $\frac{B\flat}{D}$ B \flat Adim $\frac{C}{C}$ Gm/ $\frac{Gm}{D}$ D Gm D Gm/ $\frac{Gm}{B\flat}$ Gm F/ $\frac{F}{C}$ C7 F

for a just and e-equal shar-ing of the things that earth af-fords.
 that, re-deemed from war and ha-tred, all may come and go in peace.
 pride of sta-tus, race, or school-ing, dog-mas that ob-sure your plan.
 for our grow-ing in your like-ness, bring the life of Christ to mind;

F B \flat B \flat 9 E \flat Cm Dm Cm/ $\frac{Cm}{E\flat}$ Gm F $\frac{7}{sus}$ F7 B \flat

To a life of love in ac-tion help us rise and pledge our word.
 Show us how, through care and good-ness, fear will die and hope in-crease.
 In our com-mon quest for jus-tice may we hal-low life's brief span.
 that by our re-sponse and serv-ice earth its des-ti-ny may find.

WORDS: Fred Kaan (1929-)
 MUSIC: Henry T. Smart (1813-1879)
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REGENT SQUARE
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***THE BLESSING OF THE COMMUNITY**

Leader: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

People: And also with you.

***The Sending of the Community**

One: We thank you, gracious God.

You have loved us from the beginning of time and remembered us when we were in trouble.

Many: Your mercy endures forever.

One: We thank you, redeeming God.

You have come to us in Jesus Christ, who heals us and saves us from sin.

Many: Your mercy endures forever.

One: We thank you, Holy God.

You have sent us your spirit, to comfort us and lead us in the way of deep, lasting life.

Many: Your mercy endures forever.

All: Gracious, redeeming and holy God, glory and praise be yours, now and forever. Amen.

***Congregational Amen**

The service of the church into the world - - begins again this week

***POSTLUDE**

Reprise

Manz

****Please stand, as you are able.***

We are grateful for those who serve with us today:

Leading Worship - Gwen Borowski, Warren Tasker

Reader - Gordon Dinwoodie,

Guest Organist/Harpist - Jane Fagnan

Video & Sound Technician - Evan Adnams

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