

FIRST
BAPTIST
CHURCH

September 12, 2021

11:00 a.m.

Sixteenth
Sunday after
Pentecost



PRELUDE

Fantasia on OLD HUNDREDTH

L. Trapp

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

INTROIT

Many and Great

Dakota Tune, J.R. Renville

CALL TO WORSHIP

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

#388 O God in Whom All Life Begins

NOEL

F C F $\frac{Gm}{Bb}$ $\frac{F}{A}$ $\frac{C7}{G}$ F C $\frac{C}{Bb}$ $\frac{F}{A}$ F $\frac{Bb}{D}$ Bb F

1 O God in whom all life be-gins, who births the seed to fruit,
 2 U - nite in mu - tual min - is - try our minds and hands and hearts
 3 Through tears and laugh-ter, grief and joy, en - large our trust and care;

C Dm Bb F C F Dm $\frac{F}{A}$ $\frac{F}{C}$ C7 F

be - stow your bless - ing on our lives; here let your love find root.
 that we may have the grace to seek the power your peace im - parts.
 so bind us in com - mu - ni - ty that we may risk and dare.

Dm $\frac{A7}{E}$ $\frac{Dm}{F}$ Gm6 A7 Dm $\frac{A7}{D}$ Dm Dm6 $\frac{C}{E}$ $\frac{Dm}{F}$ $\frac{C}{G}$ G7 C

Bring forth in us the Spir - it's gifts of pa - tience, joy, and peace;
 So let our var - ied gifts com - bine to glo - ri - fy your Name
 Be with us when we gath - er here to wor - ship, sing, and pray,

$\frac{E}{A}$ C7 D7 Gm $\frac{F}{A}$ C Dm $\frac{E}{A}$ F $\frac{F}{C}$ C7 F

de - liv - er us from numb - ing fear, and grant our faith in - crease.
 that in all things by word and deed we may your love pro - claim.
 then send us forth in power and faith to live the words we say.

***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

**Creator -
Source, Saviour, and Spirit
You have made us to bear your image in your world.
When we join in the love and goodness
that flows from you, we love creation rightly,
and love and goodness
flows into your world through us.
But we have not loved your world rightly.
Trees suffer the anguish of fire when you have
designed them to tower and sway with your praise.
Your beloved creatures clamour to survive when you
have designed them to rest in your care and provision.
Waters overwhelm and destroy when you have made
them to be calm and bless the earth.
God, you are perfect order, but we cling to our disorder.
You are harmony, but we cling to chaos.
You are self-sacrifice, but we hold onto greed.
We confess we do not bear your image
well in the world.
Forgive us, loving Creator.
Mold us into your likeness and send us,
full of your Spirit, to heal and bless your world.**

(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

Genesis 1:1-26

Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

LITANY

One: In the beginning, while hovering over the waters of chaos, the Word spoke. The Word did not *need* to speak. But because of what the Word is, it spoke anyway.

Many: And the world came alive!

One: Through time, the Word spoke through communities of people. It used these communities to show people what a different world – a world where everything lived and flourished by the Word – would be like.

Many: And the world came alive!

One: And then, the Word spoke by breaking through - right into our lives. It looked like us, talked like us, struggled like us, lived like us. The Word lived as the best version of us. Even in its death –

Many: The world came alive!

One: Today, the Word still speaks – in and through us.

All: Let the world come alive! Hallelujah!

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

#28 For Beauty of Meadows

ST. DENIO

G C Am D Em $\frac{G}{D}$ D7 G

1 For beau - ty of mead - ows, for gran - deur of trees,
 2 As stew - ards of beau - ty re - ceived at your hand,
 3 Teach us once a - gain to be gar - deners in peace;

G C Am D Em $\frac{G}{D}$ D7 G

for flow - ers of wood - lands, for crea - tures of seas,
 as crea - tures who hear your most ur - gent com - mand,
 all na - ture a - round us is ours but on lease;

G $\frac{D}{F\sharp}$ G $\frac{G}{B}$ G Em $\frac{G}{B}$ D

for all you cre - at - ed and gave us to share,
 we turn from our waste - ful de - struc - tion of life,
 your name we would hal - low in all that we do,

G C Am D Em $\frac{G}{D}$ D7 G

we praise you, Cre - a - tor, ex - tol - ling your care.
 con - fess - ing our fail - ures, con - fess - ing our strife.
 ful - fill - ing our call - ing, cre - at - ing with you.

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN OF MEDITATION

#599 Shadow and Substance

TWILIGHT

Unison
G Am G Am

1 Shad - ow and sub - stance, won - der and mys - ter - y,
2 We are your im - age, formed in com - mu - ni - ty;
3 Nam - ing the name - less Spir - it of u - ni - ty,

Bm Em7 Am7 D

spell - bind - ing spin - ner of at - oms and earth;
sis - ters and broth - ers of Ad - am and Eve.
scan - ning the heav - ens for signs of your care;

G B G C G G Am G

soul of the cos - mos, per - son and en - er - gy,
You gave us col - or, cus - tom and his - to - ry;
God of the a - ges, give us hu - mil - i - ty;

Bm7 Em7 Am7 D7 G

source of our be - ing: we sing of your worth.
teach us to hon - or what oth - ers re - ceive.
guide us to mys - ti - cal un - ion in prayer.

SECOND READING

Genesis 1:27 - 2:4a

Response to the reading: **"Thanks be to God"**

SERMON

Rev. Jeremy Keay

CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

T. Shaw

***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**

#644 God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

HOLY MANNA

Unison

G C/G D/G C/G Am7/G G C/G D/G C/G

1 God, who stretched the span - gled heav - ens, in - fi - nite in time and place,
 2 Proud - ly rise our mod - ern cit - ies, state - ly build - ings row on row;
 3 We have con - quered worlds un - dreamed of since the child - hood of our race;
 4 As each far ho - ri - zon beck - ons, may it chal - lenge us a - new,

G C/G D/G C/G Am7/G G C/G D G

flung the suns in burn - ing ra - diance through the si - lent fields of space,
 yet their win - dows, blank, un - feel - ing, stare on can - yoned streets be - low,
 known the ec - sta - sy of wing - ing through un - chart - ed realms of space;
 chil - dren of cre - a - tive pur - pose, serv - ing oth - ers, honor - ing you.

G Bm7 Cmaj7 Am7 G Bm7 Cmaj7 D D7

we, your chil - dren, in your like - ness, share in - ven - tive powers with you.
 where the lone - ly drift un - no - ticed in the cit - y's ebb and flow,
 probed the se - crets of the at - om, yield - ing un - im - ag - ined power,
 May our dreams prove rich with prom - ise, each en - deav - or well be - gun.

G C/G D/G C/G Am7/G G Em Am D7 G

Great Cre - a - tor, still cre - at - ing, show us what we yet may do.
 lost to pur - pose and to mean - ing, scarce - ly car - ing where they go.
 fac - ing us with life's de - struc - tion or our most tri - um - phant hour.
 Great Cre - a - tor, give us guid - ance till our goals and yours are one.

***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.

***Sung Benediction**

Colourful Creator (from #643)

R. Duck/C.R. Young

***The Sending of the Community**

***Congregational Amen**

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

***POSTLUDE**

Festive Finale

P. Lebenhauer

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

We are grateful for those who serve with us today:

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