

# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

*Seeking the peace and well-being of the city*

July 16, 2023 10:00 a.m.

Seventh  
Sunday after  
Pentecost



## **PRELUDE**

Little Chorale Prelude on "Slane"

G.M. Martin

## **GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY**

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

## **\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

#27 God of Creation, All-Powerful

SLANE

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MUSIC: Irish melody; harm. Carlton R. Young (1926- )  
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SLANE  
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Unison

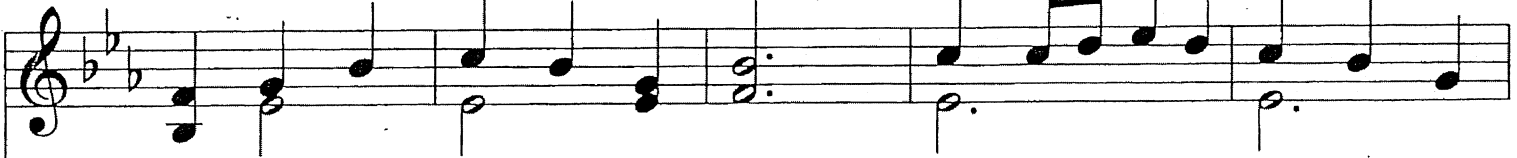
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1 God of cre - a - tion, all - power - ful, all - wise, Lord of the  
 2 God of the a - ges, through time's trou-bled years you are the  
 3 God of re - demp - tion, who wrought our re - birth, called out your  
 4 God of your peo - ple, your Word still stands fast; do for us  
 5 God of our now, all our trust is in you, Cov - e - nant



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u - ni - verse rich with sur - prise, Mak - er, Sus - tain - er, and  
 one in whom his - tory co - heres; na - tions and em - pires your  
 church from the ends of the earth, still you are Sav - ior, put  
 now as you've done in the past! Yours is the king - dom, your  
 God, ev - er faith - ful and true; Sov - ereign Cre - a - tor, Re -



B<sup>b</sup>/D Cm Gm A<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup>/D Cm Gm/B<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup> Cm E<sup>b</sup>/G Fm/Ab Fm7/C E<sup>b</sup>



Rul - er of all, we are your chil - dren—you hear when we call.  
 pur - pose ful - fill, mov - ing in free - dom, yet work - ing your will.  
 dark - ness to flight; o - ver - come sin by sal - va - tion's pure light!  
 tri - umph we claim, chal - leng - ing e - vil in Je - sus' strong name.  
 deem - er, and Lord, now and for - ev - er your name be a - dored!



## **\*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 like our privacy, you know, God.  
Some of what we do and who we are  
we prefer to keep hidden.  
We're uncomfortable with the  
"search me and know me" routine.  
There are things we don't even want to admit to  
ourselves that we know aren't right.  
But because we know you love us unconditionally  
we'll risk asking you to shine your light  
into our dark places  
to see what wicked ways there might be.  
We're sorry for those and need your forgiveness.  
Take care of those parts, please.  
Forgive us and lead us in the way everlasting.**

(Silence for personal confession and reflection)

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

### **\*GLORIA PATRI**

**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**

R. Goodson

## FIRST READING

Psalm 139:1-18, 23-24

Pages 639-640, 1st half of NRSV Bible

Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

## RESPONSIVE PRAYER *(from ministrymatter.com)*

One: We come with praise  
for the wonderful works of God.

**Many: Even before we speak,  
God knows us completely.**

One: The Holy One knows us and sustains us,  
even in our moments of confusion and doubt.

**Many: Who can count the thoughts of God?  
They are more than all the sands of the desert.**

One: Like clay in the hand of the potter,  
we are shaped into vessels of divine will.

**All: We come with praise  
for the wonderful works of God.**

## \*HYMN OF PRAISE

#82 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA

The musical score is written for a 2/4 time signature in the key of D major. It consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The treble staff contains the melody with lyrics underneath. The bass staff contains a simple harmonic accompaniment. Above the treble staff, the following chords are indicated: D, A7/E, D/F#, G2, D, G/B, D, G, A. The lyrics are as follows:

1 Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en, to his feet your  
2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to all peo - ple  
3 Fa - ther - like, he tends and spares us; all our hopes and  
4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him, you be - hold him

Bm Em A7 F#7 Bm F#7 Bm B7 Esus E7  
 A# C# D D#

trib - ute bring; ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,  
 in dis - tress. Praise him, still the same for - ev - er,  
 fears he knows. In his hands he gent - ly bears us,  
 face to face. Sun and moon, bow down be - fore him;

F#m E A D Bm E7 A D G A7  
 F# D F#

ev - er - more his prais - es sing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 slow to chide and swift to bless. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 res - cues us from all our foes. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 all who dwell in time and space. Al - le - lu - ia!

Bm A7 Bm A G Em D A7 D  
 C# D E F#

Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly as his mer - cy flows!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!

# CHILDREN'S BLESSING

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### \*HYMN OF MEDITATION

#596 Help Us Accept Each Other

BECK

*Unison*

1 Help us ac - cept each oth - er as Christ ac - cept - ed us;  
2 Teach us, O Lord, your les - sons, as in our dai - ly life  
3 Let your ac - cept - ance change us, so that we may be moved  
4 Lord, for to - day's en - coun - ters with all who are in need,

teach us as sis - ter, broth - er, each per - son to em - brace.  
we strug - gle to be hu - man and search for hope and faith.  
in liv - ing sit - u - a - tions to do the truth, in love;  
who hun - ger for ac - cep - tance, for right - eous - ness and bread,

Bm7                      Emsus2 Em Em(#7) Em7 Am9                      Bm7 C  $\frac{D}{C}$  C#dim7

Be pres - ent, Lord, a - mong us and bring us to be - lieve  
 Teach us to care for peo - ple, for all, not just for some,  
 to prac - tice your ac - cept - ance un - til we know by heart  
 we need new eyes for see - ing, new hands for hold - ing on:

$\frac{G}{D}$                        $\frac{C\#dim7}{D}$                        $\frac{Am7}{D}$                        $\frac{Bm}{D}$   $\frac{Am}{D}$   $\frac{C}{D}$  G

we are *our - selves* ac - cept - ed, and meant to love and live.  
 to love them as we find them, or as they may be - come.  
 the ta - ble of for - give - ness, and laugh - ter's heal - ing art.  
 re - new us with your Spir - it; Lord, free us, make us one!

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 MUSIC: John Ness Beck (1930-1986)  
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BECK  
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## SECOND READING

Romans 8:1-11

Page 164, 2nd half of NRSV Bible

Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

## SERMON

Dr. Joyce Bellous

## CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### Offertory

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

S.E. Rogers

### \*New Doxology

Let's praise God for each good thing.

Marco Adria

All creation, shout and sing!

Praise three persons, yet one Love:

Maker, Saviour, Holy Dove! Amen.

### \*Prayer of Gratitude

# \*HYMN FOR THE JOURNEY

## #419 My Faith Looks Up to Thee

OLIVET

D                       $\frac{A}{C\#}$     A7    D            A                      A7     $\frac{A7}{C\#}$     D    A

1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,  
 2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,  
 3 While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs a - round me spread,  
 4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream

D     $\frac{A}{E}$     E7    A            D                       $\frac{Em7}{D}$     D             $\frac{G}{D}$     D                       $\frac{Em7}{D}$

Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my  
 my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, O may my  
 be thou my guide; bid dark-ness turn to day, wipe sor-row's  
 shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love, fear and dis -

D     $\frac{G}{D}$     D             $\frac{Bm}{D}$     D             $\frac{G}{D}$     D            A7    Bm                       $\frac{Em7}{G}$     A7    D

guilt a - way; O let me from this day be whol - ly thine!  
 love to thee pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv - ing fire!  
 tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.  
 trust re-move; O bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!



## **\*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**

## **\*Congregational Amen**

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

## **POSTLUDE**

Laudation

G.M. Martin

## **\*Please stand, as you are able**

We are grateful for those who serve with us today:

Greeters - Harvey & Sheila Hiller

Writing Prayers - Rev. Ken Bellous;

Prayers of the People - Liz Grinevitch;

Scripture Reading - Barb Falk, Sandra Beckman;

Guest Organist - Leroy Hiller;

Video & Sound Technician - Evan Adnams.

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## **FBC Ministry Team:**

Rev. Dr. Ryan Sato, Senior Minister (on Sabbatical)

Rev. Jeremy Keay, Minister of Youth, Young Adults, Outreach

Dawn Stiles, Minister of Children and Families

Dr. Evelyn Grieger, Minister of Music

Jerrold Eilander, Organist / Choir Accompanist

