

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Seeking the peace and well-being of the city

July 23, 2023 10:00 a.m.

Eighth
Sunday after
Pentecost



PRELUDE

Hymn Medley

arr. Olanday

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

INTROIT

You're Worthy of My Praise

D. Ruis

Adrienne Sitko, Joanne Linden, Mezzo Sopranos

CALL TO WORSHIP

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

#6 Let the Whole Creation Cry

SALZBURG

WORDS: Stopford A. Brooke (1832-1916), alt.
MUSIC: Jakob Hintze (1622-1702); arr. J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

SALZBURG
7.7.7.D.

D Bm $\frac{D}{F\#}$ G Asus A7 D Em $\frac{D}{F\#}$ $\frac{Em7}{G}$ A D

1 Let the whole cre - a - tion cry, "Glo - ry to the Lord on high!"
 2 Chris-tians striv - ing for the Lord, proph-ets burn-ing with his Word,
 3 Men and wom-en, young and old, raise the an - them loud and bold,

D Bm $\frac{D}{F\#}$ G Asus A7 D Em $\frac{D}{F\#}$ $\frac{Em7}{G}$ A D

Heaven and earth, a - wake and sing, "Praise to our al - mighty King!"
 those to whom the arts be - long add their voic - es to the song.
 and let chil - dren's hap - py hearts in this wor-ship take their parts;

A D F#m $\frac{Bm7}{D}$ E7 A Em Bm $\frac{Bm}{D}$ F#sus F# Bm

Praise him, an - gel hosts a - bove, ev - er bright and fair in love;
 Those of knowl-edge and of law, to the glo - rious cir - cle draw;
 from the north to south-ern pole let the might-y cho - rus roll:

D G A Bm7 $\frac{E7}{B}$ A G D Em $\frac{D}{F\#}$ $\frac{Em7}{G}$ A7 D

sun and moon, lift up your voice; night and stars, in God re - joice.
 all who work and all who wait, sing, "The Lord is good and great!"
 "Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly One, glo - ry be to God a - lone!"

***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 we have some sense of the greater truth, but not much really. We can sometimes see or even touch the edge of it, of them, but then it slips away. We can't hold it. The truth is too big. It's beyond us.

We want more, but the simple statements quickly beg the question. The metaphors and parables don't stretch far enough. And statements invoking mystery mostly lead to empty appeals to authority.

But still we want more. More truth.

We confess that we don't really get it. Help us to see and touch the truth. Helps us to hold as much as we can bear.

(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 28:10-19

Page 27, 1st half of NRSV Bible

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

ANTHEM

The Love of God

F. Lehman

Adrienne Sitko, Joanne Linden, Mezzo Sopranos

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

One: God, we don't get it.

Many: Give us eyes to see and ears to hear.

One: God we still don't get it.

Many: Give us ears to hear and eyes to see.

One: God, we still don't get it.

Many: Give us eyes to see and ears to hear.

One: God, let our portion of the truth be enough for us to act well.

Many: Give us feet to walk and hands touch

One: God, let us act on what we have seen and heard and understood.

Many: Give us feet to walk and hands to work

One: God let us share your love regardless of how much we get it.

All: Give us hearts to love.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

#60 I Will Sing of the Mercies

FILLMORE

G
A D A

1 I will sing of the mer-cies of the Lord for - ev - er, I will sing, I will
 2 All the hosts of the an-gels sing God's praise for - ev - er for the things he has

D G A D

sing. I will sing of the mer-cies of the Lord for - ev - er, I will
 done. All the hosts of the an - gels sing God's praise for - ev - er, all the

A A7 D G D

sing of the mer-cies of the Lord. With my mouth will I make known your
 hosts of the an-gels sing God's praise. Who can be com-pared to God in

A A7 G/D D G D

faith-ful-ness, your faith-ful-ness; with my mouth will I make known your
 faith-ful-ness, in faith-ful-ness? Who can be com-pared to God in

A
E

E7sus E7 A G
A D

faith-ful-ness to all gen-er - a - tions. I will sing of the mer-cies of the
faith-ful-ness to all gen-er - a - tions? I will sing of the mer-cies of the

A A7 D

Lord for - ev - er, I will sing of the mer-cies of the Lord.
Lord for - ev - er, I will sing of the mer-cies of the Lord.

WORDS: James H. Fillmore (1849-1936), alt.; vs. 2 Marie J. Post (1919-); para. Psalm 89:1, 5, 8
MUSIC: James H. Fillmore (1849-1936)

FILLMORE
Irregular

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN OF MEDITATION

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil (sing 2x)

H. Hanson

E G#m A E/G# F#m7 B7 B7/A G#m7 A B

Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.

5 E G#m A E/G# F#m7 B7 E

Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.

9 A E/G# F#m7 B11 A E/G#

If my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. — If my heart is cold,

12 F#m7 B11 C#m7 E/B A[△] E/G# F#m7 G#m A B

warm it with the day. If my heart gets lost, lead it to your way. Lord, let my heart;

16 C#m E/B A E/G# F#m7 G#m7 A F#m7 F#m/EE

Lord, let my heart. Lord, let my heart be good soil.

SECOND READING

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Pages 14-15, 2nd half of NRSV Bible

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

SERMON

Rev. Jeremy Keay

CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Have Thine Own Way, Lord

A. Pollard, G. Stebbins

***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**

#502 Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

WORDS: Irish hymn, 8th c.; tr. Mary E. Byrne (1880-1931); versed Eleanor H. Hull (1860-1935)

MUSIC: Irish melody; arr. Jack Schrader (1942-)

SLANE
10.10.10.10.

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Eb Eb/G Ab Bb Ab Eb/G Cm Bb Eb

1 Be thou my Vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my Wis - dom, and thou my true Word,
3 High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

B \flat F7/C B \flat /D E \flat E \flat /G A \flat E \flat /G C \flat B \flat

naught be all else to me, save that thou art—
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

A \flat A \flat /C A \flat /E \flat E \flat G \flat 7/D C \flat 7 C \flat G \flat 7 A \flat B \flat

thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

E \flat B \flat /D C \flat E \flat /B \flat E \flat /G F \flat /A \flat A \flat F \flat 7 E \flat

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 high King of heav - en, my Treas - ure thou art.
 still be my Vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

***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**

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

P. Lutkin

Adrienne Sitko, Joanne Linden, Mezzo Sopranos

***The Sending of the Community**

***Congregational Amen**

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

POSTLUDE

Isn't the Love of Jesus Something Wonderful?

J. Peterson

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

We are grateful for those who serve with us today:

Writing Prayers - Grant McIntyre;

Prayers of the People - Rose Merke;

Scripture Reading - Christina Ward, Gordon Dinwoodie;

Guest Pianist - Nathan Olanday.

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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

As we attempt to provide comfortable spaces for all and we have some members who have severe scent sensitivities, we ask that people refrain from wearing perfumes and colognes on Sunday morning to church. Thank you for helping us care for one another.

— FBC Council

