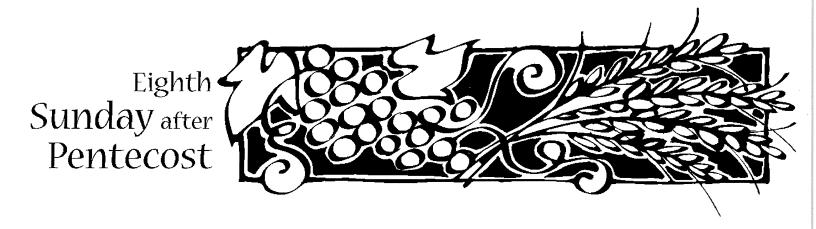


Seeking the peace and well-being of the city

July 23, 2023 10:00 a.m.



PRELUDE Hymn Medley

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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





*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.

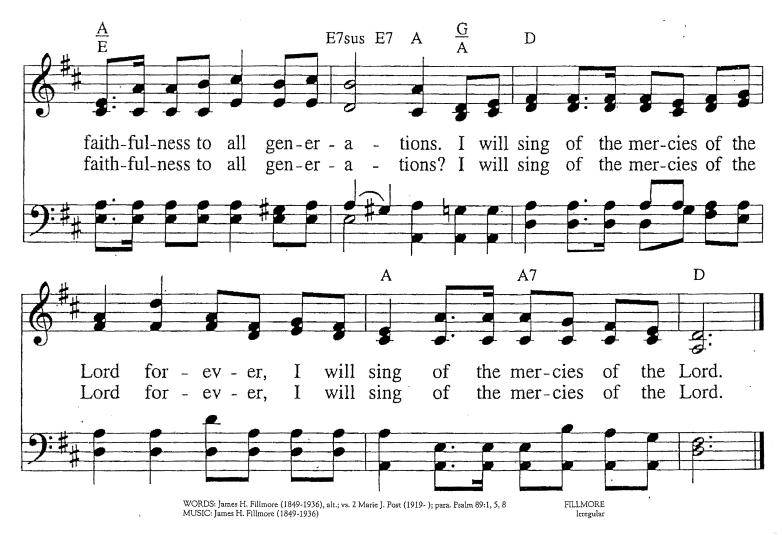
All: Give us hearts to love.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

#60 I Will Sing of the Mercies

FILLMORE





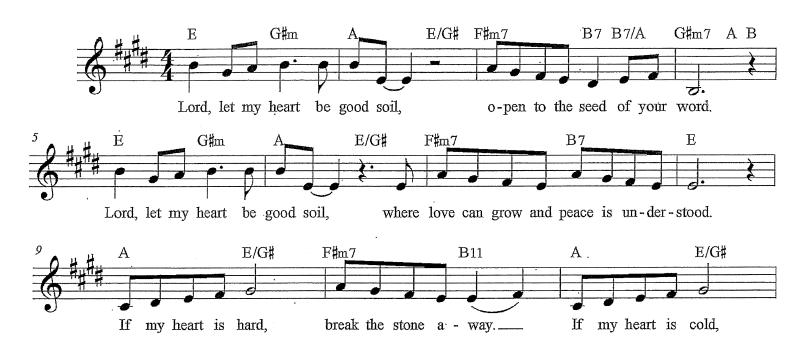
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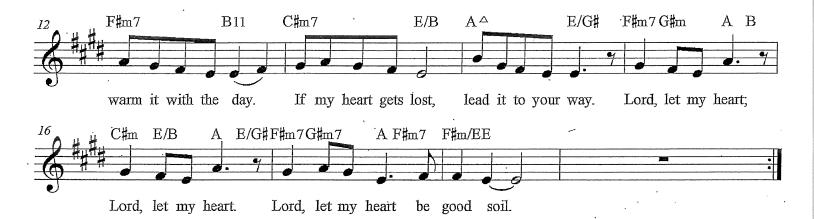
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN OF MEDITATION

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

H. Hanson





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

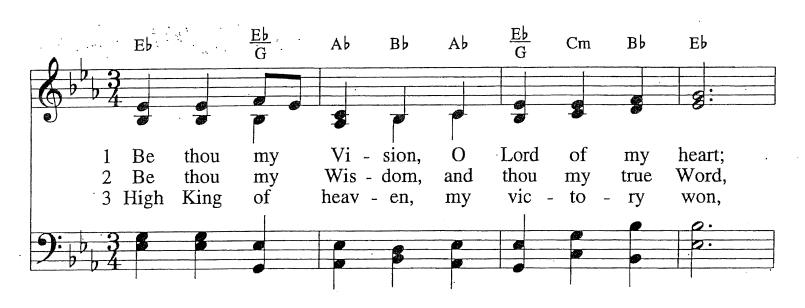
#502 Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

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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.

*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 Council