

# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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

August 20, 2023 10:00 a.m.

Twelfth  
Sunday after  
Pentecost



## PRELUDE

Hymn Medley

arr. N. Olanday

## GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

## INTROIT

He Speaks to Me/Farther Along

T.G. Sykes

## CALL TO WORSHIP

## \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#655 Come Away from Rush and Hurry

BEACH SPRING

*Unison*      F                      B $\flat$                        $\frac{B\flat}{C}$                        $\frac{Gm7}{C}$                       F

1 Come a - way from rush and hur - ry to the still - ness of God's peace;  
 2 In the pas - tures of God's good - ness we lie down to rest our soul.  
 3 Come, then, chil - dren, with your bur - dens— life's con - fu - sions, fears and pain.

F Bb  $\frac{Bb}{C}$   $\frac{Gm7}{C}$  F

from our vain am - bi - tion's wor - ry, come to Christ to find re - lease.  
 From the wa - ters of God's mer - cy we drink deep - ly, are made whole.  
 Leave them at the cross of Je - sus; take in - stead his king - dom's reign.

Am7 Dm Am7 Dm  $\frac{Am}{C}$  Bb2 Bb

Come a - way from noise and clam - or, life's de - mands and fren - zied pace;  
 At the ta - ble of God's pres - ence all the saints are rich - ly fed.  
 Bring your thirsts, for he will quench them—he a - lone will sat - is - fy.

$\frac{C7}{G}$  F Fmaj7 Bb  $\frac{Bb}{C}$   $\frac{Gm7}{C}$  F

come to join the peo - ple gath - ered here to seek and find God's face.  
 With the oil of God's a - noint - ing in - to ser - vice we are led.  
 All our long - ings find at - tain - ment when to self we glad - ly die.

WORDS: Marva J. Dawn (1948- )  
 MUSIC: Attr. B. F. White (1800-1879), *The Sacred Harp*, 1844; arr. Jack Schrader (1942- )  
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BEACH SPRING  
 8.7.8.7.D.

## **\*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**

**Loving God,  
we come before you today because we know that we need your  
love and forgiveness. Sometimes we get impatient with others as  
they present their needs to us and just like Jesus' disciples,  
we just want them to go away.  
We also become very impatient with ourselves as we recognize our  
continual need for your grace in our lives.  
We fret that we come with the same needs  
and transgressions to you repeatedly.  
God give us grace and forgive us our impatience.  
Help us to remember that you have come to help all of us.  
God forgive us our impatience.  
Thank you for renewing us with your abundant love.**

(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**

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Page 167 & 168, 2nd half of NRSV Bible

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

# OFFERING OF MUSIC IN WORSHIP

Does Jesus Care

F. E. Graeff

## LITANY

One: O Lord, my God, you are very gracious and patient.

Many: **We point fingers at others weaknesses and failings.**

**You deal with us with patience and love.**

One: Because you, O God, are gracious and patient.

Many: **We forget that your love for us is perfect and has no bounds.**

All: You, O God, receive us with your undying love and forgiveness.

**We thank you for your perfect love that continues to hold us in your arms of love.**

## \*HYMN OF PRAISE

#93 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

NETTLETON

WORDS: Rusty Edwards (1955-)  
MUSIC: John Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music*, 1813  
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NETTLETON  
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D A7 D A D G D  $\frac{D}{A}$  A7 D

- 1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at-ing light.
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil-dren with a strong yet gen-tle word.
- 3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf-fered in our place.

D A7 D A D G D  $\frac{D}{A}$  A7 D

- Praise the One who frees the pris-oners, turn-ing blind-ness in - to sight.  
Praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing two-edged sword.  
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.

D A7 D F#m G D G D D D A7 F# E D F#m G A7 D

Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - ery dread dis - ease,  
 Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand.  
 Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.

D A7 D A D G D D A A7 D

calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.  
 From this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - ery land.  
 Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

## CHILDREN'S BLESSING

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### \*HYMN OF MEDITATION

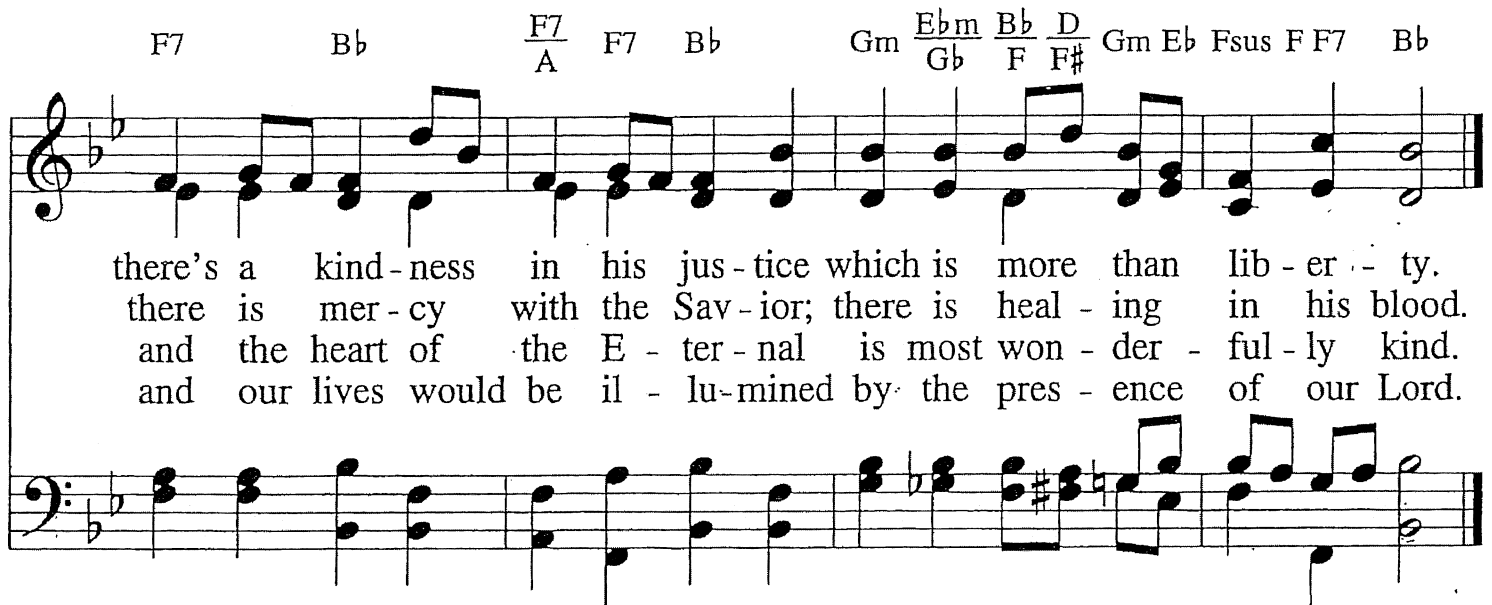
#61 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

WELLESLEY

Bb F7sus F7 F7 F7 Bb2 Bb Eb Bb F7 Bb G7 C C7 F

1 There's a wide - ness in God's mer - cy like the wide - ness of the sea;  
 2 There is wel - come for the sin - ner and more grac - es for the good;  
 3 For the love of God is broad - er than the meas - ure of our mind;  
 4 If our love were but more sim - ple, we would take him at his word,

F7 Bb F7 A F7 Bb Gm Ebm Bb D Gm Eb Fsus F F7 Bb



there's a kind-ness in his jus-tice which is more than lib-er-ty.  
 there is mer-cy with the Sav-ior; there is heal-ing in his blood.  
 and the heart of the E-ter-nal is most won-der-ful-ly kind.  
 and our lives would be il-lu-mined by the pres-ence of our Lord.

WORDS: Frederick W. Faber (1814-1863)  
 MUSIC: Lizzie S. Tourjée (1858-1913)

WELLESLEY  
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## SECOND READING

Matthew 15:10-28

Page 17, 2nd half of NRSV Bible

Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

## SERMON

Rev. Amanda Strain

## CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### Offertory

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

J.M. Scriven

### \*New Doxology

Let's praise God for each good thing.

Marco Adria

All creation, shout and sing!

Praise three persons, yet one Love:

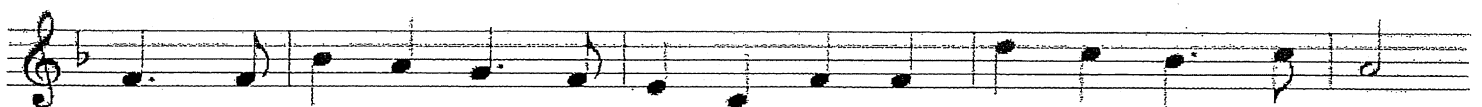
Maker, Saviour, Holy Dove! Amen.

### \*Prayer of Gratitude

### \*HYMN FOR THE JOURNEY

Open Wide the Doors of Mercy

words by Brad Croushorn using the tune RUSTINGTON



1. O - pen wide the doors of mer - cy, o - pen wide the doors of grace,

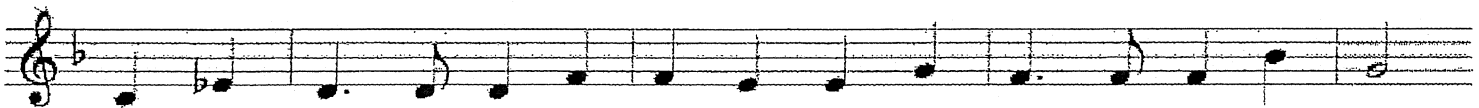
2. Keep us mind - ful that your chil - dren live in lands both far and near;

3. There are ones who weep for jus - tice in a world of grace de - nied;

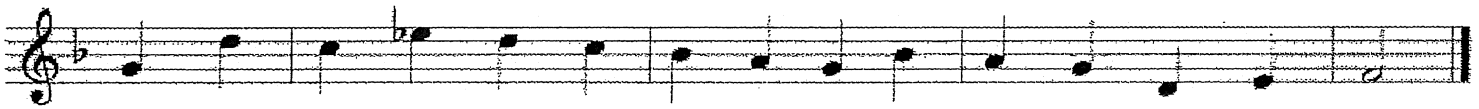
4. Make our scope of vi - sion broad - er, through a lens as Christ would see.



o - pen win-dows of for-give-ness, let - ting love flow through this place.  
 man - y fac - es, man - y cust - oms, ev - 'ry per - son you hold dear.  
 may we hear their cry for mer - cy as though Christ him - self has cried.  
 Draw this fam - ily cir - cle wid - er as we live more lov - ing - ly.



Fill our hearts with deep com - pas - sion as we gath - er here to - day.  
 Though we fail to rec - og - nize them, still you name them as your own.  
 There are ones who wan - der, hope - less, through a land - scape of des - pair;  
 O - pen wide the doors of mer - cy, o - pen wide the doors of grace,



Turn our words and prayers to ac - tion, giv - ing sub - stance to our faith.  
 Clear the fog that clouds our see - ing, let us share the love you've shown.  
 may our hands reach out with kind - ness and a touch to show we care.  
 o - pen win - dows of com - pas - sion, far be - 'yond this time and place.

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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**

Sing a New World into Being

M. Bringle, BEACH SPRING

**\*The Sending of the Community**

**\*Congregational Amen**

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

**POSTLUDE**

What a Day That Will Be

J. Hill

**\*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 - Gwen Borowski and Warren Tasker;

Guest Pianist / Musician - 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