

# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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

September 10, 2023 11:00 a.m.

Fifteenth  
Sunday after  
Pentecost



## PRELUDE

Partita on HYFRYDOL

P. Fey

## GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

## INTROIT

Awake, arise, O Sing a new song

M. Leasure

## CALL TO WORSHIP

## \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#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;

The musical notation consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in 3/4 time and G major. The treble staff contains the melody with lyrics underneath. The bass staff contains a simple accompaniment of chords. The lyrics are: 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  $\frac{D}{F\#}$  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.

WORDS: Walter H. Farquharson (1936-)  
 MUSIC: Welsh melody  
 Words © 1971 Walter Farquharson

ST. DENIO  
 11.11.11.11.

## **\*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**

**God of light and life,  
you set before us today  
the challenges of laying aside the works of darkness;  
of putting on the light of Christ;  
of being watchful and prepared  
for your coming in our midst.**

**Forgive us when people do not see any evidence in us  
of the One who is to come.  
So many people, young and old,  
are yearning for the light of hope to dawn in their lives.  
Remind us to shine the light and love of Christ  
through our lives.**

**Merciful God,  
cleansing our hearts and minds of all that hinders us  
from loving you, our neighbour and ourselves;  
so that our lives radiate faith active in love,  
as we watch and wait for your breaking into our world  
once more in the person of Jesus Christ.  
Amen**

**(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

I Corinthians 13:1-8a          Page 183, 2nd half of NRSV Bible  
Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

## LITANY

One: When we are tempted to hold our neighbours to account, instead of remembering to love them as ourselves;

**Many: Clothe us, O Christ, with your love  
and by your Spirit.**

One: When we are tempted to believe that darkness is prevailing, and that the light is forever far away from us;

**Many: Clothe us, O Christ, with your love  
and by your Spirit.**

One: When we are tempted to cave in to hopelessness and scarcity, and seek to fulfill our own needs  
at the expense of others;

**Many: Clothe us, O Christ, with your love  
and by your Spirit.**

**All: Remind us, O Christ, of how easy it is to fall into a dark way and draw us instead to you and your way.**

## \*HYMN OF PRAISE

#273 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love

CHEREPONI

*Refrain (Unison)*

The musical notation is for a unison refrain in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are: "Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love,". The first measure has a D chord above it. The final measure has A7 and E chords above it. The melody features a mix of eighth and quarter notes, with some notes beamed together. The bass line provides a simple accompaniment with chords and moving lines.

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

show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

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

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends,      si - lent - ly wash - es their  
 2 Neighbors are wealthy and poor,      var - ied in col - or and  
 3 These are the ones we should serve,      these are the ones we should  
 4 Lov - ing puts us on our knees,      si - lent - ly wash - ing their

D  $\frac{D}{F\#}$  Bm  $\frac{Em}{G}$  A7 D *to Refrain*

feet,      Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.  
 race,      neighbors are near us and far a - way,  
 love,      all these are neighbors to us and you.  
 feet,      this is the way we should live with you.

WORDS: Tom Colvin (1925-2000)  
 MUSIC: Ghana folk song; adapt. Tom Colvin (1925-2000); arr. Charles H. Webb (1933-)  
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 Music © 1969, 1989 Hope Publishing Company

CHEREPONI  
 Irregular

**CHILDREN'S BLESSING**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**\*HYMN OF MEDITATION**  
 #397 The Gift of Love

J.B. Foley



G Em7 A G

and have not love, my words are vain,  
 but not be given by love with - in,  
 Let in - ward love guide ev - ery deed;

*f*

Am7 D C2 C 1, 2 G

as sound - ing brass, and hope - less gain.  
 the prof - it soon turns strange - ly thin.  
 by this we wor - ship, and are freed.

1, 2

Final ending G Em C G

*rit.* *pp*

## SECOND READING

Romans 13:8-14

Pages 169-170, 2nd half of NRSV Bible

Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

## SERMON

Becky Bonham

## CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### Offertory

The Gift of Love

arr. H. Helvey

### \*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

#391 Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

R. Gillard

*Unison*

D       $\frac{E_m}{D}$       D       $\frac{G}{D}$       D       $\frac{A}{C\#}$       D

1 Will you let me be your ser - vant,  
2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney,  
3 I will hold the Christ - light for you,  
4 I will weep when you are weep - ing,  
5 When we sing to God and heav - en,



$\frac{Em}{D}$  D  $\frac{G}{D}$  D A G  $\frac{D}{F\#}$

let me be as Christ to you? Pray that I might  
 here to - geth - er on the road; we are here to  
 in the night - time of your fear; I will hold my  
 when you laugh I'll laugh with you; I will share your  
 we shall find such har - mo - ny, born of all we've

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

have the grace to let you be my ser - vant too.  
 help each oth - er walk the mile and bear the load.  
 hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.  
 joy and sor - row till we've seen this jour - ney through.  
 known to - geth - er of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.

WORDS and MUSIC: Richard Gillard (1953- )  
 Words and Music © 1977 Scripture In Song (a div. of Integrity Music)

**\*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**

Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals

S. Karg-Elert

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

We are grateful for those who serve with us today:

Writing Prayers - Kathy Brown;

Prayers of the People - Norah Shippit;

Scripture Reading - Esther Steeves, Alex Bayne;

Video & Sound Technician - Evan Adnams.

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### **FBC Ministry Team:**

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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