

# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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

September 17, 2023 11:00 a.m.

Sixteenth  
Sunday after  
Pentecost



## PRELUDE

Voluntary in G Major, Op 1, No. 5

W. Walond

## GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

## INTROIT

Awake, arise, O Sing a new song

M. Leasure

## CALL TO WORSHIP

## \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#24 God, You Spin the Whirling Planets

HYMN TO JOY

G G<sup>4</sup><sub>2</sub> G  $\frac{G}{D}$  D7  $\frac{G}{D}$   $\frac{D}{C}$   $\frac{G}{B}$   $\frac{D}{A}$  G  $\frac{G}{D}$  D

1 God, you spin the whirl-ing plan-ets, fill the seas and spread the plain,  
 2 You have called us to be faith-ful in our life and min - is - try.  
 3 God, your will is still cre - at - ing, call-ing us to life made new,

G C/G G7 G7/C C A<sup>4</sup>/C Am C G/D D7 G/D D7 G

mold the moun-tains, fash-ion blos-soms, call forth sun-shine, wind, and rain.  
 We re-pond in grate-ful wor-ship, joined in one com-mun-i-ty.  
 now re-veal to us fresh vis-tas where there's work to dare and do.

D G/D D G/D D G/D B/D# B7 Em A D

We, cre-at-ed in your im-age, would a true re-flec-tion be  
 When we blur your gra-cious im-age, fo-cus us and make us whole,  
 Keep us clear of all dis-tor-tion, fash-ion us with lov-ing care,

G C/G G7 G7/C C A<sup>4</sup>/C Am C G/D D7 G/D D7 G

of your jus-tice, grace, and mer-cy, and the truth that makes us free.  
 healed and strength-ened as your peo-ple, we move on-ward toward your goal.  
 thus, new crea-tures in your im-age, we'll pro-claim Christ ev-ery-where.

WORDS: Jane Parker Huber (1926-)  
 MUSIC: Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)

HYMN TO JOY  
 8.7.8.7.D.

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## **\*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 all Grace and Mercy,  
We are grateful for the privilege of gathering as a faith community.  
We confess that we have not always acted with the best of intentions.  
We have turned away from helping someone when we could.  
We have ignored the whisper of the Spirit within to share what we have.  
We have not given our best effort in our daily living.  
We ask your forgiveness and commit to a change of heart  
and to enter fully into your divine plan.**

(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**

### **ANTHEM**

Come to the Music

J.M. Martin

### **FIRST READING**

Romans 14:1-12

Page 170, 2nd half of NRSV Bible

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

## RESPONSIVE PRAYER

One: My soul praises and blesses God  
for his name (I AM) is holy.

**Many: My soul blesses God for all his benefits.**

One: God lifts us up when we fail.

**Many: God is forgiving and floods our soul  
with compassion.**

One: God satisfies us with good things  
so that our strength is renewed like an eagle.

**Many: God is rich in love and mercy.**

One: God holds the oppressed in his hands.

**All: God is just and fair to all.**

## \*HYMN OF PRAISE

#68 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing.

NETTLETON

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

1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
2 Here I raise to thee an al-tar, hith-er by thy help I've come;  
3 O to grace how great a debt-or dai-ly I'm con-strained to be!

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

streams of mer-cy, nev-er ceas-ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.  
and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar-rive at home.  
Let thy good-ness, like a fet-ter, bind my wan-dering heart to thee;

$\frac{D}{F\#}$   $\frac{A7}{E}$  D F#m G D  $\frac{G}{D}$  D  $\frac{D}{F\#}$   $\frac{A7}{E}$  D F#m G D

Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;  
 Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger, wan - dering from the fold of God;  
 prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;

D · A7 D A D G D  $\frac{D}{A}$  A7 D

praise his name— I'm fixed up - on it— name of God's re - deem - ing love.  
 he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, bought me with his pre - cious blood.  
 here's my heart, O, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

WORDS: Robert Robinson (1735-1790)  
 MUSIC: John Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music*, 1813

NETTLETON  
 8.7.8.7.D.

## CHILDREN'S BLESSING

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### \*HYMN OF MEDITATION

#596 Help Us Accept Each Other

BECK

*Unison*  
 G  $\frac{A7}{G}$   $\frac{Cdim}{G}$   $\frac{Am7(b5)}{G}$  Gmaj7 G6 A7

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,

Bm Em Emsus2 Em Cmaj7 Bm7 Am7 D7sus2 D7  
 D D

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:

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

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!

WORDS: Fred Kaan (1929- )  
 MUSIC: John Ness Beck (1930-1986)  
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 7.6.7.6.D.

## SECOND READING

Matthew 18:21-35

Pages 20-21, 2nd half of NRSV Bible

Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

# SERMON

Rev. Jeremy Keay & Rev. Amanda Strain

## CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### Offertory

Prelude on HYMN TO JOY

D. Cherwein

### \*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

#372 I Then Shall Live

FINLANDIA

WORDS: Gloria Gaither (1942-)  
MUSIC: Jean Sibelius (1865-1957); arr. Hymnal 1933  
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Music Arr. © 1933, Ren. 1961 Presbyterian Board of Education (Admin. Westminster John Knox Press)

FINLANDIA  
11.10.11.10.11.10.

1 I then shall live as one who's been for - giv - en;  
2 I then shall live as one who's learned com - pas - sion;  
3 Your king - dom come a - round and through and in me,

Chords: Eb, Bb/Ab, Eb/G, Bb7/F, Eb, Bb/Ab, Eb/G, Ab, Bb7/F, Eb

I'll walk with joy to know my debts are paid. I know my  
I've been so loved that I'll risk lov - ing, too. I know how  
your power and glo - ry, let them shine through me; your hal - lowed

Chords: Bb/Ab, Eb/G, Bb7/F, Eb, Bb/Ab, Eb/G, Ab, Bb7/F, Eb, Eb/D

name is clear be - fore my Fa - ther; I am his child, and  
 fear builds walls in - stead of bridg - es; I dare to see an -  
 name, oh, may I bear with hon - or, and may your liv - ing

I am not a - fraid. So great - ly par - doned, I'll for - give an -  
 oth - er's point of view. And when re - la - tion - ships de - mand com -  
 king - dom come in me. The Bread of Life, oh, may I share with

oth - er; the law of love I glad - ly will o - bey.  
 mit - ment, then I'll be there to care and fol - low through.  
 hon - or, and may you feed a hun - gry world through me.

**\*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.

**\*Choral Benediction**

May the Peace of the Lord Go With You

C. Yannerella

**\*The Sending of the Community**

**\*Congregational Amen**

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



## **POSTLUDE**

Toccata

K. Langlais

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

We are grateful for those who serve with us today:  
Worship Leaders and Writers of Prayers - Christina Ward, Rev. Susan Hunter;  
Scripture Reading - Gwen Borowski, Warren Tasker;  
Video & Sound Technician - Evan Adnams.

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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

