

# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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

October 8, 2023 11:00 a.m.

Nineteenth  
Sunday after  
Pentecost



## PRELUDE

For the Beauty of the Earth

M. Corl

## GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

## INTROIT

All Creatures of Our God and King

arr. C. Dyck

## CALL TO WORSHIP

## \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#721 Come, Ye Thankful People Come

ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR

F
 $\frac{C}{E}$ 
F
Dm
C
F
 $\frac{C}{E}$ 
F
Dm
 $\frac{Gm}{Bb}$ 
A

1 Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come; raise the song of har - vest home.  
 2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un - to his praise to yield,  
 3 For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his har - vest home,  
 4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to your fi - nal har - vest home,

Dm Gm C F Bdim C Dm C G7 C  
 D E F G

All is safe - ly gath - ered in ere the win - ter storms be - gin.  
 wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - rows grown.  
 from his field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way,  
 gath - er all your peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin,

C C/Bb F/A C7/G F F/Eb Bb/D F7/C Bb

God, our ma - ker, does pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied;  
 First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear,  
 give his an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,  
 there, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in your pres - ence to a - bide.

D/F# D Gm C/E C F Bb/D Bb F/A Dm F/C C7 F

come to God's own tem - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest home.  
 Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.  
 but the fruit - ful ears to store in his gar - ner ev - er - more.  
 Come, with all your an - gels, come, raise the glo - rious har - vest home.

WORDS: Henry Alford (1810-1871), alt.  
 MUSIC: George J. Elvey (1816-1893)

ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR  
 7.7.7.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**

O God,  
we confess that we take your mercy for granted  
and we fail to offer mercy to others.  
Instead of encouraging the faint-hearted, we look down on them.  
Yet, how often do we shy away from difficult things?  
Instead of helping the weak, we expect them be stronger.  
But how often do we struggle with our own burdens?  
We give as good as we get, though we wish for grace when we fall short.  
We dismiss the prophet instead of testing their words for your truth.  
We don't pray, we're slow to give thanks, and we give  
little thought to the bounty you have given us.  
Perform your transforming work in us.  
Teach us to see ourselves as you see us  
and to see each other through eyes of love.  
Give us hearts full of gratefulness for your forgiveness  
and the gifts we share as your people.

(Silence for personal confession and reflection)

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

### **\*GLORIA PATRI**

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

R. Goodson

# FIRST READING

Psalm 107:1-9

Page 619, 1st half of NRSV Bible

Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

# ANTHEM

Sing to the Lord of Harvest

H. Willan

# RESPONSIVE READING

One: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

**Many: His steadfast love endures forever.**

One: When we wander, he gathers us in.

**Many: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.**

One: When we are in lonely places,  
he turns our steps toward his people.

**Many: His steadfast love endures forever.**

One: When our soul is fainting, we cry out in distress.

**Many: Our God leads us to safety.**

One: Our God satisfies the thirsty.

**Many: His living water never runs dry.**

One: Our God feeds the hungry.

**Many: His banquet table is open to all.**

**All: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.**

**His steadfast love endures forever.**

# \*HYMN OF PRAISE

#720 With Grateful Heart I Thank you, Lord

GRATUS

WORDS and MUSIC: Mary Kay Beall (1943- )  
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GRATUS  
C.M.D.

*Unison*  
N.C. Eb Fm7 Eb/G Ab Fm7/Bb Bb Eb

1 I thank you, Lord, for each new day, for mead-ows white with dew,  
2 I thank you, Lord, for wind and rain and for the sil-ver moon,  
3 I thank you, Lord, for hand and heart to of-fer up your praise.

N.C. Eb Gm7 Ab Bb Cm Fm7  $\frac{Fm7}{Bb}$  Bb7 Eb

for the sun's warm hand up - on the earth, for skies of end-less blue,  
 for ev - ery dai-sy's lift - ed face, for ev - ery love-ly tune,  
 I thank you, Lord, for tongue to speak of all your lov-ing ways.

$\frac{Eb}{Bb}$   $\frac{Ab}{Bb}$  Bb7  $\frac{Cm}{Bb}$  Fm  $\frac{Fm}{Ab}$  Bb

for fruit and flower, for lamb and leaf, for ev - ery bird that sings,  
 for win-ter's white, for au-tumn's gold, for har-vest and for home,  
 For health and strength, for work and play, for loved ones far and near,

N.C. Eb Fm7  $\frac{Eb}{G}$  Ab  $\frac{Ab}{Bb}$  Bb7 Eb

with grate-ful heart I thank you, Lord, for all those sim-ple things.  
 with grate-ful heart I thank you, Lord, for each good gift I own.  
 with grate-ful heart I thank you, Lord, for all that I hold dear.

**GRATITUDE TREE**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**\*HYMN OF MEDITATION**

#448 In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful (sing 3x)

Taizé Community

WORDS: Taizé Community  
 MUSIC: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)

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Dm C F  $\frac{F}{A}$  B $\flat$  C Dm C F  $\frac{Dm7}{A}$   
 In the Lord I'll be ev - er thank - ful, in the Lord I will re -  
 joyce! Look to God, do not be a - fraid. Lift up your  
 F  $\frac{Gm}{B\flat}$  C Am  $\overset{3}{Dm}$  B $\flat$ maj7 C F  
 voic - es, the Lord is near; lift up your voic - es, the Lord is near.

**SECOND READING**

1 Thessalonians 5:12-28

Pages 219-220, 2nd half of NRSV Bible

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

**SERMON**

Rev. Jeremy Keay

**CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**Offertory**

Now Thank We All Our God

arr. 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**

Now Thank We All Our God

NUN DANKET

E $\flat$  A $\flat$  E $\flat$  Fm B $\flat$  E $\flat$  B $\flat$ 7 E $\flat$

1 Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voic - es,  
 2 O may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us,  
 3 All praise and thanks to God for all that has been giv - en,

E $\flat$  A $\flat$  E $\flat$  A $\flat$  G A $\flat$  B $\flat$  E $\flat$

who won-drous things has done, in whom this world re - joic - es,  
 with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us,  
 the Son, and Spir - it blest who dwell in, high - est heav - en,

B $\flat$  F7 B $\flat$  E $\flat$  B $\flat$  E $\flat$  B $\flat$  C $\flat$  D G $\flat$

who from our moth - er's arms has blessed us on our way  
 and keep us strong in grace, and guide us when per - plexed,  
 the one e - ter - nal God, whom heaven and earth a - dore,

G $\flat$  C Fm C Fm E $\flat$  A $\flat$  E $\flat$  B $\flat$  E $\flat$

with count - less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.  
 and free us from all ill in this world and the next.  
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

## **\*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**

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

P. Lutkin

## **\*The Sending of the Community**

## **\*Congregational Amen**

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

## **POSTLUDE**

Toccatà on ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR

S. Tucker

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

We are grateful for those who serve with us today:

Writing Prayers - Gordon Dinwoodie;

Prayers of the People - Rev. Ken Bellous;

Scripture Reading - Gwen Borowski, Warren Tasker;

Video & Sound Technician - Evan Adnams.

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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