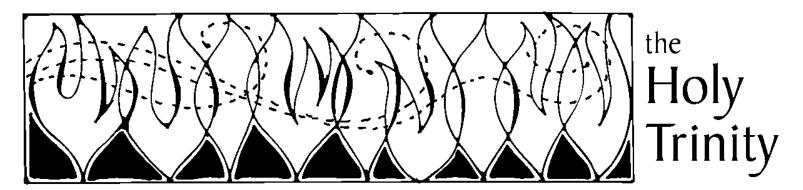
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Seeking the peace and well-being of the city

May 26, 2024 11:00 a.m.



PRELUDE

Partita on HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

INTROIT

Come, Holy Spirit

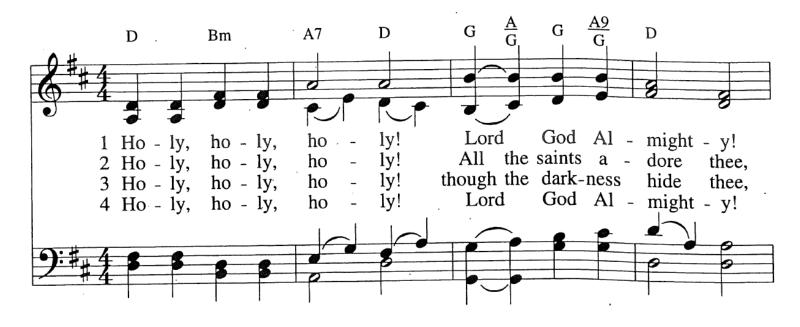
M. Foreman

CALL TO WORSHIP

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#136 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

NICAEA





*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,

it is all too easy to take control of our own lives and push away your plan for us.

But life begins to seem dull without the goodness that you bring to us.

Life's challenges remind us of our dependency on you.

Teach us to love you with all our heart, with all our soul, and with all our strength.

Help us to lay our plans and our troubles at your feet, our God and our Maker.

(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

Holy (Sanctus)

C. Courtney

FIRST READING

John 3:1-9

Page 96, 2nd half of the NRSV Bible

Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

RESPONSIVE READING

One: Let us not forget the ways in which God encounters us;

Many: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
One: The hand of the Father guides us,

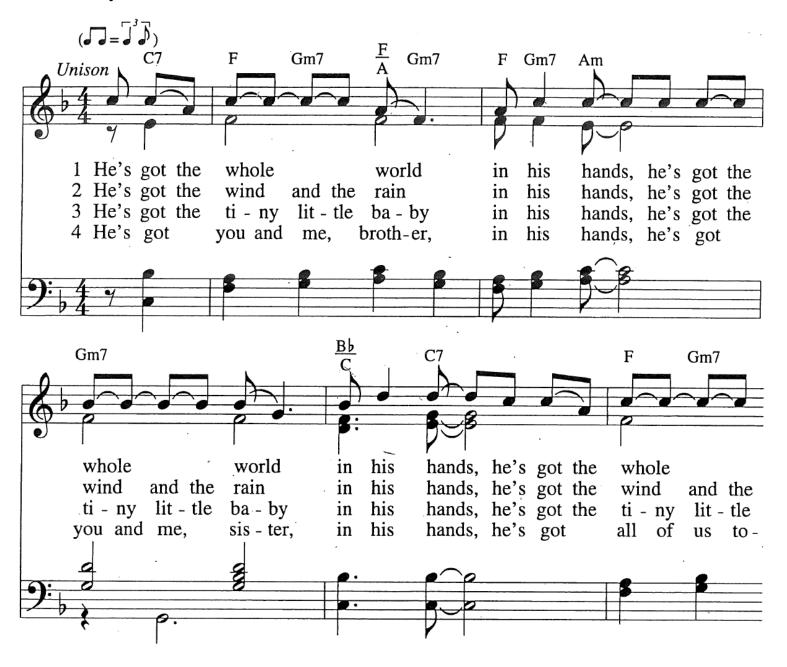
Many: the goodness of the Son surrounds us,

All: and the power of the Spirit fills us.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

#80 "They've" Got the Whole World in "Their" Hands

WHOLE WORLD





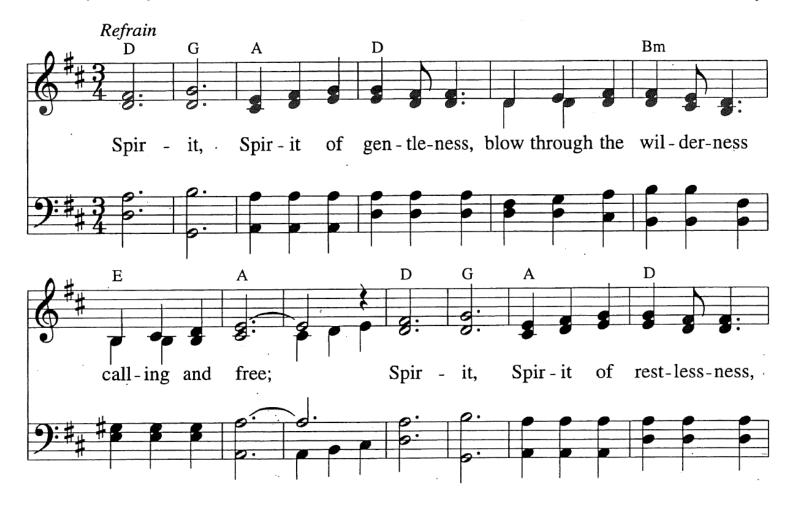
CHILDREN'S BLESSING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

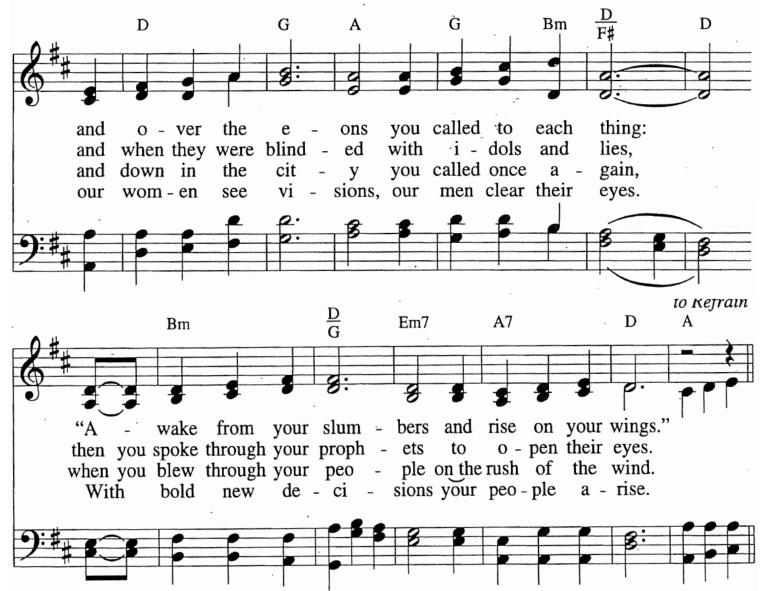
*HYMN OF MEDITATION

#326 Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

J.K. Manley







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SECOND READING

John 3:10-17 Pages 96-97, 2nd half of the NRSV Bible Response to the reading: "**Thanks be to God**"

SERMON

"Exploring Deep, Lasting Life!"

Rev. Dr. Ryan Sato

Marco Adria

CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS Offertory

Aria M. Sedio

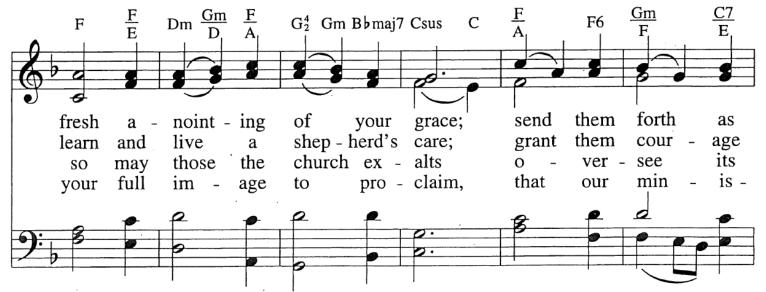
*New Doxology
Let's praise God for each good thing.
All creation, shout and sing!
Praise three Persons, yet one Love:
Maker, Saviour, Holy Dove! Amen.
*Prayer of Gratitude

*HYMN FOR THE JOURNEY

#149 God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian

HYFRYDOL





*When appropriate, ministers, leaders, elders, or deacons may be substituted for pastors.

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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.

*Choral Benediction

Gaelic Blessing

R. J. King

*The Sending of the Community

*Congregational Amen

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

POSTLUDE

Festive Finale P. Lehenbauer

*Please stand, as you are able

We are grateful for those who serve with us today: Writing & Leading Prayers – Norah Shippit; Prayers of the People – Christina Ward; Scripture Reading – Christina Ward, Barb Falk; Video & Sound Technician - Evan Adnams.

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Rev. Dr. Ryan Sato, Senior Minister Rev. Jeremy Keay, Minister of Youth, Young Adults, Outreach *(on Sabbatical)* Dawn Stiles, Minister of Children and Families Dr. Evelyn Grieger, Minister of Music Jerrold Eilander, Organist / Choir Accompanist

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— FBC Council