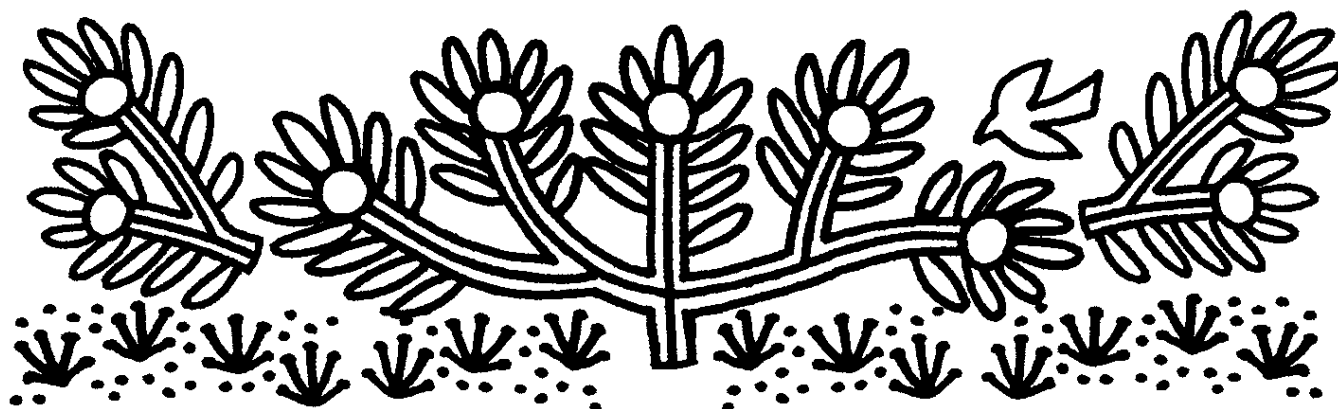


FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Seeking the peace and well-being of the city

August 31, 2025 1:30 p.m.



Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

PRELUDE

Hymn Medley

arr. N. Olanday

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

SUNG INTROIT

Revive Us Again

arr. N. Olanday

CALL TO WORSHIP

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#425 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays;
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless-ing, ev - er blest,



hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, o - pening to the sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - tre of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the dark of doubt a - way;
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - ery mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther and our Moth - er, all who live in love are thine;



giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine.



Text: Henry van Dyke (1852–1933), alt.

Music: Ludwig van Beethoven (1770–1827); arr. Edward Hodges (1796–1867).

***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

Generous Creator,
you entrusted us to care for your creation,
but we have abused it
through arrogance, ignorance, and greed.
We have permanently damaged your handiwork,
exterminated species that shared in your praise,
polluted waterways with plastics, clear-cut forests,
and poisoned the very soil from which all life springs.

In sorrow, we offer our repentance.
Help us to live in harmony with all creatures
and to work toward the renewal of the earth.

(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

Genesis 1:1-2:4

Read from the NRSV Bible

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

ANTHEM

Softly and Tenderly

THOMPSON, arr. N. Olanday

LITANY

One: Creator breathed the breath of life into every creature

Many: Let everything that has breath, praise the Lord!

One: Soaring birds, buzzing insects, bats, and honeybees...

Many: Let everything that has breath, praise the Lord!

One: Frogs, snakes, crocodiles, and lizards...

Many: Let everything that has breath, praise the Lord!

One: Whales, sharks, sea urchins, and octopus..

Many: Let everything that has breath, praise the Lord!

One: All humans, cats, dogs, gerbils, and sheep...

Many: Let everything that has breath, praise the Lord!

All: We all wait in hope for the renewal of all things!

*HYMN OF PRAISE

#417 Let's Sing unto the Lord

ROSAS

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Music: Melody Carlos Rosas (1939-); acc. Melva Treffinger Graham (1947-) © Melody © 1976 Resource Publications, Inc.

1 Let's sing un - to the Lord a hymn of glad re - joic - ing.
2 Let's sing un - to the Lord a hymn of ad - o - ra - tion,

Let's sing a hymn of love, joining hearts and hap - py voic - es.
ex - press un - to the Lord our songs of faith and hope.

God made the sky a - bove, the stars, the sun, the o - ceans.
 Cre - a - tion's broad dis - play pro - claims the work of gran - deur,

Their good - ness does pro - claim the glo - ry of God's name.
 the bound - less love of one who bless - es us with beau - ty.

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Let's sing un - to the Lord. Al - le - lu - ia!

Last time to Coda

Coda after final refrain

Coda after final refrain

Let's sing un-to the Lord. Al-le-lu-ia!

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN OF MEDITATION

#38 Touch the Earth Lightly

TENDERNESS

1 Touch the earth light - ly, use the earth gent - ly,
 2 We who en - dan - ger, who cre - ate hun - ger,
 3 Let there be green - ing, birth from the burn - ing,
 4 God of all liv - ing, God of all lov - ing,

nour - ish the life of the world in our care:
 a - gents of death for all crea - tures that live,
 wa - ter that bless - es and air that is sweet,
 God of the seed - ling, the snow and the sun,

B \flat F \sharp sus B \flat F A Gm D \sharp sus G Dm F

gift of great won - der, ours to sur - ren - der,
 we who would fos - ter clouds of dis - as - ter—
 health in God's gar - den, hope in God's chil - dren,
 teach us, de - flect us, Christ re - con - nect us,

E \flat B \flat D Gm Cm7 F 1-3 B \flat 4 B \flat (no3)

trust for the chil - dren to - mor - row will bear.
 God of our plan - et, fore - stall and for - give!
 re - gen - er - a - tion that peace will com - plete.
 us - ing us gent - ly, and mak - ing us one.

WORDS: Shirley Erena Murray (1931-)

MUSIC: Colin Gibson (1933-)

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SECOND READING

Romans 8:18-25

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

Read from the NRSV Bible

SERMON

Dawn Stiles

(Silence for personal reflection)

CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Breathe

arr. N. Olanday

*New Doxology

M. Adria

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

#21 This Is My Father's World

TERRA BEATA

1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-tening ears all
2 This is our Fa-ther's world: O let us not for - get that
3 This is my Fa-ther's world: he shines in all that's fair; in the

The first system of the hymn is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of three flats (Bb, Eb, Ab). The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. Chord symbols are placed above the staff: Eb, Gm/Bb, Bb7, Eb, Ab/Eb, Eb, Bb, Bb9.

na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
though the wrong is great and strong, God is the rul - er yet.
rus - tling grass I hear him pass, he speaks to me ev-ery-where.

The second system continues the melody and bass line. Chord symbols are placed above the staff: Eb, Gm/Bb, Bb7, Gm/Bb, Bb7, Eb, Bb, Bb7, Eb.

B♭7 E♭ A♭ B♭7 E♭ E♭ A♭ A♭(^{#4}/₂) A♭ E♭ B♭9
 F G

This is my Fa-ther's world: I rest me in the thought of
 He trusts us with his world, to keep it clean and fair— all
 This is my Fa-ther's world: why should my heart be sad? The

E♭ Gm B♭7 Gm B♭7 E♭ B♭ B♭7 E♭
 B♭ B♭

rocks and trees, of skies and seas—his hand the won - ders wrought.
 earth and trees, all skies and seas, all crea - tures ev - ery - where.
 Lord is King, let heav - en ring! God reigns; let earth be glad!

WORDS: Maltbie D. Babcock (1858-1901), alt.; vs. 2 rev. Mary Babcock Crawford (1909-)
 MUSIC: English melody; adapt. Franklin L. Sheppard (1852-1930)

***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**

Little Is Much

K.L. Suffield, arr. N. Olanday

***The Sending of the Community**

***Congregational Amen**

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

POSTLUDE

Jesus Loves Me

arr. N. Olanday

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

We are grateful for those who serve with us today:

Leading Worship & Prayer of Confession & Litany - Allan Effa;

Writing Prayers of the People - Grant McIntyre;

Scripture Reading - Gwen Borowski, Warren Tasker;

Guest Pianist & Singers - Nathan Olanday, Evelyn Blanchette, Christine Marthinsen;

Video & Sound Technician - Evan Adnams.

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FBC Ministry Team:

Rev. Jeremy Keay, Minister of Youth, Young Adults and Outreach (*on vacation*)

Dawn Stiles, Minister of Children and Families

Dr. Evelyn Grieger, Minister of Music

Jerrold Eilander, Organist / Choir Accompanist

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— FBC Council