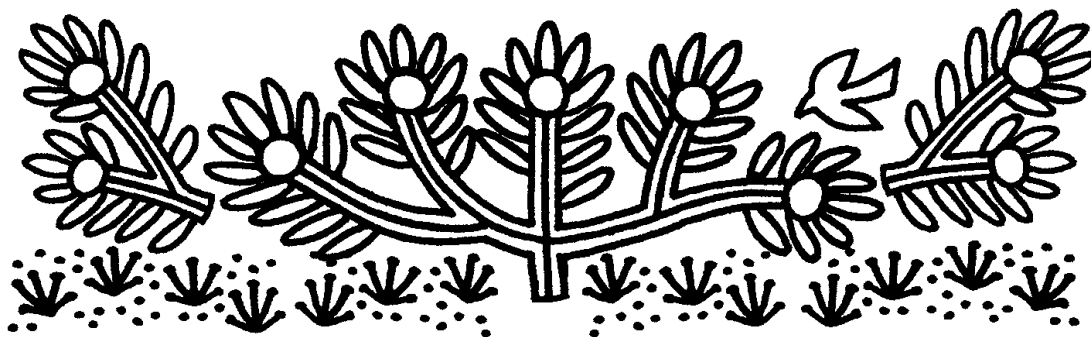


# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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

September 7, 2025 1:30 p.m.



Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

## PRELUDE

Joyful Prelude (2025)  
“Air of Summer” Cantabile No. 15 (2025)

J. M. Stevens  
R. Schalkwijk

## GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

## INTROIT

Sing, My Child

S. Quartel

## CALL TO WORSHIP

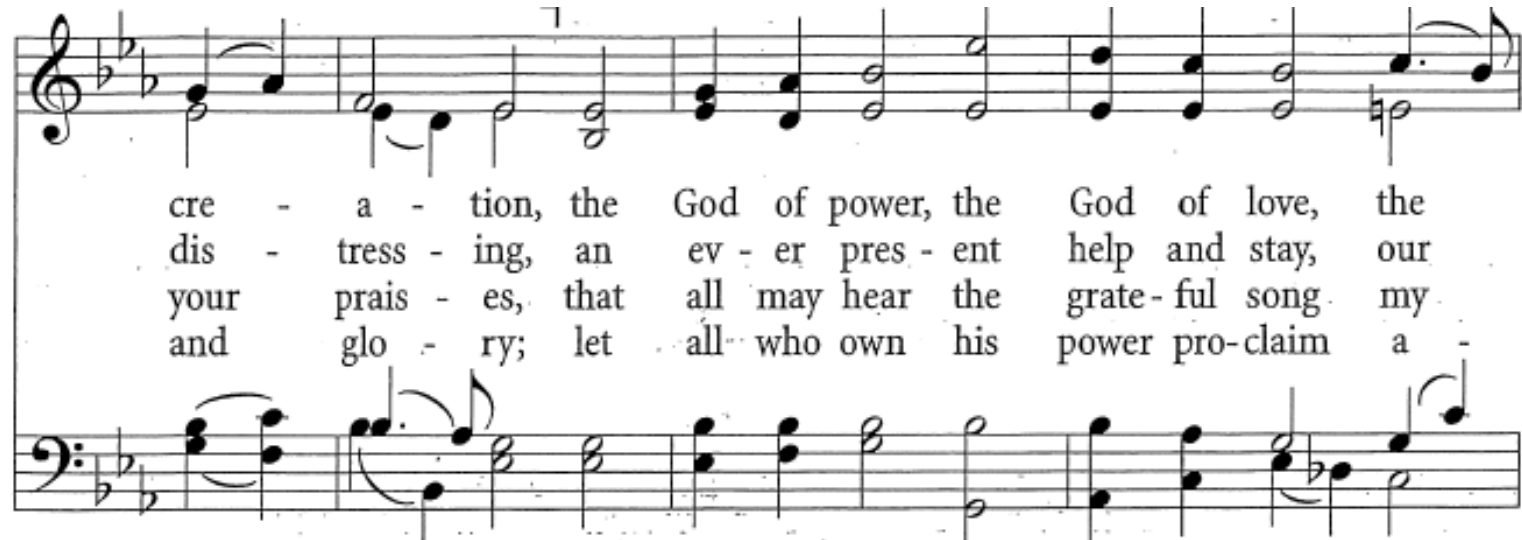
## \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#310 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

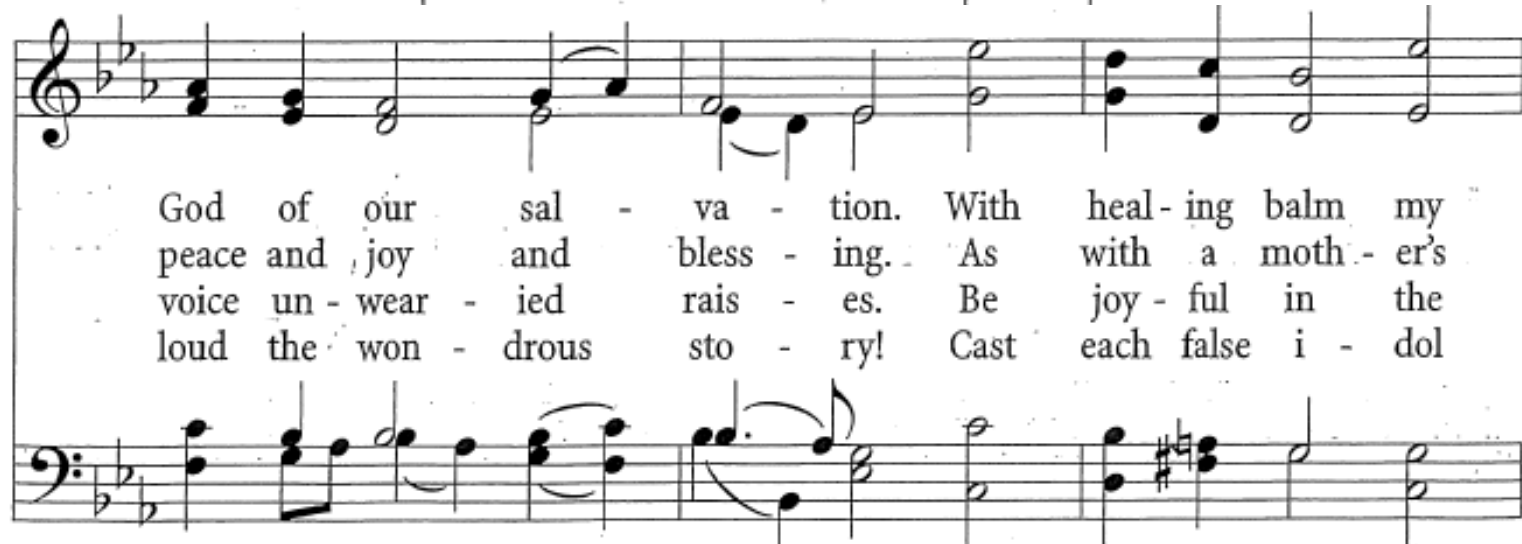
MIT FREUDEN

1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all  
2 The Lord is nev - er far a - way, but, through all grief  
3 Thus, all my glad - some way a - long, I sing a - loud  
4 Let all who name Christ's ho - ly name give God all praise

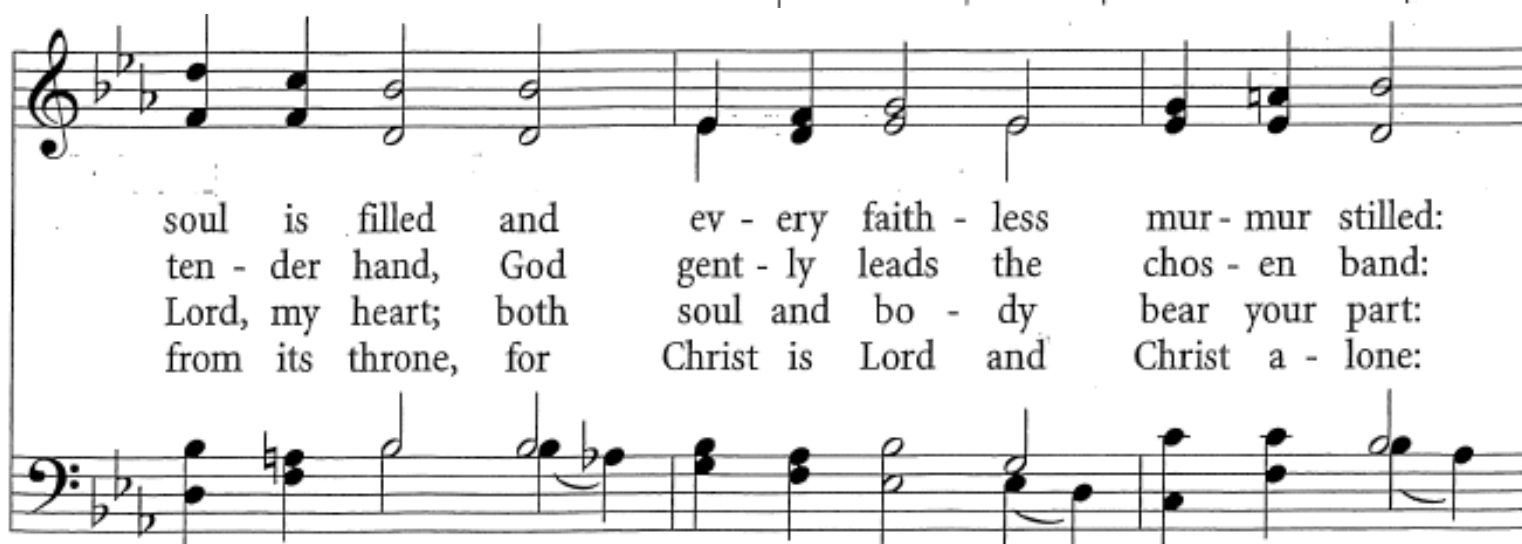
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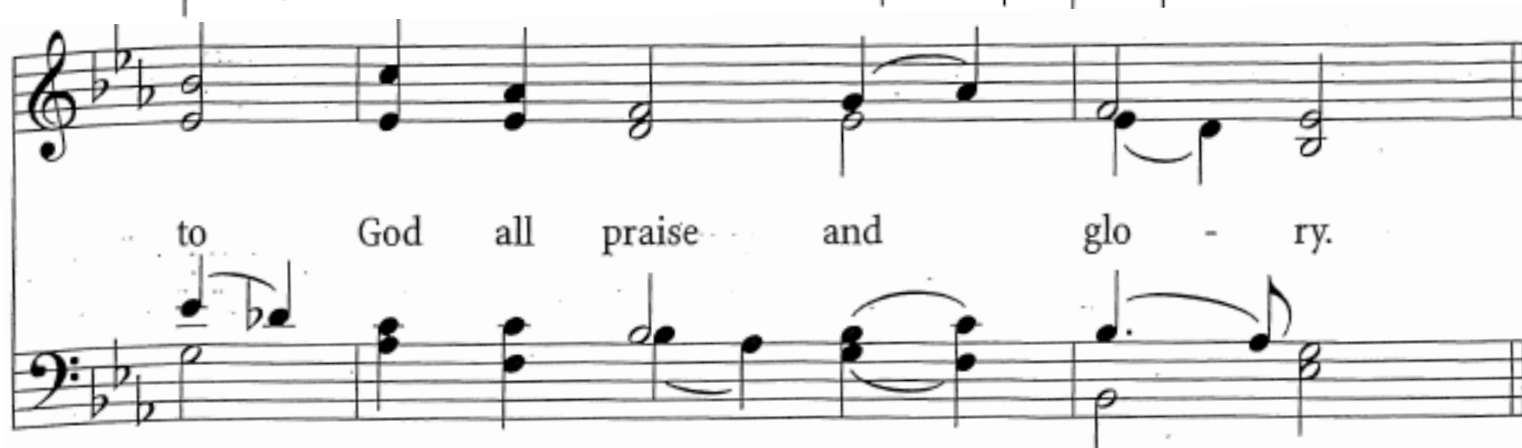
cre - a - tion, the God of power, the God of love, the  
dis - tress - ing, an ev - er pres - ent help and stay, our  
your prais - es, that all may hear the grate - ful song my  
and glo - ry; let all who own his power pro - claim a



God of our sal - va - tion. With heal - ing balm my  
peace and joy and bless - ing. As with a moth - er's  
voice un - wear - ied rais - es. Be joy - ful in the  
loud the won - drous sto - ry! Cast each false i - dol



soul is filled and ev - ery faith - less mur - mur stilled:  
ten - der hand, God gent - ly leads the chos - en band:  
Lord, my heart; both soul and bo - dy bear your part:  
from its throne, for Christ is Lord and Christ a - lone:



to God all praise and glo - ry.

## **\*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**

Creator God,  
If you made a movie of our actions this week  
Did we show kindness?  
Did we do justice?  
Did we walk humbly?

If you recorded our words and played them back to us  
Did they build our listeners up?  
Did we speak gently?  
Did we say 'thank you?'

If you gave us a script of our thoughts  
Were they motivated by love?  
Did they help us choose love?  
Did they reflect our love for you?

Forgive us for everything that made our movies painful to watch.  
Help us leave those things on the cutting room floor  
and make us the masterpiece you meant us to be.

*(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

For Everyone Born

arr. T. Trenney

## FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Read from the NRSV Bible

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

## \*HYMN OF PRAISE

#571 Shalom

SHALOM

① Sha - lom cha - ve - rim, sha - lom cha - ve - rim. Sha - lom, good friends, sha - lom, good friends. Sha - lom, sha - lom. Le - hit - ra - ot, le - lom, sha - lom. Till we meet a - gain, till

② hit - ra - ot, sha - lom, sha - lom. we meet a - gain, sha - lom, sha - lom.

③

Text: Israeli trad. Eng. and French tr. © 1987 Songs for a Gospel People, administered Wood Lake Books.  
Music: Israeli trad.; perc. arr. Brian Barlow (1952- ) ©.

## SECOND READING

Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18

Read from the NRSV Bible

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

## INTERGENERATIONAL SERMON

Becky Bonham

*(Silence for personal reflection)*

# \*HYMN OF APPROACH

As We Gather at Your Table

BEACH SPRING

*Unison*

N.C.

F

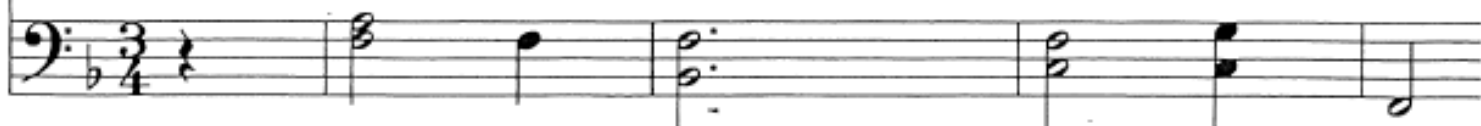
Bb

$\frac{Bb}{C}$

F



1 As we gath - er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,  
2 Turn our wor - ship in - to wit - ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;  
3 Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum - mon oth - er guests to share that feast



N.C.

F

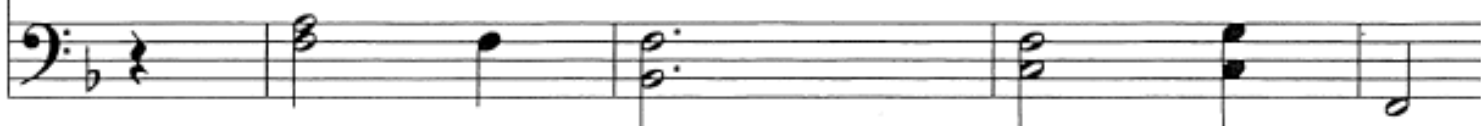
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help us know, O God, your pres - ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
send us forth to love and serve you, bring - ing peace where there is strife.  
where tri - um - phant Love will wel - come those who had been last and least.



N.C.

Am7

Dm

Am7

Dm

$\frac{Am}{C}$

Bb2 Bb



Nour - ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;  
Give us, Christ, your great com - pas - sion to for - give as you for - gave;  
There no more will en - vy bind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,



Chords: C7/G, F, Fmaj7, Bb, Bb/C, F

teach us through this ho - ly ban - quet how to make Love's vic - tory known.  
 may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.  
 as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound - ing joy.

WORDS: Carl P. Daw, Jr. (1944- )  
 MUSIC: Attr. B. F. White (1800-1879), *The Sacred Harp*, 1844; arr. Jack Schrader (1942- )

## **GATHERING AT THE TABLE**

**\*The Passing of the Peace**

**\*Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,**

**Maker of heaven and earth:**

**And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**born of the Virgin Mary,**

**suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

**was crucified, dead, and buried;**

**he descended into hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead;**

**he ascended into heaven,**

**and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty**

**from there he shall come to judge**

**the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the holy catholic\* Church,**

**the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,**

**and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*\*catholic means the church universal or the church for all time*

**The Bread**

**The Cup**

*All who seek God and the presence of Christ are welcome to participate*

# CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*September's Communion Offering will go to Healing at the Wounding Place*

## Offertory

Rondeau on ROYAL OAK

M. Helman

*(All Things Bright and Beautiful)*

## \*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

O God in Whom All Life Begins

NOEL

1 O God in whom all life be-gins, who births the seed to fruit,  
2 U - nite in mu`- tual min - is - try our minds and hands and hearts  
3 Through tears and laugh-ter, grief and joy, en - large our trust and care;

be - stow your bless-ing on our lives; here let your love find root.  
that we may have the grace to seek the power your peace im - parts.  
so bind us in com - mu - ni - ty that we may risk and dare.

Dm A7 E Dm F Gm6 A7 Dm A7 D Dm6 C E Dm F C G G7 C

Bring forth in us the Spir - it's gifts of pa-tience, joy, and peace;  
 So let our var - ied gifts com-bine to glo - ri - fy your Name  
 Be with us when we gath - er here to wor-ship, sing, and pray,

F A C7 D7 Gm F A C Dm F A F F C C7 F

de - liv - er us from numb-ing fear, and grant our faith in-crease.  
 that in all things by word and deed we may your love pro-claim.  
 then send us forth in power and faith to live the words we say.

WORDS: Carl P. Daw, Jr. (1944- )

MUSIC: English melody; arr. Arthur S. Sullivan (1842-1900)

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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.

## \*The Sending of the Community

### \*Congregational Amen

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

## POSTLUDE

The Rejoicing

C. Callahan

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



We are grateful for those who serve with us today:  
Scripture Reading - Louise Adnams, Nick Bargeman;  
Offering of Music - Adrienne Sitko, Mezzo Soprano;  
Communion Preparation - Twyla Fletcher, Bahar Zeinali

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*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 to church. Thank you for helping us care for one another.*

*— FBC Council*