

# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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

May 31, 2026, 11:00 a.m.

First  
Sunday after  
Pentecost



## PRELUDE

Lebentanz: MIT FREUDEN ZART  
Prelude on RHOSYMEDRE ("Lovely")  
Come, Holy Spirit

F.D. Ashdown  
R. Vaughan Williams  
D. Buxtehude

## GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

### INTROIT

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

T. Shaw

## CALL TO WORSHIP

### \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Sing Praise to God

MIT FREUDEN ZART

WORDS: Johann J. Schütz (1640-1690); tr. Frances Cox (1812-1897)  
MUSIC: Bohemian Brethren's Kirchengesänge, Berlin, 1566; harm. Heinrich Reimann (1850-1906)

1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all cre -  
2 What God's al - might - y power has made, in mer - cy he is  
3 We sought the Lord in our dis - tress; O God, in mer - cy  
4 Let all who name Christ's ho - ly name give God the praise and

a - tion, the God of power, the God of love, the God of our  
 keep - ing; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade his eye is nev -  
 hear us. Our Sav - ior saw our help - less - ness and came with peace  
 glo - ry. Let all who know his power pro - claim a - loud the won -

sal - va - tion. My soul with com - fort rich he fills, and  
 er sleep - ing. And where he rules in king - ly might, there  
 to cheer us. For this we thank and praise the Lord, who  
 drous sto - ry. Cast ev - ery i - dol from its throne; the

ev - ery grief he gent - ly stills: to God all praise and glo - ry!  
 all is just and all is right: to God all praise and glo - ry!  
 is by one and all a - dored: to God all praise and glo - ry!  
 Lord is God, and he 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**

**Gracious and merciful God,  
we confess that we have not loved you fully  
in all our thoughts, words, and deeds.  
We are easily distracted by glittery things and dazzling words.  
The mundane and the deafening noise  
of day-to-day life paralyzes us.  
We lose focus.  
We leave undone the most important  
and attend to that which is secondary.**

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For Jesus' sake, have mercy on us and forgive us  
so that we may be renewed by your Spirit.  
We desire to delight in your will and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your name.**

## **FIRST READING**

**Isaiah 58:6-12**

**Read from the NRSV Bible**

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

## LITANY

One: Blessed is the one who created the earth,  
its plants and animals, and humankind to enjoy and steward it.

**Many: Blessed be the name of the Lord  
from this time on and for evermore.**

One: Blessed is the one who redeemed the earth and everything on it  
by the life, death and resurrection of the Son.

**Many: Blessed be the name of the Lord  
from this time on and for evermore.**

One: Blessed is the one who sustains our lives and the life of the church  
by the Holy Spirit.

**Many: Blessed be the name of the Lord  
from this time on and for evermore.**

**All: Blessed be our God — Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer.**

## \*HYMN OF PRAISE


Help Us Accept Each Other

BECK



WORDS: Fred Kaan (1929- )

MUSIC: John Ness Beck (1930-1986)


Words © 1975 Hope Publishing Company  
Music © 1977 Hope Publishing Company



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,



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,



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:

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!

## CHILDREN'S BLESSING

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### \*HYMN OF MEDITATION

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

WORDS and MUSIC: Sebastian Temple (1928-1998); arr. Jane Holstein (1958- )

Dedicated to Mrs. Frances Tracy  
 Words and Music © 1967 OCP Publications

1 Make me a chan-nel of your peace.      Where there is ha-tred  
 2 Make me a chan-nel of your peace.      Where there's de-spair in  
 3 Make me a chan-nel of your peace.      It is in par-don-

let me bring your love. (love.) Where there is in - ju -  
 life let me bring hope. (hope.) Where there is dark - ness,  
 ing that we are par - doned, (par-doned,) in giv - ing of our -

ry, your par - don, Lord, and where there's doubt, true  
 on - ly light, and where there's sad - ness,  
 selves that we re - ceive, and in dy - ing that we're

1, 2 *to Refrain* 3  
 F#m A7 D C D7 F#m A7 D  
 A D D A D  
 faith in you. O  
 ev - er joy. O  
 born to e - ter - nal life.

*Refrain*

Mas-ter, grant that I may nev - er seek so much to be con -

soled as to con - sole, to be un - der - stood, as to un - der - stand, to be loved, as to love with all my soul.

**SECOND READING**

Romans 12:9-18

Read from the NRSV Bible

Response to the reading: **“Thanks be to God”**

**SERMON**

“Our Identity”

Dawn Stiles

(Silence for personal reflection)

**CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**Offertory**

Prelude on LEONI

R. Proulx

**\*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

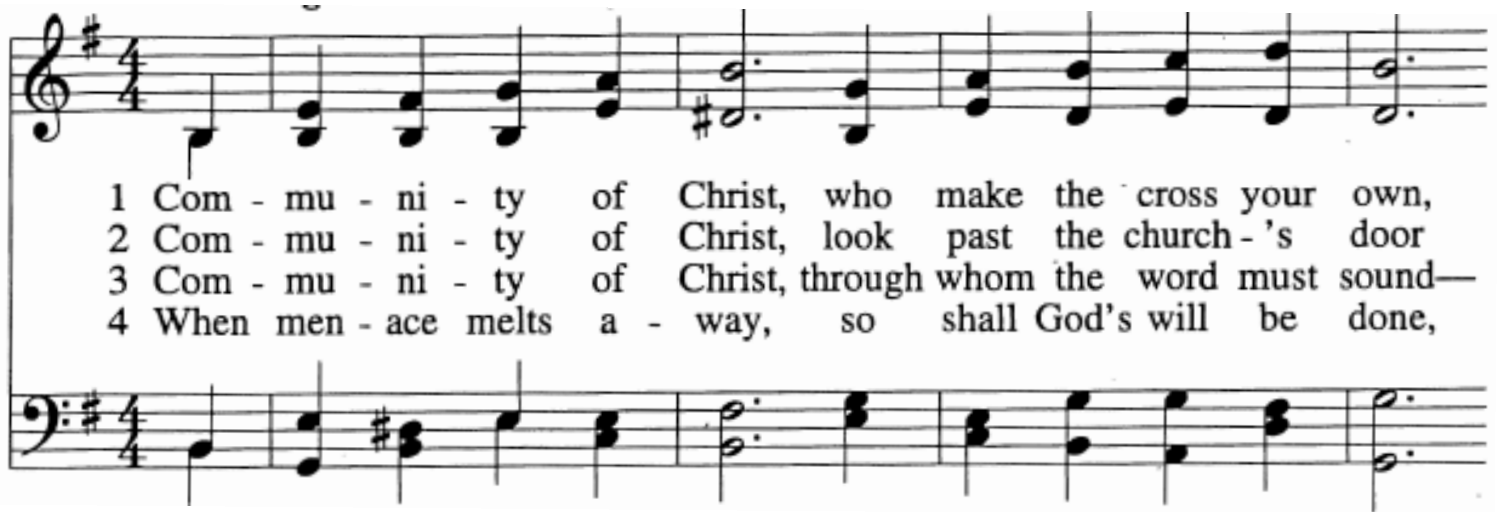
Community of Christ

LEONI

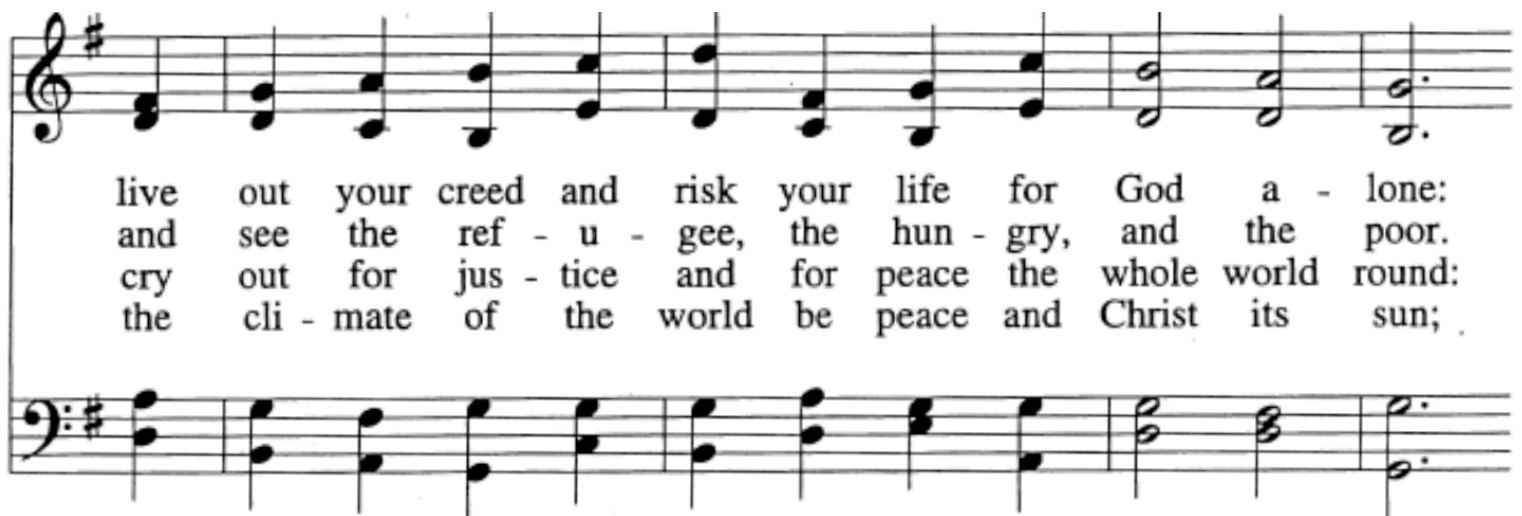
WORDS: Shirley Erena Murray (1931- )

MUSIC: Hebrew melody; arr. Meyer Lyon (1751-1797)

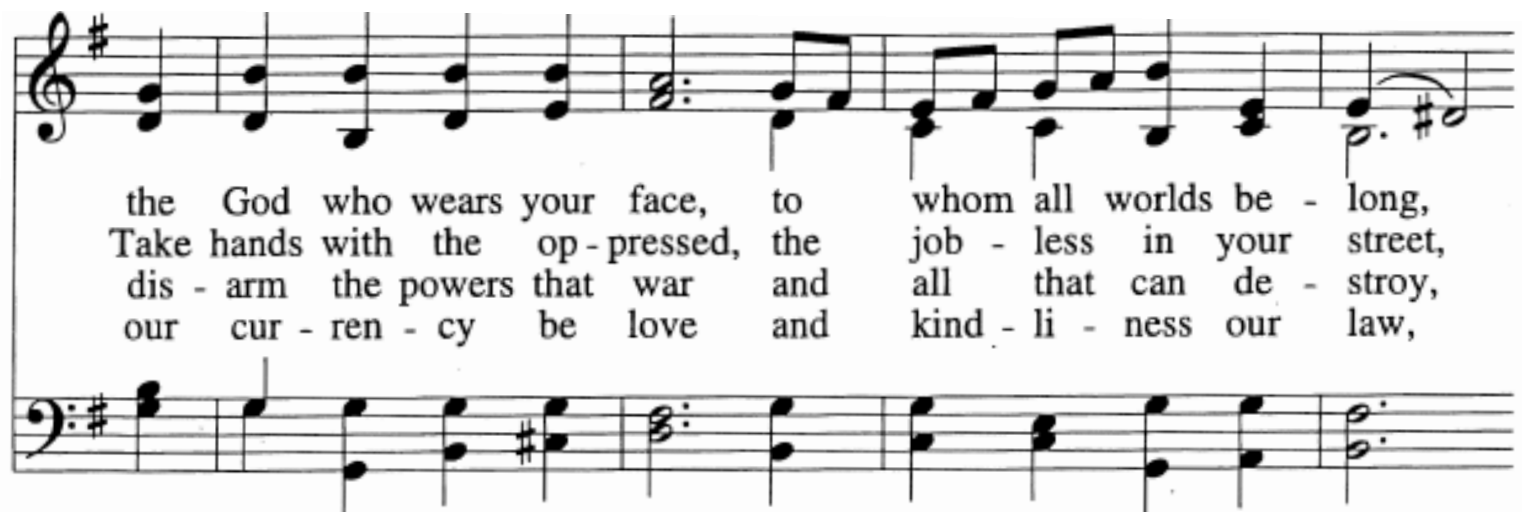
Words © 1992 Hope Publishing Company



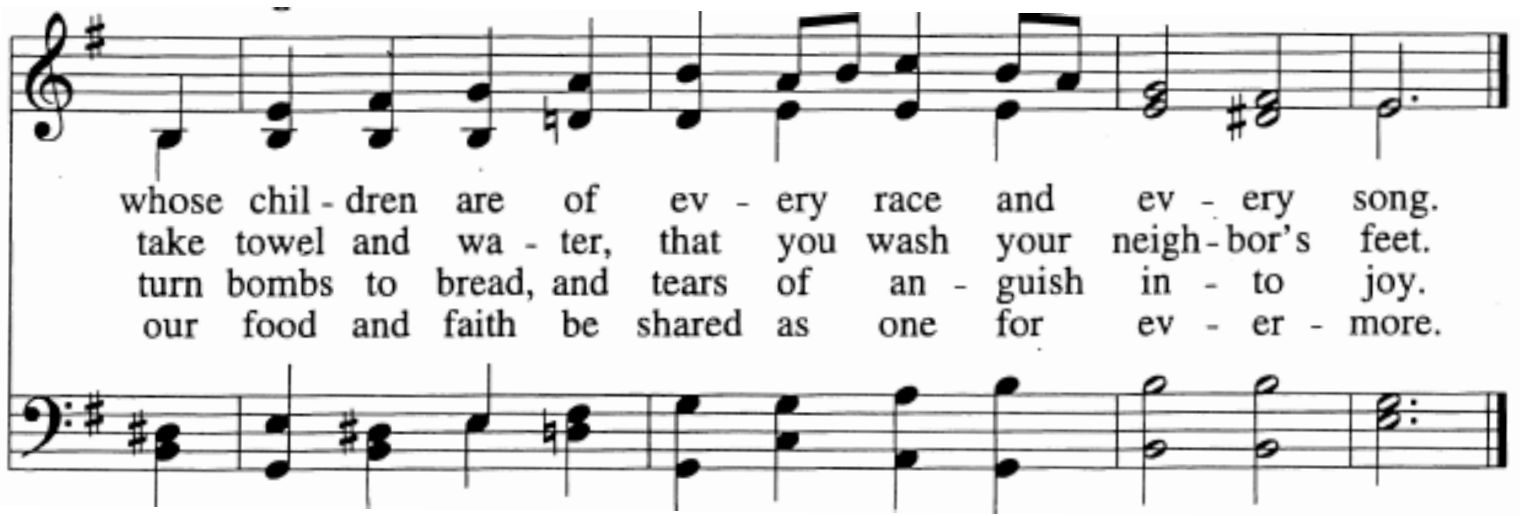
1 Com - mu - ni - ty of Christ, who make the cross your own,  
2 Com - mu - ni - ty of Christ, look past the church - 's door  
3 Com - mu - ni - ty of Christ, through whom the word must sound—  
4 When men - ace melts a - way, so shall God's will be done,



live out your creed and risk your life for God a - lone:  
and see the ref - u - gee, the hun - gry, and the poor.  
cry out for jus - tice and for peace the whole world round:  
the cli - mate of the world be peace and Christ its sun;



the God who wears your face, to whom all worlds be - long,  
Take hands with the op - pressed, the job - less in your street,  
dis - arm the powers that war and all that can de - stroy,  
our cur - ren - cy be love and kind - li - ness our law,



whose chil - dren are of ev - ery race and ev - ery song.  
take towel and wa - ter, that you wash your neigh - bor's feet.  
turn bombs to bread, and tears of an - guish in - to joy.  
our food and faith be shared as one for 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.

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

#### **\*Congregational Amen**

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

### **POSTLUDE**

Chaconne, Prelude and Fugue in C Major

D. Buxtehude

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

We are grateful for those who serve with us today:  
Writing Prayers and Leading Worship - Jo-Ann Badley;  
Writing Prayers of the People - Christina Ward;  
Scripture Readers - Ken Badley, Greg Schoepp;  
Video & Sound Technician - Evan Adnams.

*Permission to podcast/stream the music in this service obtained from ONE LICENSE, License #A-625688. All rights reserved.*

**FBC Ministry Team:**

Rev. Jeremy Keay, Senior Minister

Dawn Stiles, Minister of Children and Families

Dr. Evelyn Grieger, Minister of Music (on vacation)

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