

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Seeking the peace and well-being of the city

June 7, 2026, 11:00 a.m.

Second
Sunday after
Pentecost



PRELUDE

We Have Come to Join in Worship

C. Callahan

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

INTROIT

I Have Called You by Your Name

D.C. Damon/KELLY

CALL TO WORSHIP

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

The Living God Be Praised

LEONI

Text: The Yigdal of Daniel ben Judah (1400?); tr. Max Landsberg (1845–1928)
and Newton Mann (1836–1926), alt.

1 The liv - ing God be praised! Give hon - our to God's name;
2 With - out a form is God, nor can we com - pre - hend.
3 God's Spir - it flow - eth free, high surg - ing where it will;
4 E - ter - nal life hath God im - plant - ed in the soul;

who was, and is, and is to be, for aye the same;
the measure of God's love for us without an end.
in proph- et's word God spoke of old and speak- eth still.
God's love shall be our strength and stay while a - ges roll.

the one e - ter - nal God ere all that now ap - pears,
For God is Lord of all; cre - a - tion speaks God's praise;
Es - tab - lished is God's law and change - less it shall stand,
The liv - ing one be praised! Give hon - our to God's name,

the First, the Last, be - yond all thought God's time - less years!
the hu - man race and all that lives God's will o - beys.
in - scribed up - on the hu - man heart in ev - ery land.
who was, and is, and is to be, for aye the same.

***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 (from Caryn Macdonald Stelck)

**Compassionate God,
do not grow weary of our ways.
We continue to fail at loving our human community as ourselves.
Where there is common ground, we focus on difference.
We believe we know their truth.
The reality is we don't know the other,
yet our opinions about them run deep.
We profess to know what they need: to change.
Our fear and lack of understanding babbles on
in justification of our knowing.
We lob self-righteous stones forgetting we are all equal in your sight.
We mouth words like mercy, grace, justice, but feel none for some.
We admit these are not the responses and actions of liberated people.
We know when this happens, we have veered from your path.
May your grace remove our shame, our guilt, we pray.**

(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

ANTHEM

There Is a Balm in Gilead

Spiritual, arr. J. G. Stalnaker

FIRST READING

Genesis 12:1-9

Read from the NRSV Bible

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

*HYMN OF JUSTICE

The Kingdom of God is Justice and Peace

Taizé

Text: Taizé Community
Tune: Taizé Community
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The king - dom of God is jus - tice and peace and
El rei - no de Dios es rei - no de paz, jus -

joy in the Ho - ly Spir - it. Come, Lord, and
ti - cia y a - le - grí - a. Ven, Dios, y

o - pen in us the gates of your king - dom.
a - bre en mí las puer - tas del rei - no.

Last time ♪

Last time ♪

BLESSING OF MARLO HENRY

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

M. Card

Adrienne Sitko will sing the 1st verse;

Congregation please join for 2nd verse: (sing 2x)

The Lord be gracious to you.

**The Lord turn his face towards you,
and give you peace, and give you peace,
and give you peace, forever.**

SECOND READING

Matthew 9:9-13

Read from the the NRSV Bible

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

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Allan Effa

(Silence for personal reflection)

*HYMN OF APPROACH

Jesus Calls Us Here to Meet Him

JESUS CALLS US

Text: John L. Bell (1949-) and Graham Maule (1958-).

Music: Melody Gaelic trad.; adapt. and arr. The Iona Community (Scotland).

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Unison

1 Je - sus calls us here to meet him, as through word and
2 Je - sus calls us to con - fess him Word of life and
3 Je - sus calls us to each oth - er: found in him are
4 Je - sus calls us to his ta - ble root - ed firm in

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song and prayer we af - firm God's prom - ised pres - ence where his
 Lord of all, shar - er of our flesh and frail - ness, sav - ing
 no di - vides. Race and class and sex and lan - guage—such are
 time and space, where the church in earth and heav - en finds a

peo - ple live and care. Praise the God who keeps his prom - ise;
 all who fail or fall. Tell his ho - ly hu - man sto - ry;
 bar - riers he de - rides. Join the hand of friend and stran - ger;
 com - mon meet - ing place. Share the bread and wine, his bod - y;

praise the Son who calls us friends; praise the Spir - it
 tell his tales that all may hear; tell the world that
 join the hands of age and youth; join the faith - ful
 share the love of which we sing; share the feast for

who, a - mong us, to our hopes and fears at - tends.
 Christ in glo - ry came to earth to meet us here.
 and the doubt - er in their com - mon search for truth.
 saints and sin - ners host - ed by our Lord and King.

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

The communion offering for the month of June is designated to the Summer Camp Bursary Fund.

Offertory

Trio in G Major (from Cantata BWV 149)

J.S. Bach

*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

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

BEECHER

WORDS: Jane Parker Huber (1926-)

MUSIC: John Zundel (1815-1882)

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1 Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is-tries of grace,
2 Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in-spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
3 Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,
4 So God grant us for to-mor-row ways to or-der hu-man life



we re-pond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
let us fol-low, nev-er fal-tering, rec-on-cil-ing folk on earth.
help us bear each oth-er's bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.
that sur-round each per-son's sor-row with a calm that con-quests strife.



May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,
 Men and wom-en, rich-er, poor-er, all God's peo-ple, young and old,
 Words of com-fort, words of vi-sion, words of chal-lenge, said with care,
 Make us part-ners in our liv-ing, our com-pas-sion to in-crease,

e - qual part-ners in our car-ing to ful-fill God's cho-sen end.
 blend-ing hu-man skills to-geth-er gra-cious gifts from God un-fold.
 bring new power and strength for ac-tion, make us col-leagues, free and fair.
 mes-sen-gers of faith, thus giv-ing hope and con-fi-dence and peace.

***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

Toccatà on LEONI

M. Burkhardt

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

We are grateful for those who serve with us today:
Scripture Reading - Gwen Tasker, Warren Tasker;
Communion Preparation - Twyla Fletcher, Olivia Weaver;
Video & Sound Technician - Evan Adnams.

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FBC Ministry Team:

Rev. Jeremy Keay, Senior Minister
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 to church. Thank you for helping us care for one another.
— FBC Council*