

# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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

June 28, 2026, 11:00 a.m.

Fifth  
Sunday after  
Pentecost



## PRELUDE

Fantasia on DARWALL'S 148th

J.S. Dixon

## GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

## CALL TO WORSHIP

### \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

We Gather as Christ's Body

THAXTED

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Music: Gustav Theodor Holst, 1916

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1 We gath - er as Christ's bod - y and lift our hearts a - new.  
2 In times when we are sep - 'rate and dis - tance feels a strain  
3 Though ev - en when we're si - lenced, our hearts up - lift in praise



The Spir - it is a - mong us, at work in all we do.  
We turn to - ward Cre - a - tor who re - as - sures a - gain:  
for love that's ev - er - seek - ing; for love that ev - er - stays.



And God, the One we wor - ship, shows ten - der lov - ing care:  
Though sad - ness may be - fall us, what tri - al can as - sail?  
We bring this prom - ise with us: God's pres - ence is at hand



in - vit - ing life - a - bun - dant with sib - lings ev - ery - where.  
Can sick - ness sep - a - rate us? Can fear or death de - rail?  
when lone - li - ness is crush - ing, when we don't un - der - stand.



No sor - row can con - fine us, no pow - er can de - stroy  
No! Noth - ing can di - vide us, not height or depth or space,  
Our trust makes ways of know - ing; in weak - ness we are strong;



our hope - ful trust to guide us, our songs of faith and joy.  
from God our watch - ful par - ent, who folds us in em - brace.  
our faith be - comes our cour - age, God's love be - comes our song.

### **\*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**

**Eternal God,  
You came to us in Jesus  
Who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.  
As we welcome Him, we welcome the One who sent Him.  
Yet, we often find ourselves confused  
by the many voices who falsely claim to be sent from You.  
They tempt us with other, easier ways of living.**

**Merciful God,  
show us how we have avoided the hard work of knowing Your truth,  
and testing the spirits of our times.  
Forgive us for choosing to stay comfortable and safe,  
rather than offering ourselves to be sent into the world.**

**Grant us the will and courage to repent with broken and sorry hearts,  
and strengthen us to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus,  
Who sends us to proclaim the Way, the Truth, and the Life.  
In Your mercy, hear our prayers.**

*(Silence for personal reflection and confession)*

## **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**

Jeremiah 28:5-9

Read from the NRSV Bible

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

## LITANY

One: O LORD, in Your grace You have called us  
to be Your chosen, holy people,  
Your royal priesthood to draw the world to Yourself.

**Many: In Your mercy, remind us of our high and holy calling.**

One: Yahweh, You have gifted Your chosen people  
and sent them to be Your image  
and to bear Your Name faithfully in the world.

**Many: In Your mercy, remind us of our high and holy calling.**

One: Lord Jesus, You have said that those who welcome Your sent ones,  
welcome You, and the One who sent You.

**Many: In Your mercy, remind us of our high and holy calling.**

**All: Holy Spirit, prepare the way as we are sent,  
so the Father and the Son may be welcomed.**

## \*HYMN OF PRAISE

We Are the Church

PORT JERVIS

WORDS and MUSIC: Richard K. Avery (1934- ) and Donald S. Marsh (1923- )  
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*Refrain (Unison)*

I am the church! You are the church! We are the church to -  
geth - er! All who fol - low Je - sus,  
all a - round the world! Yes, we're the church to - geth - er!

1 The church is not a build-ing, the church is not a stee-ple,  
 2 We're man - y kinds of peo - ple, with man - y kinds of fac - es,  
 3 Some-times the church is march-ing, some-times it's brave - ly burn-ing,  
 4 And when the peo - ple gath - er, there's sing - ing and there's pray - ing,  
 5 At Pen - te - cost some peo - ple re - ceived the Ho - ly Spir - it

the church is not a rest - ing place, the church is a peo - ple.  
 all col - ors and all a - ges, too, from all times and plac - es.  
 some-times it's rid - ing, some-times hid - ing, al - ways it's learn-ing.  
 there's laugh-ing and there's cry - ing some-times, all of it say - ing:  
 and told the Good News through the world to all who would hear it.

*to Refrain*

## BLESSING OF HANNAH KOESLING

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.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### \*HYMN OF MEDITATION

They Did Not Build in Vain

DARWALL'S 148th

1 They did not build in vain who found - ed here a church as  
 2 They built up - on the rock that is the ris - en Lord, the  
 3 Those who have loved this place, a cloud of wit - ness - es, sur -  
 4 Though the hor - i - zon's bend con - ceals the way a - head, the  
 5 Here is our meet - ing place, where doubt finds grounds of faith, where

wit - ness to God's love a - mid a world of pain, for still, to  
 one foun - da - tion laid which stands each earth - ly shock; that, Spir - it  
 round and urge us on as we now run our race, and so we  
 foot-prints on the road show Christ waits at the end; in him a -  
 hurt finds heal - ing love, our pen - i - tence your grace; where bridg - ing

those who wish to see, this place pro - claims God's mys - ter - y.  
 filled, we here might raise, as liv - ing tem - ples, prayer and praise.  
 lay a - side each sin in our de - sire to strive and win.  
 lone our faith shall stand who waits for us at God's right hand.  
 time to e - ter - ni - ty is God the ho - ly Trin - i - ty.

**SECOND READING**

Matthew 10:40-42

Read from the NRSV Bible

Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

# SERMON

Rev. Jeremy Keay

(Silence for personal reflection)

## CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### Offertory

Sent Forth By God's Blessing

H. Helvey

### \*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

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

ABBOT'S LEIGH

WORDS: Jeffery Rowthorn (1934- )

MUSIC: Cyril V. Taylor (1907-1991)

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1 Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the sick and  
2 Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: "In my name bap -  
3 Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my bod - y,  
4 Lord, you show us love's true meas - ure: "Fa - ther, what they  
5 Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing: "I am with you

preach the word." Lest the church neglect its mission  
 tize and teach." That the world may trust your promise,  
 this my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glory,  
 do, for-give." Yet we hoard as pri-vate treasure  
 to the end." Faith and hope and love re-stor-ing,

and the gos-pel go un-heard, help us wit-ness  
 life a-bun-dant meant for each, give us all new  
 dai-ly lift life heav-en-ward, ask-ing that the  
 all that you so free-ly give. May your care and  
 may we serve as you in-tend, and, a-mid the

to your pur-pose with re-newed in-teg-ri-ty:  
 fer-vor, draw us clos-er in com-mu-ni-ty:  
 world a-round us share your chil-dren's lib-er-ty:  
 mer-cy lead us to a just so-ci-e-ty:  
 cares that claim us, hold in mind e-ter-ni-ty:

With the Spir-it's gifts em-power us for the work of min-is-try.

## **\*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**

Voluntary No 3 in A Major

D. Bédard

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

We are grateful for those who serve with us today:

Leading Worship & Writing Prayers - Louise Adnams;

Writing Prayers of the People - Liz Grinevitch;

Scripture Reading - Ryan Keay, Christine Marthinsen;

Video & Sound Technician - Evan Adnams.

### **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

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— FBC Council