

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Seeking the peace and well-being of the city

August 2, 2026, 10:00 a.m.

Tenth
Sunday after
Pentecost



PRELUDE
ELLACOMBE

arr. J.D. Payne

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

CALL TO WORSHIP

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

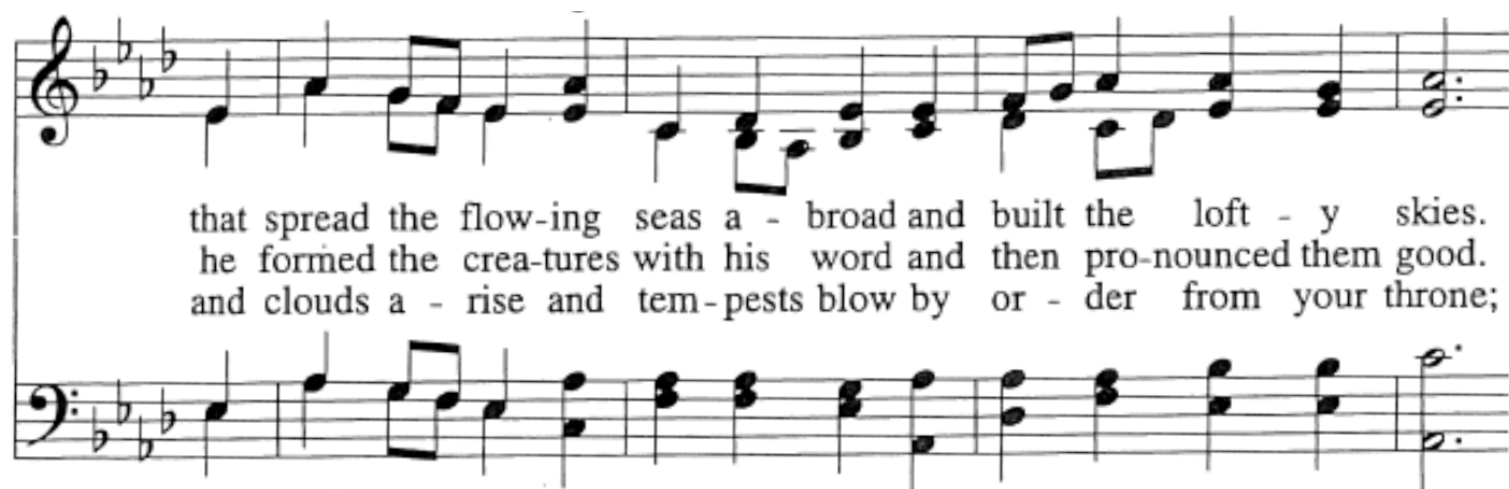
I Sing the Almighty Power of God

ELLACOMBE

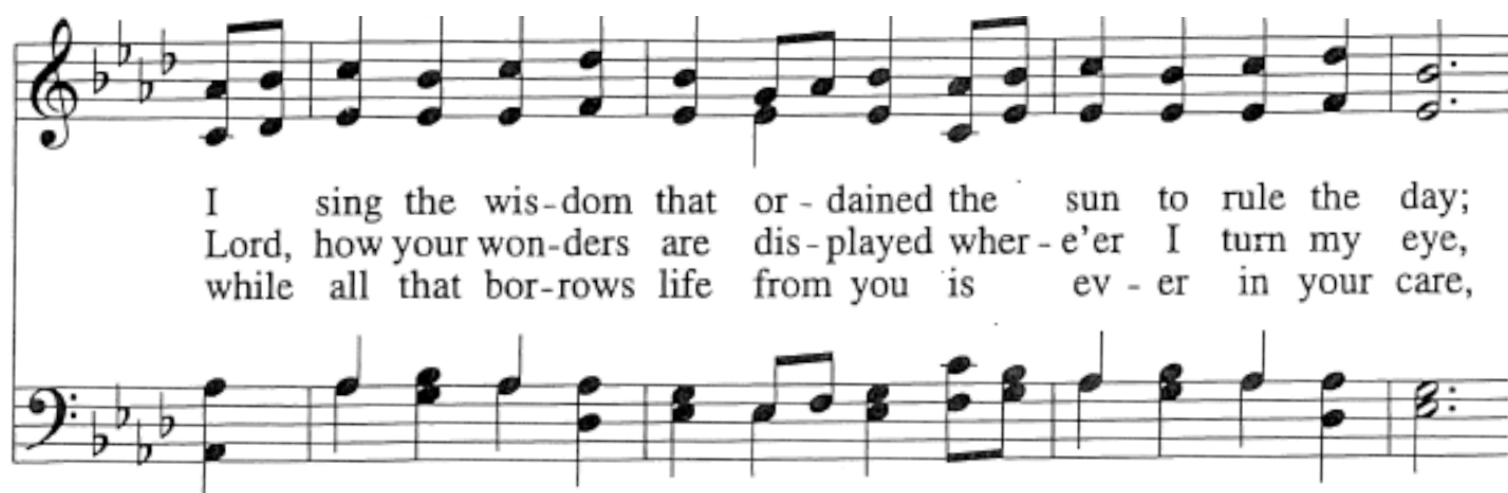
WORDS: Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

MUSIC: Gesangbuch der H. W. K. Hofkapelle, 1784

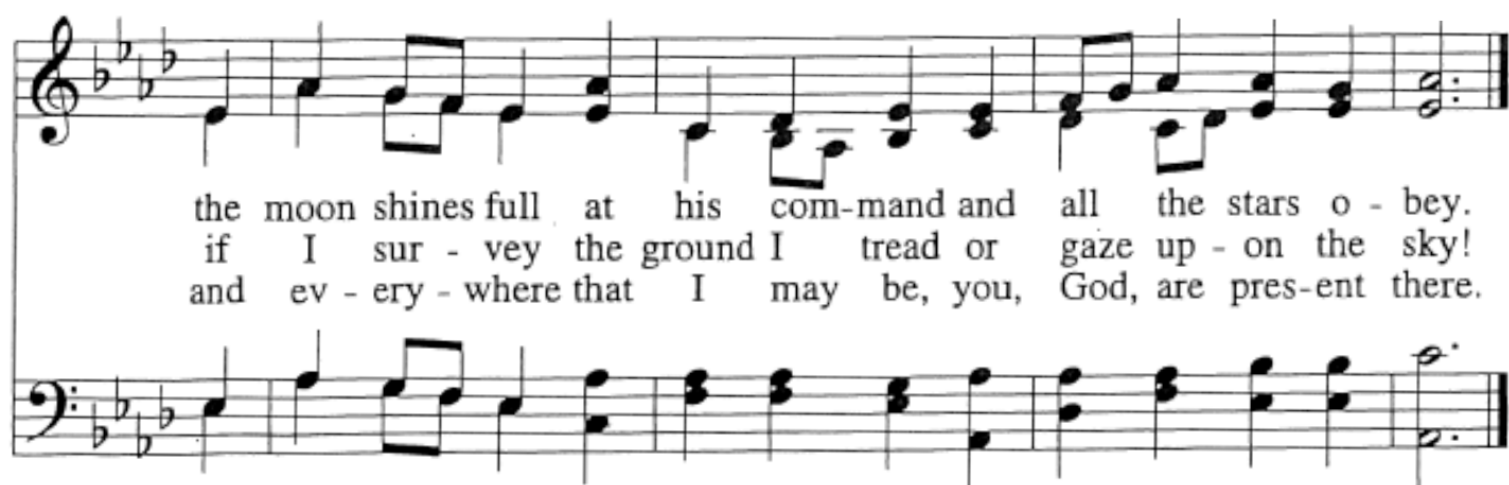
1 I sing the al-might-y power of God that made the moun-tains rise,
2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;
3 There's not a plant or flower be - low but makes your glo - ries known;



that spread the flow-ing seas a - broad and built the loft - y skies.
he formed the crea-tures with his word and then pro-nounced them good.
and clouds a - rise and tem-pests blow by or - der from your throne;



I sing the wis-dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day;
Lord, how your won-ders are dis-played wher - e'er I turn my eye,
while all that bor-rows life from you is ev - er in your care,



the moon shines full at his com-mand and all the stars o - bey.
if I sur - vey the ground I tread or gaze up - on the sky!
and ev - ery - where that I may be, you, God, are pres-ent there.

***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 (adapted from Katherine Hawker)

**Generous God,
We come believing in our emptiness,
believing that we will never have enough,
believing that what we have is unworthy.**

**We come fearful of sharing,
fearful of losing our tenuous grip on security,
fearful of touching and knowing the pain of others.**

**We come overwhelmed by the hunger,
overwhelmed by the suffering of people near and far,
overwhelmed by the endless tales
of senseless violence, greed, and death.**

**We come aching from the weight of the responsibility,
aching from the chilling challenge
of knowing our abundance,
aching from the gnawing awareness
that we have much to share.**

**Help us to trust as we share in your abundance
and may we be satisfied.**

(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

Isaiah 55:1-5

Read from the NRSV Bible

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

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Jesus' Hands were Kind Hands

AU CLAIR DE LA LUNE

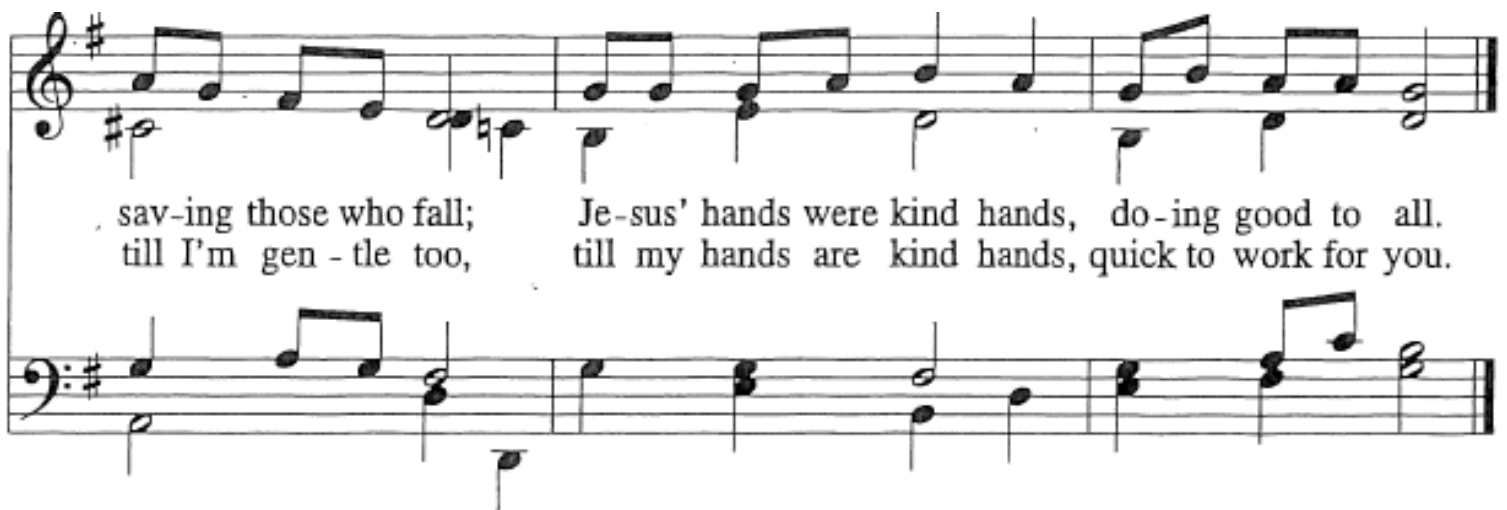
WORDS: Margaret Cropper (1886-1980)

MUSIC: French melody

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1 Je - sus' hands were kind hands, do - ing good to all, heal - ing pain and
2 Take my hands, Lord Je - sus, let them work for you; make them strong and

sick - ness, bless - ing chil - dren small, wash - ing tired feet and
gen - tle, kind in all I do; let me watch you, Je - sus,



CHILDREN'S BLESSING

SECOND READING

Matthew 14:13-21

Read from the the NRSV Bible

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

SERMON

Rev. Jeremy Keay

(Silence for personal reflection)

*HYMN OF APPROACH

Where Is Bread?

ABBOT'S LEIGH

Tune: Cyril Vincent Taylor, 1941

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| <p>¹ "Where is bread?" the great crowd murmured —
Thousands strong, yet all in need.
"Where is bread?" your people wondered,
Faced with such a crowd to feed.
Who, Lord Jesus, could have guessed it?
One small boy brought food to share.
Taking what he gave, you blessed it;
All were fed, with much to spare.</p> | <p>² Where is bread? We know their yearning;
Every day, we wish for more.
God, in time, we're slowly learning:
All we own can make us poor.
Our possessions can possess us,
Leaving hunger deep inside.
Christ our Bread, come now and bless us;
At your feast, we're satisfied.</p> |
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³ "Where is bread?" the call is rising;
Millions cry who must be fed.
God, your answer seems surprising:
"You, my Church, you give them bread."
Bread to fill each hungry spirit,
Bread for hungry stomachs, too!
Give us bread and help us share it.
Richly blest, may we serve you.

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 August is designated for E4C.

Offertory

Be Thou My Vision

arr. M. Wells

*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

The Church of Christ in Every Age

WAREHAM

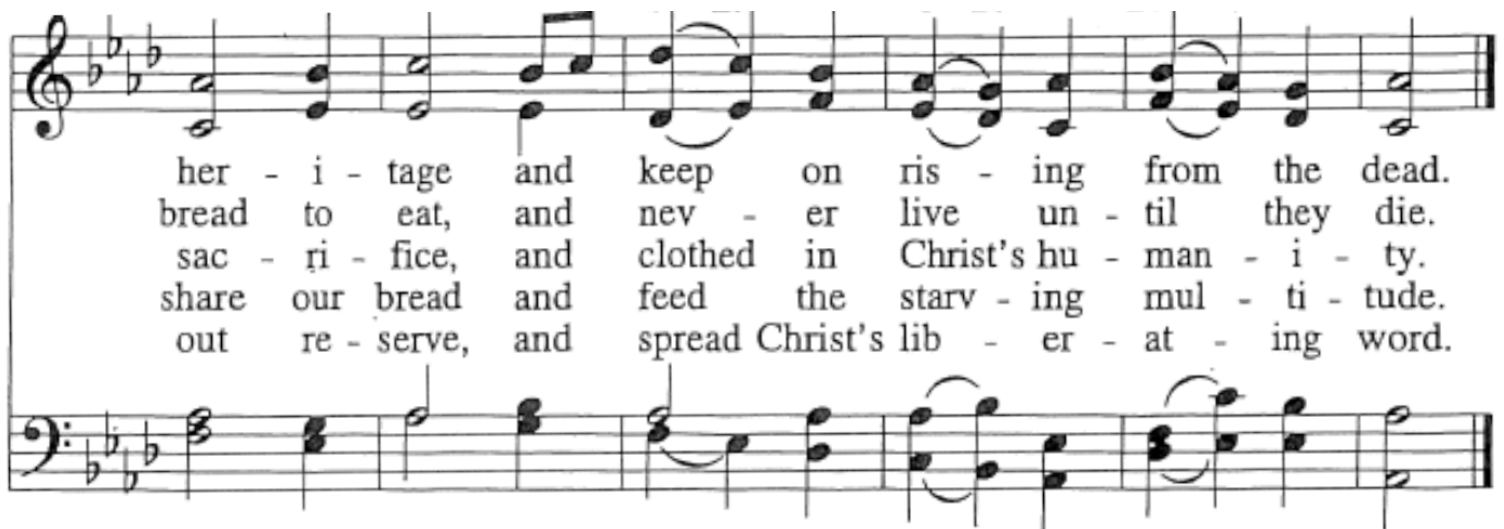
WORDS: Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000)

MUSIC: William Knapp (1698-1768)

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1 The church of Christ in ev - ery age, be - set by
2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing
4 For Christ a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the
5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -

change but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its
of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for
church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's
fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to
be - dience to our Lord: to care for all, with -



***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

Postlude on ELLACOMBE

arr. J.D. Payne

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

We are grateful for those who serve with us today:

Writing Prayer of Confession - Kathy Brown;

Leading Worship - Debbie Benson;

Scripture Reading - Pam Beavan, Jo-Ann Badley;

Communion Preparation - Twyla Fletcher, Bonnie Chan, Jon Maier;

Guest Organist - Jane Fagnan;

Video & Sound Technician - Evan Adnams.

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FBC Ministry Team:

Rev. Jeremy Keay, Senior Minister

Dawn Stiles, Minister of Children and Families (on sabbatical)

Dr. Evelyn Grieger, Minister of Music

Jerrold Eilander, Organist / Choir Accompanist (on vacation)

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