

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Seeking the peace and well-being of the city

July 12, 2026, 10:00 a.m.

Seventh
Sunday after
Pentecost



PRELUDE

Lebentanz: MIT FREUDEN ZART

Voluntary in A Major

Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word BWV 731

F. Ashdown

D. Bedard

J.S. Bach

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

INTROIT

God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven
Cory Seibel, baritone

R. Heber & F.L. Hosmer

CALL TO WORSHIP

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Let All Creation Bless the Lord

MIT FREUDEN ZART

WORDS: Carl P. Daw, Jr. (1944-); para. the *Benedicite*

MUSIC: Bohemian Brethren's Kirchengesänge, Berlin, 1566; harm. Heinrich Reimann (1850-1906)

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1 Let all cre - a - tion bless the Lord, till heaven with praise is
2 All liv - ing things up - on the earth, green fer - tile hills and
3 O men and wom - en ev - ery - where, lift up a hymn of

ring - ing. Sun, moon, and stars, peal out a chord, stir up the an -
 moun-tains, sing to the God who gave you birth! Be joy - ful, springs
 glo - ry. Let all who know God's stead-fast care tell out sal - va -

gels' sing - ing. Sing, wind and rain! Sing, snow and sleet! Make
 and foun - tains, lithe wa - ter - life, bright air - borne birds, wild
 tion's sto - ry. No tongue be si - lent—sing your part, you

mu - sic, day, night, cold, and heat!
 rov - ing beasts, tame flocks and herds! Ex - alt the God who made you.
 hum - ble souls and meek of heart!

***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

**Most Ancient Gardener, our God,
you have planted us as good seed in fertile soil.
And in the mystery of seeds and gardens,
through rain and hail, wind and sun,
you intend that we will flourish and produce good fruit.**

**We confess that we are overwhelmed
by the rain and hail, the wind and sun.
We do not attend carefully to the mystery of growth
that comes from your presence with us.
We are caught up in worries about being productive
and do not trust your intent that we will blossom to your glory.**

**We are grateful for this hour of worship when our lives can be realigned.
We begin our worship by confessing that we need this realignment.
Forgive us our inattentiveness and our lack of trust.**

(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

Isaiah 55:10-13

Read from the NRSV Bible

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

ANTHEM

No Need to Fear

G. Kendrick

Cory Seibel, baritone

LITANY

One: We are like seeds and birds come to pick at us.
But together we confess that ...

**Many: God is good and God's good purposes
for the whole creation will be accomplished.**

One: We are like seeds and our roots may be shallow.
But together we confess that ...

**Many: God is good and God's good purposes
for the whole creation will be accomplished.**

One: We are like seeds and weeds threaten to choke us.
But together we confess that ...

**Many: God is good and God's good purposes
for the whole creation will be accomplished.**

**All: We will go out in joy and come back in peace,
singing and clapping, affirming that God is good
and God's good purposes for the whole creation will be accomplished.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Touch the Earth Lightly

TENDERNESS

WORDS: Shirley Erena Murray (1931-)

MUSIC: Colin Gibson (1933-)

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1 Touch the earth light - ly, use the earth gent - ly,
2 We who en - dan - ger, who cre - ate hun - ger,
3 Let there be green - ing, birth from the burn - ing,
4 God of all liv - ing, God of all lov - ing,

nour - ish the life of the world in our care:
a - gents of death for all crea - tures that live,
wa - ter that bless - es and air that is sweet,
God of the seed - ling, the snow and the sun,

gift of great won - der, ours to sur - ren - der,
 we who would fos - ter clouds of dis - as - ter—
 health in God's gar - den, hope in God's chil - dren,
 teach us, de - flect us, Christ re - con - nect us,

trust for the chil - dren to - mor - row will bear.
 God of our plan - et, fore - stall and for - give!
 re - gen - er - a - tion that peace will com - plete.
 us - ing us gent - ly, and mak - ing us one.

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN OF MEDITATION

Almighty God, Thy Word Is Cast

ALBANO

Text: John Cawood (1775–1852), alt.
 Music: Francis Vincent Novello (1781–1861).

1 Al - mighty - y God, thy word is cast like
 2 Let not the foe of right - eous - ness this
 3 Let not the world's de - ceit - ful cares the
 4 Oft as the pre - cious seed is sown, thy

seed in - to the ground: now let the dew of
 ho - ly seed re - move: but give it root in
 ris - ing plant des - troy: but let it yield a
 quick - ening grace be - stow, that all whose souls the

heaven des - cend and right - eous fruits a - bound.
 ev - ery heart, to bring forth fruits of love.
 hun - dred - fold the fruits of peace and joy.
 truth re - ceive its sav - ing power may know.

SECOND READING

Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

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

Beautiful Savior

T. Shaw

***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 Trees of the Field

S. Dauermann

WORDS: Steffi Geiser Rubin (1950-); para. Isaiah 55:12

MUSIC: Stuart Dauermann (1944-)

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You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace; the

The first system of the hymn features a treble and bass staff in G major and 3/2 time. The treble staff contains the vocal melody with lyrics underneath. The bass staff provides a simple accompaniment. The lyrics for this system are "You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace; the".

moun-tains and the hills will break forth be - fore you; there'll be shouts of joy,

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics for this system are "moun-tains and the hills will break forth be - fore you; there'll be shouts of joy,".

and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands.

The third system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics for this system are "and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands.".

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands, the

The fourth system concludes the hymn. It includes a fermata over the final chord in the treble staff. The lyrics for this system are "And all the trees of the field will clap their hands, the".

trees of the field will clap their hands, the trees of the field will

clap their hands while you go out with joy.

* x = clap hands.

***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.

***Benediction**

This Is My Father's World
Cory Seibel, baritone

M.D. Babcock

***The Sending of the Community**

***Congregational Amen**

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

POSTLUDE

Sortie in C Major

M. Ellis

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

We are grateful for those who serve with us today:
Leading Worship & Writing Prayers - Jo-Ann Badley;
Writing Prayers of the People - Chen Okafor;
Scripture Reading - Warren Tasker, Sandra Beckman;
Guest Soloist - Cory Seibel;
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 (away)
Jerrold Eilander, Organist / Choir Accompanist

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— FBC Council