



Seeking the peace and well-being of the city

July 26, 2026, 10:00 a.m.

Ninth
Sunday after
Pentecost



PRELUDE

Hymn Medley

arr. N. Olanday

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

INTROIT

Whisper a Prayer

Anon./Traditional

CALL TO WORSHIP

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

WORDS: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908), alt.

MUSIC: Welsh melody; harm. John Roberts (1822-1877)

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
4 Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 we blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree,
 all praise we would ren - der, O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 and with - er and per - ish— but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

***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

**We confess that...
We say that we love your words,
yet we don't treat them as precious and powerful.
We want you to unfold your words to us,
yet we do not take the time to listen.
We say that your law is good,
yet we fail to obey when they are inconvenient.
We say we love all your instructions,
yet we use them only when they benefit us.**

**We skim over the teachings that challenge us
without taking them seriously.
We use your words to judge others
instead of letting them examine our own hearts first.
We fail to let our hearts break
when your law of love is broken.
We want the benefits of your words
without counting the cost.**

**Turn to us and be gracious to us.
Thank you that, by your Spirit,
transformation is happening deep inside us.**

(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

Psalms 119:129-136

Read from the NRSV Bible

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

ANTHEM

Patching It Up

S. Gulley

LITANY

One: Nothing can separate us from God's love.

Many: We are loved with an everlasting love.

One: God's love is greater than all our struggles.

Many: We are loved with an ever-shining love.

One: God's love works on our behalf.

Many: We are loved with an ever-giving love.

One: God's love erases all condemnations.

Many: We are loved with a permanent love.

All: Nothing can separate us from God's great love.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

EBENEZER

WORDS: Samuel Trevor Francis (1834-1925)

MUSIC: Thomas J. Williams (1869-1944)

1 O the deep, deep love of Je - sus, vast, un - mea - sured,
2 O the deep, deep love of Je - sus—spread his praise from
3 O the deep, deep love of Je - sus, love of ev - ery

bound-less, free! Roll - ing as a might - y o - cean in its
 shore to shore! How he loves us, ev - er loves us, chang-es
 love the best! 'Tis an o - cean vast of bless-ing, 'tis a

full - ness o - ver me! Un - der - neath me, all a - round me,
 nev - er, nev - er - more! How he watch-es o'er his loved ones,
 ha - ven sweet of rest! O the deep, deep love of Je - sus—

is the cur - rent of thy love— lead - ing on - ward,
 died to call them all his own; how for them he's
 'tis a heaven of heavens to me; and it lifts me

lead - ing home-ward, to thy glo - rious rest a - bove!
 in - ter - ced - ing, watch - ing o'er them from the throne!
 up to glo - ry, for it lifts me up to thee!

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN OF MEDITATION

Christ Beside Me

BUNESSAN

WORDS: James Quinn, S.J. (1919-); adapt. from *St. Patrick's Breastplate*

MUSIC: Gaelic melody; arr. Jack Schrader (1942-)

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1 Christ be - side me, Christ be - fore me,
2 Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand,
3 Christ be in all hearts think - ing a - bout me,
4 Christ be - side me, Christ be - fore me,

Christ be - hind me— King of my heart;
Christ all a - round me— shield in the strife;
Christ be on all tongues tell - ing of me;
Christ be - hind me— King of my heart;

Christ with - in me, Christ be - low me,
Christ in my sleep - ing, Christ in my sit - ting,
Christ be the vi - sion in eyes that see me,
Christ with - in me, Christ be - low me,



SECOND READING

Romans 8:26-39

Read from the NRSV Bible

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

SERMON

"Held in Love: Nothing Can Separate Us"

Dawn Stiles

(Silence for personal reflection)

CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

God Will Take Care of You

C. & W.S. Martin

*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

My Savior's Love

MY SAVIOR'S LOVE

WORDS and MUSIC: Charles H. Gabriel (1856-1932)



1 I stand a-mazed in the pres-ence of Je - sus the Naz - a - rene,
2 For me it was in the gar - den he prayed: "Not my will but thine."
3 He took my sins and my sor - rows, he made them his ver - y own;
4 When with the ran-somed in glo - ry his face I at last shall see,



and won-der how he could love me, a sin - ner, con-demned, un-clean.
He had no tears for his own griefs, but sweat drops of blood for mine.
he bore the bur - den to Cal - vary, and suf-fered, and died a - lone.
'twill be my joy through the a - ges to sing of his love for me.



How mar-vel-ous, how won-der-ful! And my song shall ev - er be:
O how mar-vel-ous! O how won-der-ful!



How mar-vel-ous, how won-der-ful is my Sav-ior's love for me!
O how mar-vel-ous! O how won-der-ful!



***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

Like a River Glorious

F. Havergal

***The Sending of the Community**

***Congregational Amen**

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

POSTLUDE

Faith/God is On Our Side

Mendelssohn/A. Crouch
arr. N. Olanday

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

We are grateful for those who serve with us today:
Leading Worship & Writing Prayers - Cheryl Krueger;
Prayers of the People - Naomi Mahaffy;
Scripture Reading - Louise Adnams, Barbara Falk;
Guest Pianist - Nathan Olanday;
Video & Sound Technician - Evan Adnams.

FBC Ministry Team:

Rev. Jeremy Keay, Senior Minister (on vacation)
Dawn Stiles, Minister of Children and Families
Dr. Evelyn Grieger, Minister of Music
Jerrold Eilander, Organist / Choir Accompanist (on vacation)

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— FBC Council