

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Seeking the peace and well-being of the city

August 9, 2026, 10:00 a.m.

Eleventh
Sunday after
Pentecost



PRELUDE

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

AZMON

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

INTROIT

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song
Joanne Linden, mezzo-soprano

arr. M. Burkhardt

CALL TO WORSHIP

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

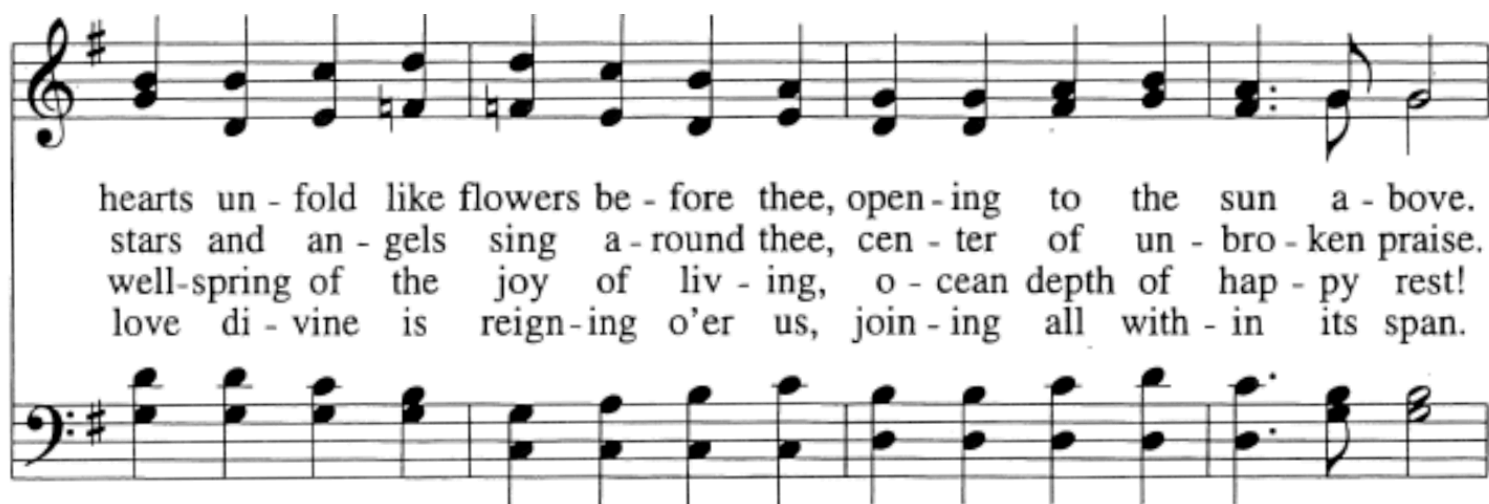
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN OF JOY

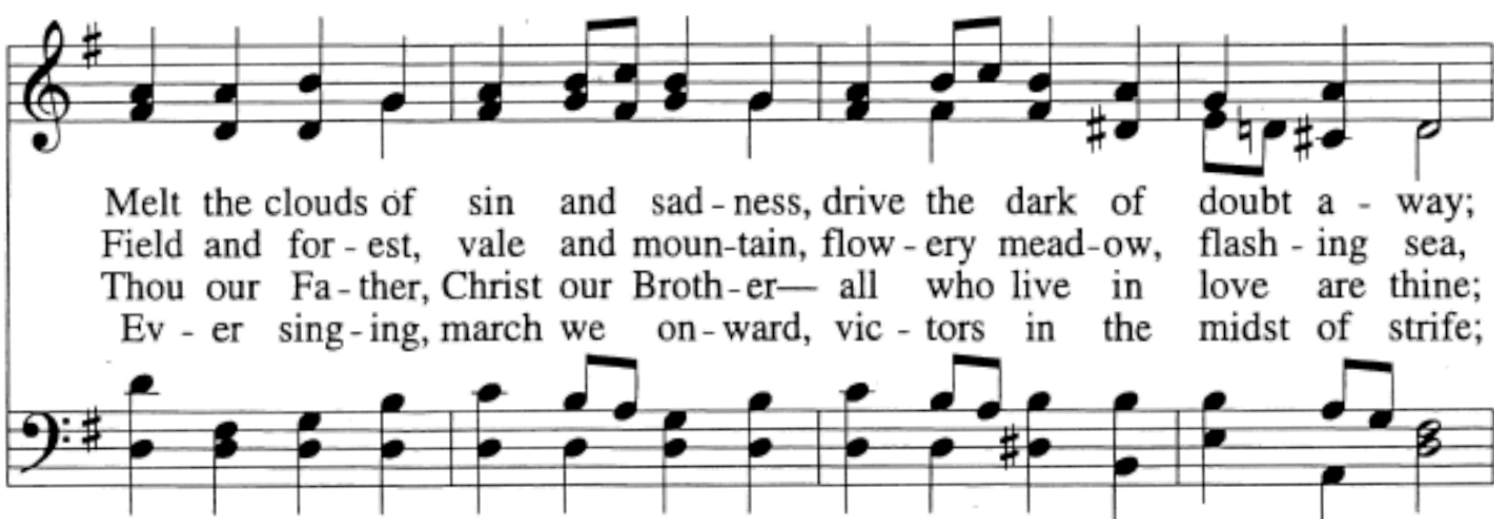
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MUSIC: Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)

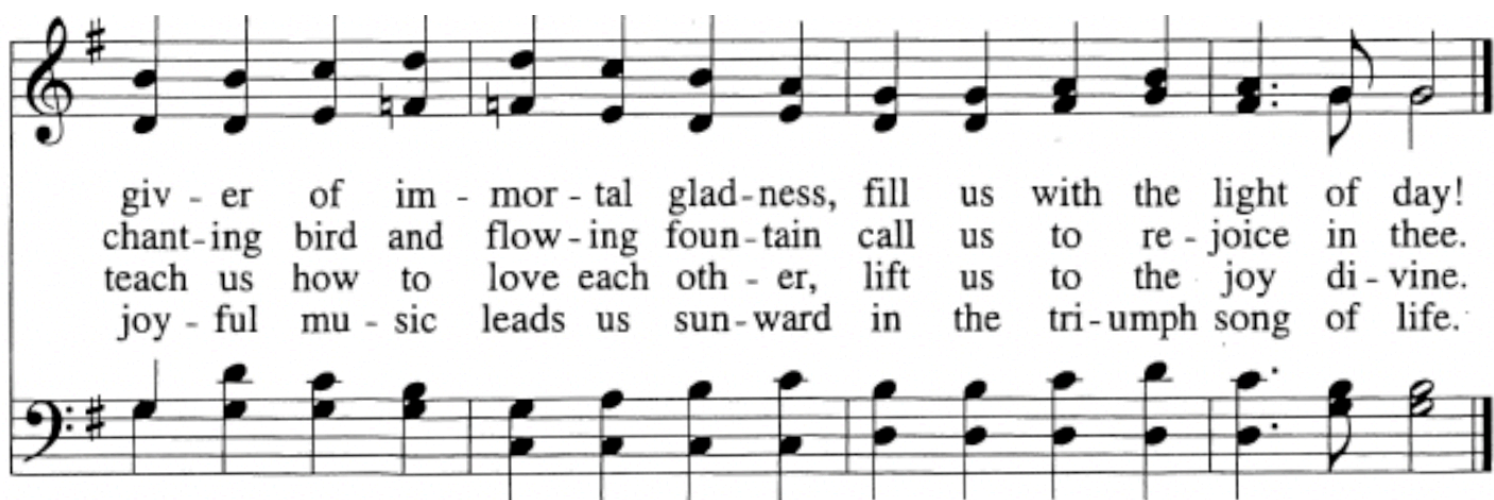
1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,
4 Mor - tals, join the hap - py cho - rus which the morn - ing stars be - gan;



hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, open - ing to the sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean depth of hap - py rest!
love di - vine is reign - ing o'er us, join - ing all with - in its span.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the dark of doubt a - way;
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - ery mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Broth - er— all who live in love are thine;
Ev - er sing - ing, march we on - ward, vic - tors in the midst of strife;



giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day!
chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine.
joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun - ward in the tri - umph song of life.

***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

Lord, we confess that, like Peter,
we are often inclined to allow our circumstances,
rather than the spoken Word of God, to dictate our actions.
We sometimes read the scriptures
as if they were yesterday's newspapers.
We do not doubt the message, but we fail to practice it.
We listen, but we do not hear.
We read, yet we do not reflect on the scriptures.

Lord, You know us.
Teach us what it means to **KNOW** ourselves;
show us how to reflect and understand ourselves better.

(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

Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24

Read from The Message

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

ANTHEM

My Jesus I Love Thee

arr. D. Forrest

LITANY

One: God created us wonderfully with love and great skill.

Many: He deserves all our praise.

One: God sees me no matter where I am; whether it is dark or light.

Many: God is always with us, even if we do not feel His presence.

One: God knows what I'm thinking at all times.

Many: God's love and care for us cannot be matched.

**All: God Almighty, our Creator,
deserves our highest praise and adoration.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Praise the Name of Jesus (sing 2x)

R. Hicks, Jr.

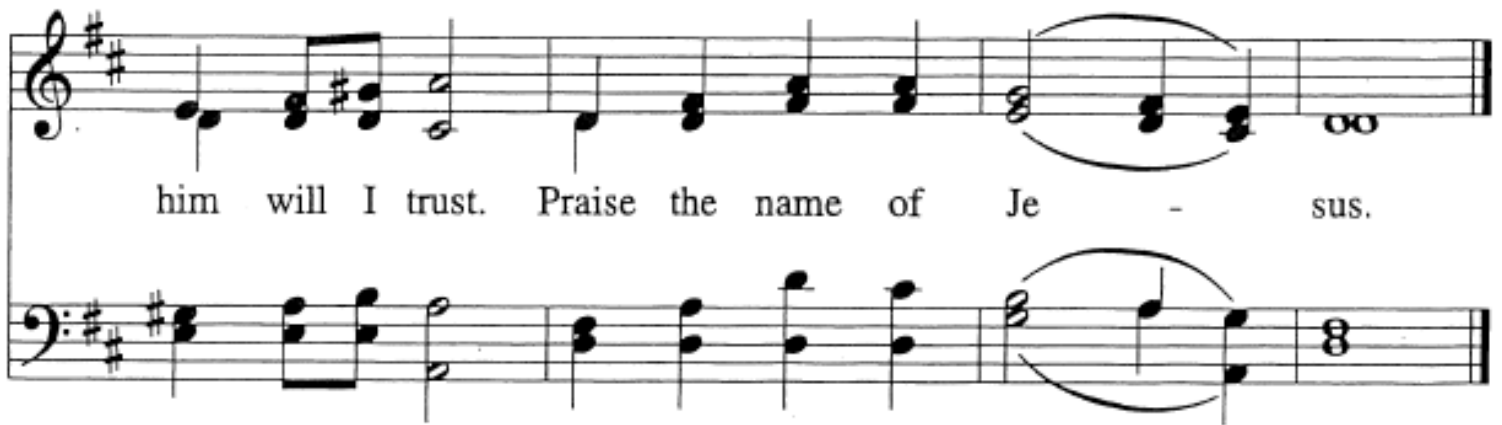
WORDS and MUSIC: Roy Hicks, Jr. (1943-); para. Psalm 18:1

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The image displays a musical score for the hymn 'Praise the Name of Jesus'. It is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. The score is divided into two systems. The first system contains the first line of the hymn: 'Praise the name of Je - sus, praise the name of Je - sus.' The second system contains the second line: 'He's my Rock, he's my For - tress, he's my De - liv - er - er, in'. The lyrics are placed below the corresponding vocal staves. The music features a mix of whole, half, quarter, and eighth notes, with some rests and ties. The bass line provides a steady harmonic foundation.

Praise the name of Je - sus, praise the name of Je - sus.

He's my Rock, he's my For - tress, he's my De - liv - er - er, in



CHILDREN'S BLESSING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN OF MEDITATION

Search Me, O God

MORECAMBE

Albert Benjamin Simpson, 1897
 Courtesy of the Cyber Hymnal™

- 1 Search me, O God, search me and know my heart;
 Try me and prove me in the hidden part;
 Cleanse me and make me holy, as Thou art,
 And lead me in the way everlasting.
- 2 Thou art the same today and yesterday;
 Oh, make Thy life in me the same alway;
 Take from my heart the things that pass away;
 Lead, lead me in the way everlasting.
- 3 Take my poor heart and only let me love
 The things that always shall abiding prove;
 Bind all my heartstrings to the world above,
 And, lead me in the way everlasting.
- 4 Help me to lay my treasures up on high;
 Teach me to seek my future in the sky;
 Give me my portion yonder by and by,
 And, lead me in the way everlasting.

⁵ Oh, let my work abide the testing day
That shall consume the stubble and the hay;
Oh, build my house upon the rock, I pray,
And, lead me in the way everlasting.

SECOND READING

Matthew 14:22-33

Read from the NRSV Bible

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

SERMON

Becky Bonham

(Silence for personal reflection)

CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Take My Life and Let It Be

arr. 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

Christ Be With Me

ST. PATRICK

Words: attrib. St. Patrick, trans. Cecil Frances Alexander 1889

Music: ancient Irish hymn melody; arr. Charles Villiers Stanford 1902

1 Christ be with me, Christ with - in me, Christ be -
2 Christ be - neath me, Christ a - bove me, Christ in

hind me, Christ be - fore me, Christ be - side me, Christ to
qui - et, Christ in dan - ger, Christ in hearts of all that

win me, Christ to com - fort and re - store me.
love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stran - ger.

***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.

***Sung Benediction**

May the Hope of Jesus Find You

R. Edwards

***The Sending of the Community**

***Congregational Amen**

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

POSTLUDE

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

A. Travis

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

We are grateful for those who serve with us today:
Writing Prayers - Christina Ward;
Leading Worship & Prayers of the People - Debbie Benson;
Scripture Reading - Nick Bargeman, Greg Schoepp;
Guest Soloist - Joanne Linden;
Video & Sound Technician - Evan Adnams.

FBC Ministry Team:

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

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— FBC Council