



Seeking the peace and well-being of the city

September 13, 2026, 11:00 a.m.

Sixteenth
Sunday after
Pentecost



PRELUDE

Partita on DIX

D.D. Klotzbeacher

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

INTROIT

For Beauty of Meadows

ST. DENIO

CALL TO WORSHIP

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

We Praise You, Creator

LYONS

Words: Edmund Louis Budry 1904, English trans. Andrew Donaldson 1993

Music: attrib. Johann Michael Haydn, arr. William Gardiner 1815

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1 We praise you, Cre - a - tor, in earth, sea, and sky:
2 Each spring-time the blos - soms bloom frag - rant once more;

our each Rul - er, our Mak - er, our Sov - ereign most high.
 each sum - mer and aut - umn brings forth its rich store.

Each new gen - er - a - tion lifts voic - es in praise;
 With wit - ness com - pel - ling our praise and our prayer,

how good your cre - a - tion, how gra - cious your ways!
 cre - a - tion is tell - ing of your faith - ful care.

3 Your wondrous works teach us,
 Creator, to trace
 the limitless reaches
 of your love and grace.
 Your grace dwells among us,
 your love goes before:
 from eldest to youngest
 we praise and adore.

***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

**O God, our Creator and Sustainer,
You made a garden for us to till and keep.
You filled it with animals and birds for us to name.
You saw our loneliness and provided companionship.**

**And what have we done with your gifts?
We named the animals and then drove them extinct.
Our companions have become our competitors.
Instead of tilling your garden, we take from it.**

**Forgive us our greed and our hubris.
Teach us to know what we have named.
Teach us to live with each other as helpers and partners.
Teach us to keep this garden as you keep us.**

(Silence for personal reflection and confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***GLORIA PATRI**

**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.**

R. Goodson

FIRST READING

Psalm 148:1-14

Read from the NRSV Bible

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

RESPONSIVE READING

One: Praise the Lord from the heavens.

Many: Praise him, all his host.

One: Praise him, you highest heavens.

Many: For he commanded and they were created.

One: Praise the Lord from the earth.

**Many: Praise him, mountains and hills,
and every animal.**

One: Praise him rulers and all peoples.

Many: Praise him, men and women, young and old.

All: Praise the name of the Lord

for his name alone is exalted.

His glory is above earth and heaven.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

God of the Sparrow

ROEDER

WORDS: Jaroslav J. Vajda (1919-)

MUSIC: Carl F. Schalk (1929-)

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Music © 1983 GIA Publications

Unison



1	God	of	the	spar - row	God	of	the	whale
2	God	of	the	earth-quake	God	of	the	storm
3	God	of	the	rain - bow	God	of	the	cross
4	God	of	the	hun - gry	God	of	the	sick
5	God	of	the	neigh - bor	God	of	the	foe
6	God	of	the	a - ges	God	near	at	hand

Chords: G, C, F, E7, Am, Em

God of the swirl - ing stars
 God of the trum - pet blast
 God of the emp - ty grave
 God of the prod - i - gal
 God of the prun - ing hook
 God of the lov - ing heart

How does the crea - ture say
 How does the crea - ture cry
 How does the crea - ture say
 How does the crea - ture say
 How does the crea - ture say
 How do your chil - dren say

Chords: F, Em, Am, Dm, 1-5 Gsus, G, 6 C

Awe
 Woe
 Grace
 Care
 Love
 Joy

How does the crea - ture say
 How does the crea - ture cry
 How does the crea - ture say
 How does the crea - ture say
 How does the crea - ture say
 How do your chil - dren say

Praise
 Save
 Thanks
 Life
 Peace

Home

*last time

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN OF MEDITATION

Thank You, God, for Water, Soil, and Air

AMSTEIN

WORDS: Brian Wren (1936-)

MUSIC: John Weaver (1937-)

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1 Thank you, God, for wa - ter, soil, and air, large gifts sup-port-ing
 2 Thank you, God, for min - er - als and ores, the ba - sis of all
 3 Thank you, God, for price-less en - er - gy, stored in each at - om,
 4 Thank you, God, for weav-ing na - ture's life in - to a seam-less
 5 Thank you, God, for mak-ing plan - et earth a home for us and



ev - ery - thing that lives. For - give our spoil - ing and a - buse of
 build-ing, wealth, and speed. For - give our reck - less plun-der - ing and
 gath-ered from the sun. For - give our greed and care-less-ness of
 robe, a frag - ile whole. For - give our haste that tam-pers un - a -
 a - ges yet un - born. Help us to share, con - sid - er, save, and



them. Help us re - new the face of the earth.
 waste. Help us re - new the face of the earth.
 power. Help us re - new the face of the earth.
 ware. Help us re - new the face of the earth.
 store. Come and re - new the face of the earth.

SECOND READING

Genesis 2:4-19

Read from the NRSV Bible

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

SERMON

Amanda Strain

(Silence for personal reflection)

CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Fair Are the Meadows

F. Peeters

*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

This Is God's Wondrous World

TERRA BEATA

Words: Maltbie Davenport Babcock 1901, alt.

Music: English traditional melody, adapt. Franklin L. Sheppard 1915, adapt. Stanley Oliver 1929

1 This is God's won-drous world, and to my listen-ing ears
2 This is God's won-drous world: the birds their car-ols raise,
3 This is God's won-drous world: O let me ne'er for-get

all na-ture sings, and round me rings the mu-sic of the spheres.
the morn-ing light, the li-ly white, de-clare their Mak-er's praise.
that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul-er yet.

This is God's won-drous world, I rest me in the thought of
This is God's won-drous world: God shines in all that's fair, in the
This is God's won-drous world: why should my heart be sad? Let

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system contains three verses of the hymn. The second system contains the main body of the hymn. The third system contains a final verse. The music is written in a traditional hymn style with block notes and stems.



***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

All Creatures of Our God and King

D. Bédard

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

We are grateful for those who serve with us today:

Writing Prayers - Gordon Dinwoodie;

Leading Worship & Prayers of the People - Jo-Ann Badley;

Scripture Reading - Jack Barker, Matt Barker;

Video & Sound Technician - Evan Adnams.

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

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— FBC Council