



Seeking the peace and well-being of the city

September 20, 2026, 11:00 a.m.

Seventeenth
Sunday after
Pentecost



PRELUDE

Voluntary
We Gather Together

C.P. Johnson
M.H. Corl

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

INTROIT

Come and Worship

K. Marrolli

CALL TO WORSHIP

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Gather Us In

GATHER US IN

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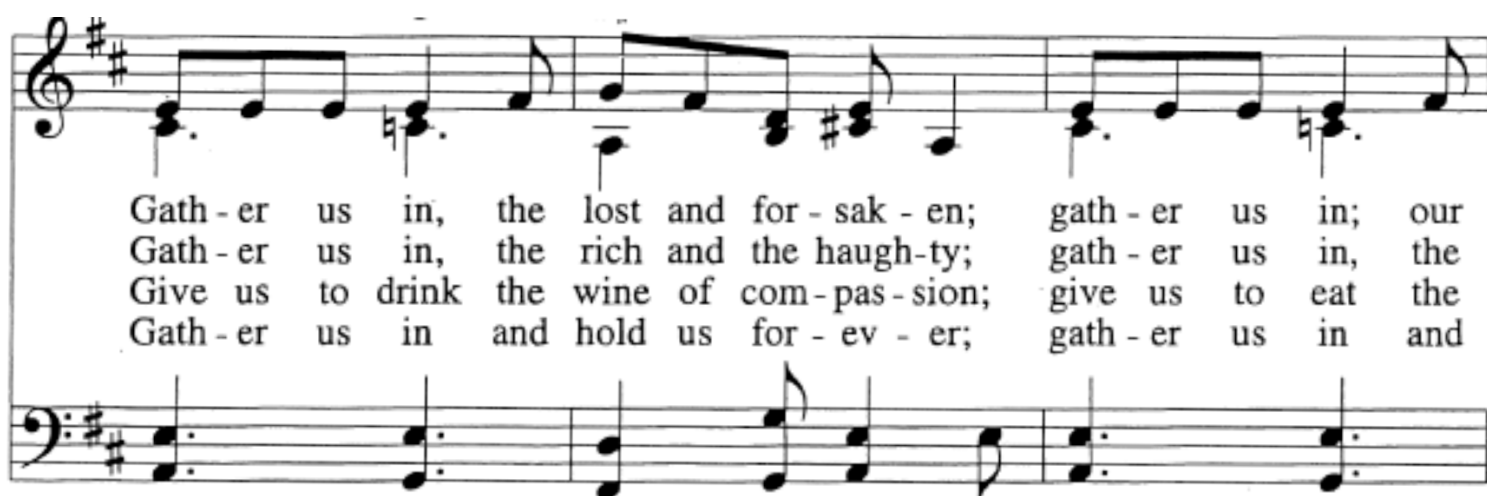
1 Here in this place, the new light is stream-ing, shad-ows of doubt are
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery; we are the old, who
3 Here we re-ceive new life in the wa-ters; here we re-ceive the
4 Not just in build-ings, small and con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ish-ed a - way. See in this space our fears and our dream-ings,
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his - tory,
 bread of new birth; here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a - way, here in this place the new light is shin - ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
 now is God pres - ent, and now is the day.



Gath - er us in, the lost and for - sak - en; gath - er us in; our
 Gath - er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath - er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion; give us to eat the
 Gath - er us in and hold us for - ev - er; gath - er us in and

spir - its in - flame. Call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en;
proud and the strong; give us a heart so meek and so low - ly;
bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,

we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
give us the cour-age to en - ter the song.
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

***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

**Creative God,
we are fearfully and wonderfully made, and so is your church.
You designed us to live in harmony, but often we miss the mark.
We decide that some people are better than others,
or more important, or more useful.
We see differences and call them deficits.
We spot frailties and think them failures.
We are quick to get impatient and annoyed,
and wish others were more like ourselves.
How skillfully we cut others down to size!**

**Forgive us for behaving like little gods,
for our relentless bias in our own favour.
Forgive us, too, when we cut ourselves down,
and devalue what you have called good.**

**Help us delight in our diverse humanity,
each one formed for your glory.**

(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

1 Corinthians 12:18-27

Read from the NRSV Bible

Response to the reading: **“Thanks be to God”**

ANTHEM

All God's People Come Together

P. Choplin

LITANY

One: Thank you, God, for our preachers and teachers.

Many: We are many parts, but one body.

One: Thank you, God, for our musicians and singers.

Many: We are many parts, but one body.

One: Thank you, God, for our council members and administrators.

Many: We are many parts, but one body.

One: Thank you, God, for our greeters, readers, and computer experts.

Many: We are many parts, but one body.

One: Thank you, God, for all who serve, for every act of love.

All: Let us love one another, because love is from God.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

We Gather as Christ's Body

THAXTED

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Music: Gustav Theodor Holst, 1916

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1 We gath - er as Christ's bod - y and lift our hearts a - new.
2 In times when we are sep - 'rate and dis - tance feels a strain
3 Though ev - en when we're si - lenced, our hearts up - lift in praise

The Spir - it is a - mong us, at work in all we do.
We turn to - ward Cre - a - tor who re - as - sures a - gain:
for love that's ev - er - seek - ing; for love that ev - er - stays.

And God, the One we wor - ship, shows ten - der lov - ing care:
Though sad - ness may be - fall us, what tri - al can as - sail?
We bring this prom - ise with us: God's pres - ence is at hand



in - vit - ing life - a - bun - dant with sib - lings ev - ery - where.
 Can sick - ness sep - a - rate us? Can fear or death de - rail?
 when lone - li - ness is crush - ing, when we don't un - der - stand.



No sor - row can con - fine us, no pow - er can de - stroy
 No! Noth - ing can di - vide us, not height or depth or space,
 Our trust makes ways of know - ing; in weak - ness we are strong;



our hope - ful trust to guide us, our songs of faith and joy.
 from God our watch - ful par - ent, who folds us in em - brace.
 our faith be - comes our cour - age, God's love be - comes our song.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN OF MEDITATION

Draw the Circle Wide

BROWNING

Text and music: Gordon Light (1944-), © 1994 Common Cup Company.

Refrain



Draw the cir - cle wide. Draw it wid - er still.



Let this be our song, no one stands a - lone, stand - ing side by

Last time

side, draw the cir - cle wide.

1 God the still-point of the cir - cle, 'round whom all cre - a - tion turns;
 2 Let our heart touch far hor - i - zons, so en - com - pass great and small;
 3 Let the dreams we dream be lar - ger, than we've ev - er dreamed be - fore;

To refrain

no-thing lost, but held for - ev - er, in God's gra - cious arms.
 let our lov - ing know no bor - ders, faith - ful to God's call.
 let the dream of Christ be in us, o - pen ev - ery door.

SECOND READING

1 John 4:7-13

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

Aria in C

P. Lehenbauer

*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

O God in Whom All Life Begins

NOEL

WORDS: Carl P. Daw, Jr. (1944-)

MUSIC: English melody; arr. Arthur S. Sullivan (1842-1900)

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1 O God in whom all life be-gins, who births the seed to fruit,
2 U - nite in mu - tual min - is - try our minds and hands and hearts
3 Through tears and laugh-ter, grief and joy, en - large our trust and care;



be - stow your bless-ing on our lives; here let your love find root.
that we may have the grace to seek the power your peace im - parts.
so bind us in com - mu - ni - ty that we may risk and dare.



Bring forth in us the Spir - it's gifts of pa-tience, joy, and peace;
So let our var - ied gifts com-bine to glo - ri - fy your Name
Be with us when we gath - er here to wor-ship, sing, and pray,



de - liv - er us from numb-ing fear, and grant our faith in-crease.
that in all things by word and deed we may your love pro-claim.
then send us forth in power and faith to live the words we say.



***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.

***Choral Benediction**

Let Us Walk Forth

K. Morrelli

***The Sending of the Community**

***Congregational Amen**

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

POSTLUDE

And Again, I Say, Rejoice!

B. Portman

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

We are grateful for those who serve with us today:

Writing Prayers - Liz Grinevitch;

Leading Worship & Prayers of the People - Amanda Strain;

Scripture Reading - Louise Adnams, Ryan Keay;

Video & Sound Technician - Evan Adnams.

FBC Ministry Team:

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

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— FBC Council