

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Seeking the peace and well-being of the city

September 6, 2026, 11:00 a.m.

Fifteenth
Sunday after
Pentecost



PRELUDE

Crown Him With Many Crowns

S. Rogers

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

CALL TO WORSHIP

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

God Is Here!

ABBOT'S LEIGH

WORDS: Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000)

MUSIC: Cyril V. Taylor (1907-1991)

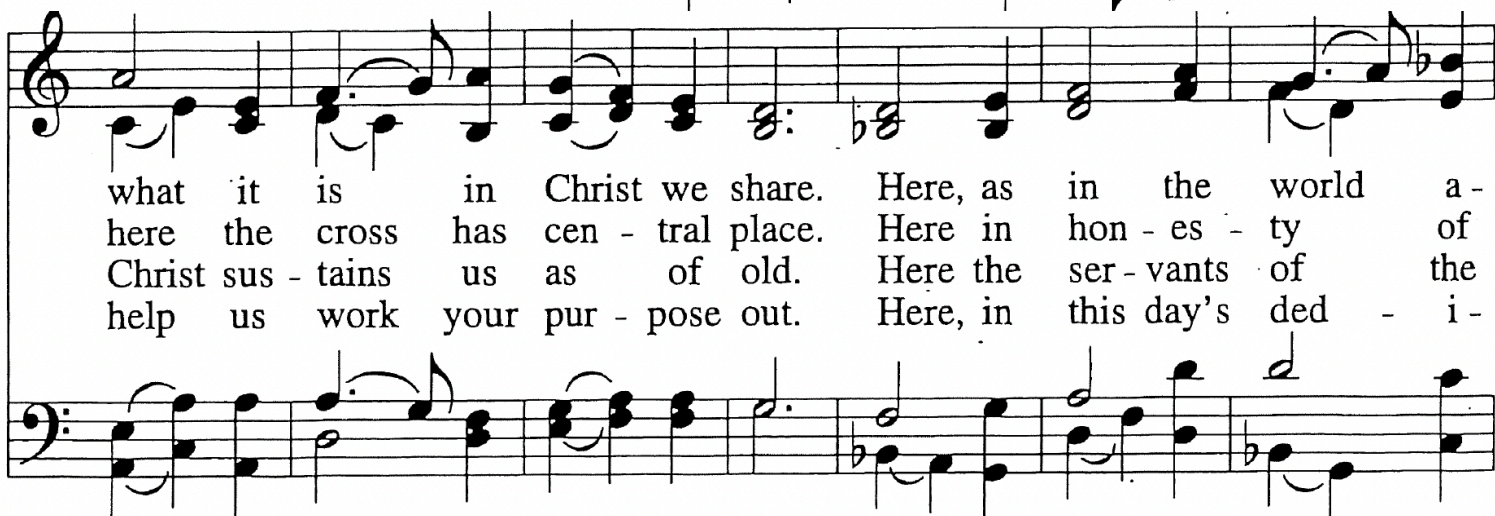
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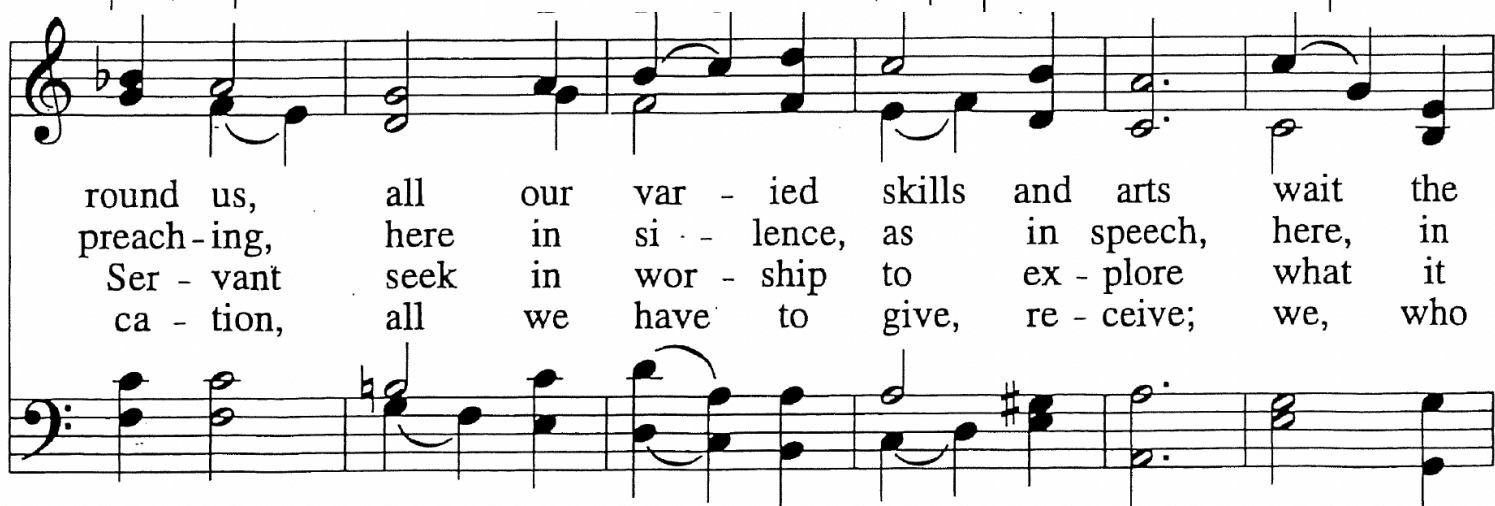
1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long
3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
 need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
 flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,
 change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the Gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world a -
 here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es - ty of
 Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants of the
 help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's ded - i -



round us, all our var - ied skills and arts wait the
 preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech, here, in
 Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore what it
 ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive; we, who



com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
 can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

***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

Triune God,
you have made us for community
and we long to experience genuine fellowship.
But we confess that sometimes it is hard work.

We are too busy to move beyond surface acquaintances
and avoid the risk of opening our hearts.
People annoy, irritate, and even offend us.
We wish others would think and act like we do.
So, we judge them and insulate ourselves from them.

Forgive us and help us to do our part
in building a true community that reflects your love.

(Silence for personal confession and reflection)

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

Romans 13:8-12

Read from the NRSV Bible

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

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA

Francis Lyte 1834, alt., adapt. vv. 1-3, 5 Ecumenical Women's Center 1974

1869; desc. W. Herbert Belyea 1975

1975 Herbert Belyea.

This hymn can be sung using this harmony. See words on next page.

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) using a two-staff system. The key signature is D major (two sharps: F# and C#). The time signature is 4/4. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, while the bass clef provides harmonic support with chords and moving lines. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

¹ Praise, my soul, the God of heaven,
glad of heart your carols raise;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who, like me, should sing God's praise.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Praise the Maker all your days!

² Praise God for the grace and favour
shown our forebears in distress;
God is still the same forever,
slow to chide and swift to bless.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Sing our Maker's faithfulness!

³ Like a loving parent caring,
God knows well our feeble frame;
gladly all our burden bearing,
still to countless years the same.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
All within me, praise God's name!

⁴ Frail as summer's flower we flourish;
blows the wind and it is gone;
but, while mortals rise and perish,
God endures unchanging on.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Praise the high eternal one.

⁵ Angels, teach us adoration,
you behold God face to face;
sun and moon and all creation,
dwellers all in time and space.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Praise with us the God of grace!

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

SECOND READING

Matthew 18:15-20

Read from the the NRSV Bible

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

SERMON

Rev. Jeremy Keay

(Silence for personal reflection)

*HYMN OF APPROACH

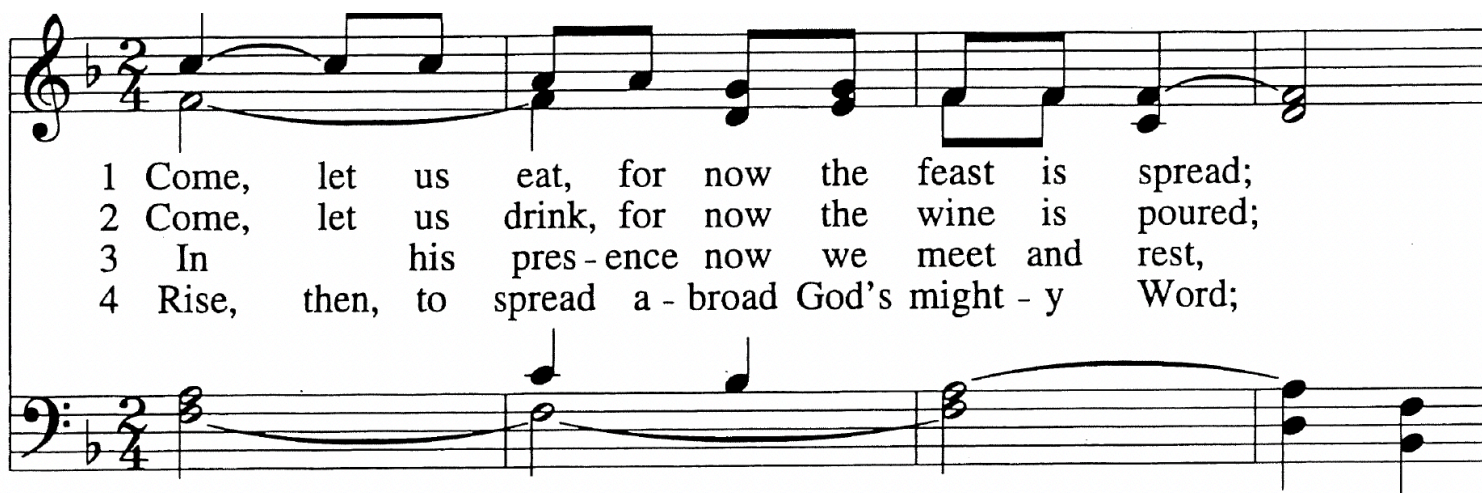
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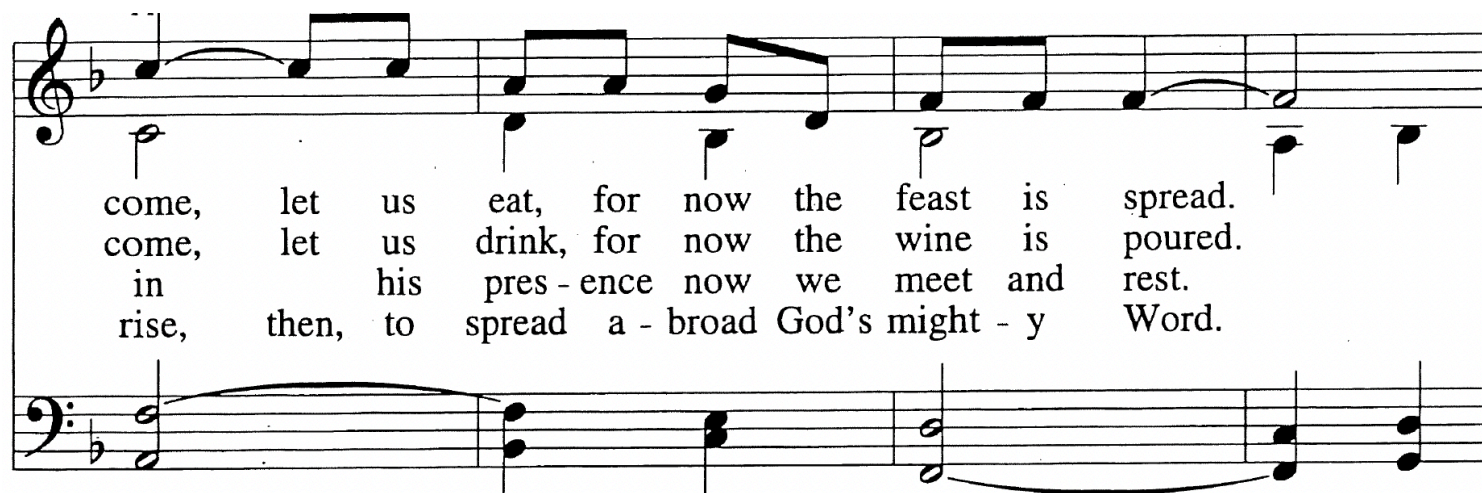
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Unison



1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread;
2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured;
3 In his pres-ence now we meet and rest,
4 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y Word;



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Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er,
 Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er,
 In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er,
 Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom,

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GATHERING AT THE TABLE

***The Passing of the Peace**

***Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,

Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, dead, and buried;

he descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,

and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty

from there he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic* Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

**catholic means the church universal or the church for all time*

The Bread

The Cup

All who seek God and the presence of Christ are welcome to participate

CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

The communion offering for the month of September is designated for Healing at the Wounding Place.

Offertory

The Gift to be Simple

D. Wood

*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

Now "We Are Leaving"

EVENING HYMN

WORDS: Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000)

MUSIC: David Haas (1957-)

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Unison

The musical score is written for unison in 3/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of a treble and a bass staff. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final cadence. Below the treble staff, there are four lines of lyrics, each corresponding to a different verse of the hymn. The lyrics are: 1 Now it is eve - ning: lights of the cit - y; 2 Now it is eve - ning: lit - tle ones sleep - ing; 3 Now it is eve - ning: food on the ta - ble; 4 Now it is eve - ning: here in our meet - ing.

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2 Now it is eve - ning: lit - tle ones sleep - ing

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4 Now it is eve - ning: here in our meet - ing

bid us re - mem - ber Christ is our light.
 bid us re - mem - ber Christ is our peace.
 bids us re - mem - ber Christ is our life.
 may we re - mem - ber Christ is our friend.

Man - y are lone - ly, who will be neigh - bor?
 Some are ne - glect - ed, who will be neigh - bor?
 Man - y are hun - gry, who will be neigh - bor?
 Some may be strang - ers, who will be neigh - bor?

Where there is car - ing, Christ is our light.
 Where there is car - ing, Christ is our peace.
 Where there is shar - ing, Christ is our life.
 Where there's a wel - come, Christ is our friend.

***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

Festal Postlude

G.F. Handel

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

We are grateful for those who serve with us today:
Prayer of Confession and Leading Worship - Rev. Allan Effa;
Scripture Reading - Sandra Beckman, Jon Maier;
Communion Preparation - Bonnie Chan, Jon Maier;
Guest Organist - Leroy Hiller;
Video & Sound Technician - Evan Adnams.

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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 (away)

As we attempt to provide comfortable spaces for all and we have some members who have severe scent sensitivities, we ask that people refrain from wearing perfumes and colognes to church. Thank you for helping us care for one another.
— FBC Council