



"Solomon," (Sistine Chapel, 1508-12, Michelangelo Buonarroti)



THE WORSHIP OF GOD
EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 26, 2020
ONLINE WORSHIP
10:45 A.M.

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PREPARING OUR HEARTS IN ANTICIPATION

Prelude

“A Trumpeting”
Dale Wood
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The simple things are also the most extraordinary things, and only the wise can see them.

- Paulo Coelho

Welcome and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Rev. Dr. John Williams

Call to Worship

Rev. Dr. John Williams
Psalm 119

Leader: Blessed be God whose word gives hope and shapes our dreams,

People: whose love has conquered death.

Leader: Blessed be God who orders our way and guides our steps,

People: who leads us into life.

LIFTING OUR VOICES IN PRAISE

Hymn of Praise (CONGR #350)

“Blessed Be the Name”
BLESSED NAME

Passing of the Peace

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you!

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

If able, please text or message someone from the congregation and share with them the sign of peace.

Responding in Peace (CONGR #352)

“All Praise to Thee”
SINE NOMINE

**All praise to Thee, for Thou, O King divine, didst yield the glory that of right was Thine,
That in our darkened hearts Thy grace might shine: Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Gospel Reading

Rev. Dr. John Williams
Matthew 13.44-52

Leader: This is the Word of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

SHARING OURSELVES IN PRAYER

Call to Prayer (CONG #400)

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”
PRECIOUS LORD

Hearing our Joys and Concerns

Unison Discipline of Confession

We confess that we have turned away from you and have not lived with upright hearts. Forgive us for failing to follow you. Guide our feet to walk in your ways and serve your world to the glory of your name.

Discipline of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Your sins are forgiven; be at peace, for all things work together for good for those who love God.

Morning Prayer 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. Amen.

RETURNING OUR GIFTS IN GRATITUDE

New Testament Reading

Rev. Dr. John Williams
Romans 8.26-39

Sentences of Stewardship

Offertory

"Grateful"
by Mark Hayes
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Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving

Faith Now (video)

LaMoine Tatum and Kylee Johnston

PROCLAIMING THE TRUTH WITH HOPE

Old Testament Reading

Rev. Jennifer Schneider
I Kings 3.5-12

Ministry of Music

"Belly of the Deepest Love"
By Tow'rs

Sermon

Rev. Jennifer Schneider
"What is Your Dream?"

Hymn of Response (CONGR 71)

"Be Thou My Vision"
SLANE

Life of the Church

Benediction

Pulpit Guest: Rev. Jennifer Schneider
Liturgist: John Williams
Cantor: Mark Robinson
Soloists: Jesse Heilman, Michaela Schenkel
Pianist: Christy Miller
Organist: Evelyn Falen
Livestream Video Crew: Susan Pauls, Matt & Kylee Johnston, Brandon & Joanna Gillette
Sound: Shane Schenkel
YouTube Chat Moderator: Jenny Purvis

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Local Church: Morningstar Church
American Baptist Churches -USA; Regional Executive Minister Rev. David Gregg, serving the Chicago metro area.
International Ministries Missionaries: Amanda & Jon Good, serving in Hungary

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Every member of First Baptist Church, like every disciple of Christ, is commissioned to participate in Christian ministry.

The following persons have been called by this congregation to empower such ministry:

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