



*"The Milky Way over the Burning Bush" by Trey Ratcliff*



THE WORSHIP OF GOD  
EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
JULY 31, 2022  
ONLINE AND IN-PERSON WORSHIP  
FBC SANCTUARY  
11:00 A.M.

THE WORSHIP OF GOD  
SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
JULY 31, 2022

*Through life, I want to walk gently. I want to treat all of life – the earth and its people – with reverence. I want to remove my shoes in the presence of holy ground. As much as possible, I want to walk in peace. I want to walk lightly, even joyfully, through whatever days I am given. I want to laugh easily. I want to step carefully in and out of people's lives and relationships. I don't want to tread any heavier than necessary. And throughout life, I think I would like to walk with more humility and less anger, more love and less fear. I want to walk confidently, but without arrogance. I want to walk in deep appreciation. I want to be genuinely thankful for life's extravagant, yet simple, gifts – a star-splattered night sky or a hot drink on an ice-cold day.*

- Steve Goodier

Gathering Music

“Wonderful Words of Life” (Offenbach's Barcarolle)

Philip P. Bliss / Gail Smith

“Praise Him! Praise Him!” (Chopin's Etude Op. 25 No. 9)

Chester G. Allen / Gail Smith

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Welcome and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

Prelude

Prelude on "Dix"

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\* Call to Worship

John Pauls

Psalm 107

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.

**People: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.**

Leader: God turns a desert into pools of water, a parched land into springs of water.

**People: And there God lets the hungry live, and they establish a town to live in; they sow fields, and plant vineyards, and get a fruitful yield.**

Leader: Let the people thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind.

**People: Let them extol him in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders.**

LIFTING OUR VOICES IN PRAISE

\* Hymn of Praise (CONGR 310)

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

HYMN TO JOY

\* 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.*

\* In-person worshippers are invited to stand as able

\* Responding in Peace (CONGR 196, vs.1)

"Alleluia No. 1"

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**Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to His name.**

**Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of creation.**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to His name.**

Children's Sermon

Rev. Cristina Adams

### SHARING OURSELVES IN PRAYER

Call to Prayer (CONGR 159)

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

CRUSADERS' HYMN (ST. ELIZABETH)

Hearing our Joys and Concerns

Unison Discipline of Confession

**Holy God, you lavish us with good gifts, yet we persist in seeking after that which robs us of abundant life. We hold fast to our anxieties and give in to our greed; we desire the very things that harm us. Forgive us, purify us, and sustain us by the strength of your Holy Spirit.**

Discipline of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*If God is for us, who can be against us? In Jesus Christ you have been set free. Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.*

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

Sentences of Stewardship

Offertory

"Intermezzo Op. 117 No. 2"

Johannes Brahms. G. Schirmer, Inc.

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\* Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving

**(Those wishing to attend Children's Church may leave now.)**

### PROCLAIMING THE TRUTH WITH HOPE

Old Testament Reading

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

Exodus 3.1-12

Scripture Response (CONGR 666)

"For Beauty of Meadows"

EXPRESSION

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Sermon

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant  
"Listen to the Voice of Creation"

\* Hymn of Invitation (CONGR 19)

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"  
FOREST GREEN

Life of the Church

Benediction

Postlude

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"  
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*The flowers on the altar this morning are given for the greater glory of God!*

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Liturgist: John Pauls

Cantor: Mark Robinson

Organist & Chancel Choir Accompanist: Evelyn Falen

Livestream Video Crew: Kylee & Matthew Johnston Sound: Brandon Gillette

YouTube Chat Moderator: Susan Pauls

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Pat Transue, upcoming surgery

Local Church: Cornerstone Community Church

American Baptist Churches, USA, Exe. Minister; Rev. Dr. James M. Harrison, serving ABC of the South

International Ministries Missionaries: J.D. & Rhonda Reed, serving in Bolivia

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