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THE WORSHIP OF GOD
TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 28, 2022
ONLINE AND IN-PERSON WORSHIP
FBC SANCTUARY
11:00 A.M.

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The stone never moves as you sit there facing it, but after a while it poses a question. How did the stone face of the canyon cliff change on the day of your divorce, the day your father or mother died, the day you came to admit your dependency on alcohol or drugs?...the stone cliff never changed at all. It remained entirely unmoved. Something continued constant and unbroken throughout the utter depth of your pain. Something stayed there, in all of its majesty...for you...present, waiting, and still. The landscape's silent immensity—and the God to whom it points—is able to absorb all the grief one can give it.
-Belden Lane

Gathering Music

“Rejoice in the Lord Always” (Chopin's Minute Waltz)

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Welcome and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

Prelude

“Sabbath Morn”

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* Call to Worship

John Pauls
Psalm 148

Leader: Let everything that has being praise the name of the Lord!

People: Mountains and hills, fruit trees and all cedars, shall praise the name of the Lord.

Leader: Young men and women alike, old and young together shall praise the name of the Lord.

People: We shall praise your name, O God, for your glory is above earth and heaven.

Leader: Let us worship God!

LIFTING OUR VOICES IN PRAISE

* Hymn of Praise (CONGR 58)

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”
ST. DENIO

* 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 20)

“Creation Sings”
CREATION SINGS

Hallelujah! Let all creation stand and sing, “Hallelujah”

Fill the earth with songs of worship; tell the wonders of creation’s King.

Children’s Sermon

Rev. Cristina Adams

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

SHARING OURSELVES IN PRAYER

Call to Prayer

“Down to the River to Pray”
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New Testament Reading

Rev. Cristina Adams
Colossians 1.15-20

Hearing our Joys and Concerns

Unison Discipline of Confession

God of goodness and truth, we have failed to seek after your wisdom and have followed paths that have led away from you. Forgive our foolish ways, and lead us in your truth, that we may live in the fullness of life as you intend through Christ our Lord.

Discipline of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Beloved, your sins are forgiven, for God is merciful and just. Therefore, be reconciled to the Lord and to one another, walking in the light of Christ.

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

Moment for Mission

Earthworks Recycling Stewardship Program
Marylee Southard

Sentences of Stewardship

Offertory

“Simple Gifts”
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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
Proverbs 8.22-31

Scripture Response (CONGR 226)

“Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow”
ABERYSTWYTH

Sermon

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant
"Season of Creation: Cosmos Sunday"

* Hymn of Invitation (CONGR 341)

"For the Beauty of the Earth"
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Life of the Church

Benediction

Postlude

"Trumpet Fanfare"
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The flowers on the altar this morning are given for the greater glory of God by: Kimberly Sturtevant, in honor of Pastor Matt's birthday on Aug. 31.

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Liturgist: John Pauls

Cantor & Chancel Choir Director: Mark Robinson Anthem soloist: Ella Schenkel

Organist & Chancel Choir Accompanist: Evelyn Falen

Livestream Video Crew: Susan Pauls, Brenda Schenkel Sound: Marylee Southard

YouTube Chat Moderator: Laura McCorkill

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Local Church: Fellowship Baptist Church

American Baptist Churches, USA, Exe. Minister; Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell, serving churches in Wisconsin

International Ministries Missionaries: Kit Ripley, serving in Thailand

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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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