



"Miriams Tanz", Miniatur aus dem bulgarischen Tomić Psalter, 1360/63



THE WORSHIP OF GOD
 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
 OCTOBER 2, 2022
 ONLINE AND IN-PERSON WORSHIP
 FBC SANCTUARY
 11:00 A.M.

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"Dance and song seal the memory of the event in their minds and confirm the power of God; they also celebrate the bravery of the community and prepare them for the journey ahead."
— Barbara A. Holmes

Gathering Music

"Exalt Him with Song"
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Welcome and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Rev. Cristina Adams

Prelude

"Communion Prayer"
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* Call to Worship

Rev. John Williams
By Ana and Tod Gobledale

Leader: We gather today as the people of God, as a community of Christ's followers.

People: We gather to worship, to discern the ways of faithful service.

Leader: Where in the world shall we serve our God?

People: At home and school and business place – in this community and throughout every land.

Leader: How in the world shall we serve our God?

People: By working toward justice where there is oppression, by offering comfort where there is pain, by sharing love where there is hatred.

Leader: Why in the world shall we serve our God?

People: Because the Spirit beckons us, because Jesus calls us to enact our faith. Let us now worship the one who calls us!

LIFTING OUR VOICES IN PRAISE

* Hymn of Praise (CONGR 307 v 1-4)

"All Creatures of Our God and King"
LASST UNS ERFREUEN

* 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 307 v5)

"All Creatures of Our God and King"
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**Let all things their Creator bless, and worship Him in humbleness, O praise Him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One, O praise Him,
O praise Him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

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

* Gospel Reading

Matthew 2.13-15

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Children's Sermon

SHARING OURSELVES IN PRAYER

Hearing our Joys and Concerns

Unison Discipline of Confession

Almighty God: You have called us to one table, but we have pursued our own course. You have promised us the abundance of all creation, but in our greed, the world goes without. You have promised us the bread of life itself, but in our pride, the world goes hungry. You have promised us the waters of peace and justice, but in our discord, the world goes thirsty. Now we are famished, too, Lord. Have mercy on us. Forgive us, again. Transform us, at this table, and for this table, and send us from this table as servants of your righteousness, by the power of your Son, our Lord.

Discipline of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Even when our cups run dry, God's grace overflows. Even when our plates are empty, God's generosity overflows. And even when our hearts feel barren, God's love overflows. Friends, you have been called and claimed by the God of all things, and by the abundance of God's grace, and by the power of God's love, your sins have been forgiven.

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.

Responding in Prayer (CONGR 389)

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"
CHILDREN PRAYING

RETURNING OUR GIFTS IN GRATITUDE

Sentences of Stewardship

Offertory

"Let Us Break Bread Together"
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* Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving

PROCLAIMING THE TRUTH WITH HOPE

Old Testament Reading

Rev. Cristina Adams
Exodus 15.1-21

Sermon

Rev. Cristina Adams
"Embodied Joy"

CELEBRATING THE TABLE OF GRACE

Call to Communion

“Come Take the Body”
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Invitation to the Table

Celebration of the Bread and Cup

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* Hymn of Invitation, (CONGR 33)

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”
CWM RHONDDA

Life of the Church

Benediction

Postlude

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TODAY IN WORSHIP*

*Liturgist: Rev. John Williams Cantor & Chancel Choir Director: Mark Robinson
Organist & Chancel Choir Accompanist: Evelyn Falen
Livestream Video Crew: Matthew Johnston, Jim Lord Sound: Brandon Gillette
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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

*Local Church: First United Methodist Church
American Baptist Churches, USA; Region Min. Rev. Trisha Miller Manarin, serving the District of Columbia
Baptist Convention*

International Ministries Missionaries: Corenne & Philip Smith, serving in Brazil

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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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