



THE WORSHIP OF GOD  
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
MAY 14, 2023  
ONLINE AND IN-PERSON WORSHIP  
FBC SANCTUARY  
11:00 A.M.

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*Unconditional love can be experienced in many ways...parents, a friend, a neighbor, a lover, a pet, a sister, a brother. It is all source light or love consciousness translating through us. I am grateful for a mother who loves me.*  
-Deborah Bravandt

Gathering Music "Love Medley"  
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Welcome and Lighting of the Christ Candle Rev. Cristina Adams

Prelude "Largo"  
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LIFTING OUR VOICES IN PRAISE

\* Call to Worship Anne Munsterman

Leader: Come and celebrate what God has done!

**People: God welcomes all, gives us peace, and sets us on a firm foundation.**

Leader: Come with your whole self, just as you are.

**People: God is Love, and God's love is for us, here and now.**

Leader: Come into the presence of our Holy God!

**People: We come, because through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, we belong.**

\* Hymn of Gathering (CONGR 223, vs. 1-3) "Crown Him with Many Crowns"  
DIADEMATA

\* 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 223, vs. 4) "Crown Him with Many Crowns"  
DIADEMATA

**Crown Him the Lord of love! Behold His hands and side, those wounds, yet visible above,  
in beauty glorified: all hail, Redeemer, hail! for Thou hast died for me! Thy praise and glory  
shall not fail throughout eternity.**

\* Gospel Reading Rev. Cristina Adams  
Matthew 11.28-30

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

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Children's Sermon

## SHARING OURSELVES IN PRAYER

Call to Prayer

"Sweet Hour of Prayer"  
SWEET HOUR

Hearing our Joys and Concerns

Unison Discipline of Confession

**Loving God, we have tried so hard to justify ourselves. We've done everything we can to earn our place, and made excuses about the rest. We've bought the lies of power and wealth, and trusted the false peace of this world, rejecting the deeper wholeness you offer. We've looked down on people, and looked up to others, believing some are worthy and others are not. Forgive us for thinking ourselves better than your Son who came to live and die and live again for all people. Fill us with Christ's resurrection life, that all may see your love and we may live for your glory.**

Discipline of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*"Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand." Receive the promise of God's grace!*

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

Call for Volunteers

Sentences of Stewardship

Offertory

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

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\* Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

## PROCLAIMING THE TRUTH WITH HOPE

New Testament Reading

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant  
Romans 3:27-30; 5:1-8

Ministry of Music

"Love One Another"  
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Sermon

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant  
"A Proven Love"

\* Hymn of Invitation (CONGR 631)

"O Love That Will Not let Me Go"  
DONNA

\* Life of the Church

\* Benediction

Postlude

"Finale"

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*The flowers on the altar this morning are given for the greater glory of God by the memorial fund of  
Mr. & Mrs. W.C. Simons*

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Liturgist: Anne Munsterman

Chancel Choir Director: Mark Robinson Organist & Chancel Choir Accompanist: Evelyn Falen

Livestream Video Crew: Brandon Gillette, Jim Lord Sound: Marylee Southard

YouTube & Facebook Chat Moderator: Steve & Sally Heilman Welcome Table: Kylee Johnston

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Bob Heacock, hospitalized for tests

Local Church: Rock Hill Church

American Baptist Churches, USA; Region Exe. Min. Rev. Dr. Trisha Miller Manarin, serving the District of Columbia  
Baptist Convention

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