



THE WORSHIP OF GOD
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 21, 2023
ONLINE AND IN-PERSON WORSHIP
FBC SANCTUARY
11:00 A.M.

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I want to learn to live at that pace of grace. No slower and definitely not any faster.

-Alan Falding

Gathering Music

“Blessed Assurance”

(Rachmaninoff's Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini)

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Welcome and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

Prelude

“Lord, Speak to Me”

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LIFTING OUR VOICES IN PRAISE

* Call to Worship

John Pauls

One: Grace upon grace:

All: in Christ we walk in newness of life.

One: Step by step, practice by practice:

All: we let go of the old self and present ourselves to be transformed by God's righteousness.

One: The powers of this world are defeated:

All: for Christ is alive! Alleluia.

* Hymn of Gathering (CONGR 581)

“I Love to Tell the Story”

HANKEY

* 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 586 v1)

“Grace Greater Than Our Sin”

MOODY

**Marvelous grace of our loving Lord, grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt,
yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured, there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.**

**Refrain: Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
grace, grace, God's grace, grace that is greater than all our sin.**

* Gospel Reading

John Pauls
Matthew 9.13

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Children's Sermon

Graduate Recognition

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

SHARING OURSELVES IN PRAYER

Call to Prayer (CONGR 586 v3)

“Grace Greater Than Our Sin”
MOODY

Hearing our Joys and Concerns

Unison Discipline of Confession

You are making all things new, O God, and in raising Christ from the dead you defeated the powers of sin forever. We confess that we sometimes consider ourselves dead to sin and use that as an excuse. Knowing your forgiveness covers us with grace, sometimes we think we can just dip in and out of those old ways, making little tweaks while still holding on to the comfortable part. Other times we think one mistake means we may as well not try anymore, so we simply give in. Forgive us, O God, and in the power of your resurrection Spirit recreate us. Train our hearts and minds, hands and feet in the habits of your kingdom. And should our practice fail, may your grace once again set us back on your way.

Discipline of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Receive the grace of Jesus Christ. In Christ we are a new creation, the old has passed away and new things have come into being!

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

Mark Robinson

Ministry of Music

“The Best of Rooms”

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Offertory

“It Is Finished *with* Because He Lives”

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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. Cristina Adams
Romans 6.1-14

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Sermon

Rev. Cristina Adams
"A Grace Paced Life"

* Hymn of Invitation (CONGR 587)

"Amazing Grace!"
NEW BRITAIN

* Life of the Church

* Benediction

Postlude

"Gaudeamus Igitur" (Let Us Now in Youth Rejoice)
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The flowers on the altar this morning are given for the greater glory of God in honor of all 2023 graduates

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Liturgist: John Pauls

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

Livestream Video Crew: Steve Yoder, Matthew Johnston Sound: Brandon Gillette

YouTube & Facebook Chat Moderator: Jenny Purvis Welcome Table: Kimberly Sturtevant

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Local Church: St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

American Baptist Churches, USA; Region Exe. Min. Rev. Douglas Avilesbernal, serving churches in Alaska, California, Colorado, Idaho, Utah, Venezuela and Washington State

International Ministries Missionaries: Anita & Rick Gutierrez, serving in South Africa

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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:

Rev. Dr. Matthew Sturtevant – matt@firstbaptistlawrence.com	Senior Pastor
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