

"Healing of the Ten Lepers," JESUS MAFA, Cameroon, Africa



THE WORSHIP OF GOD EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST JULY 23, 2023 ONLINE AND IN-PERSON WORSHIP FBC SANCTUARY 11:00 A.M.

The Worship of God Eighth Sunday After Pentecost July 23, 2023

I have abandoned all particular forms of devotion, all prayer techniques. My only prayer practice is attention. I carry on a habitual, silent, and secret conversation with God that fills me with overwhelming joy.

- Brother Lawrence

Gathering Music

"Draw Me Close"

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Welcome and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Rev. Cristina Adams

Prelude

"Lord of Love Unfailing"

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LIFTING OUR VOICES IN PRAISE

* Call to Worship

Joe Karnes

Psalm 86

Leader: People of God, let us gather to worship and praise God's name.

People: I give thanks to you, O God, with my whole heart. I will glorify your name forever!

Leader: For great is your steadfast love for me.

People: You have delivered my soul from the depths.

All: God says "Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go."

* Hymn of Praise (CONGR 357)

"O Praise the Gracious Power"

MARION

* 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 541 vs. 3)

"Heal Me, Hands of Jesus"

TAYLOR

Know me, mind of Jesus, and show me all my sin; dispel the memories of guilt, and bring me peace within.

Children's Sermon

^{*} In-person worshippers are invited to stand as able

Sharing Ourselves in Prayer

Call to Prayer

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Hearing our Joys and Concerns

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

Unison Discipline of Confession

Abba, Father, where we are in bondage to sin, set us free; restore us as your children and joint heirs with Christ. You are our hope. Lead us in the way everlasting.

Discipline of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

My fellow children of God, do not fear, for our God is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. God's hand shall lead us and hold us fast. So be reconciled with God and at peace with one another.

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.

Prayer Response (CONGR 631)

"O Love That Will Not Let Me Go"
DONNA

RETURNING OUR GIFTS IN GRATITUDE

Prayer of Blessing

Dava Cooper - Trip with AMOS in Nicaragua

Sentences of Stewardship

Offertory

"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

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* Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving

PROCLAIMING THE TRUTH WITH HOPE

* Gospel Reading

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

Luke 17.11-19

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

"Jesus Heals ... Holistically"

* Hymn of Invitation (CONGR 607)

"I Will Sing the Wondrous Story" HYFRYDOL

Life of the Church

Litany of Leaving

Emily Raymond

God's blessing upon you, Emily, for you have been with us. We have been with you. We have been one in God's spirit. As you have shared yourself with us, we send you forth daring you to share again. As you have loved and been loved, we send you forth to love again.

As you have served us and we you, we send you forth willing to serve and be served.

Go in grace — God's grace has supported you here; it will support you there.

Go in peace — the peace Christ left, not that of the world.

Go in love — God loves you, we love you.

Benediction

Postlude "Toccata"

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The flowers on the altar this morning are given for the greater glory of God!

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Liturgist: Joe Karnes

Organist: Evelyn Falen Vocalist: Rheanne Walton

Livestream Video Crew: Matthew Johnston, Joanna Gillette / Sound: Chad Johnston Welcome Table: Kimberly Sturtevant YouTube & Facebook Chat Moderator: Laura McCorkill

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Rev. John Williams, upcoming surgery on Tuesday, July 25 Local Church: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

American Baptist Churches, USA; Region Exe. Min. Rev. Jacquline "Jackie" Saxon, serving churches in Minnesota & Jorga

International Ministries Missionary: Christine Lafferty, serving in Nicaragua (AMOS Health & Hope)

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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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