



Let not your heart be troubled.

Believe in God; believe also in Me.

John 14:1

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THE WORSHIP OF GOD
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 9, 2023

ONLINE AND IN-PERSON WORSHIP

FBC SANCTUARY

11:00 A.M.

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Healing doesn't mean the damage never existed. It means the damage no longer controls your life.

- Akshay Dubey

Gathering Music

"'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

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Welcome and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Rev. Cristina Adams

Prelude

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

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LIFTING OUR VOICES IN PRAISE

* Call to Worship

Laura McCorkill

Leader: Call upon the Lord! I asked for help and was healed!

People: We asked for freedom, and we were given liberty beyond measure! Praise God!

Leader: Sing to the Lord, all you faithful; give thanks to God's holy name.

People: God turned our mourning into dancing! The Great Tailor took away the sackcloth and dressed us up in celebration!

All: Our hearts sing without ceasing! O Lord our God, we will always give you thanks!

* Hymn of Gathering (CONGR 74)

"There is a Balm in Gilead"

BALM IN GILEAD

* 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. 1)

"Heal Me, Hands of Jesus"

TAYLOR

Heal me, hands of Jesus, and search out all my pain;

restore my hope, remove my fear and bring me peace again.

Children's Sermon

SHARING OURSELVES IN PRAYER

Hearing our Joys and Concerns

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

Unison Discipline of Confession

God, you have caught us in our sinful behavior. We come to you with the hope of your restoration. We walk with our heads held high, without noticing others and their burdens. We are even blinded to our own! We keep our mouths silenced when we are full of stories to share about the good things that you have done for us. We even keep our actions silenced as we become so overwhelmed with the needs of the world that we do nothing to overcome them. Fill us with your peace and mercy. Free us from the destruction of sin and restore us to a life lived in you.

Discipline of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Peace is what you receive in God when you know that your sins are forgiven. Peace is what you have when you know that the destruction of sin cannot harm you. Peace to you, my siblings in Christ, for in Jesus we have received forgiveness, and we have been restored!

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

Offertory

"Simple Gifts"

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* Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving

PROCLAIMING THE TRUTH WITH HOPE

* Gospel Reading

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant
John 14.1-14

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant
"Jesus Heals ... Our Hearts"

* Hymn of Invitation (CONGR 522)

"O Christ, the Way, the Truth, the Life"
ST. PETER

Life of the Church

Benediction

Postlude

“Allegro Vivace”

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

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Liturgist: Laura McCorkill

Organist Evelyn Falen

Livestream Video Crew: Susan Pauls, Jim Lord Sound: Shane Schenkel

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

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Local Church: Story Hill Church

American Baptist Churches, USA; Region Exe. Min. Rev. Dr. Cheryl F. Dudley, serving churches in the greater New York City area.

International Ministries Missionaries: Nora & Pieter Kalkman serving in Europe, The Middle East and Liberia

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