



*Long exposure shot of a waterfall in the 'Kyoto Garden' in Holland Park, London, England
by Mike Lewis*



THE WORSHIP OF GOD
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 27, 2023
ONLINE AND IN-PERSON WORSHIP
FBC SANCTUARY
11:00 A.M.

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By the time it came to the edge of the Forest, the stream had grown up, so that it was almost a river, and being grown-up, it did not run and jump and sparkle along as it used to do when it was younger, but moved more slowly. For it knew now where it was going, and it said to itself, "There is no hurry. We shall get there some day."

- A.A. Milne

Gathering Music

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

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Welcome and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Rev. Cristina Adams

Prelude

"Larghetto from Organ Concerto in F"

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LIFTING OUR VOICES IN PRAISE

* Call to Worship

Chad Johnston

Leader: Are you ready? God is about to do a new thing!

People: Out of the believers' hearts shall flow rivers of living water!

Leader: Can you hear it coming?

People: May justice roll down like water and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Leader: Come, let us worship God.

* Hymn of Praise (CONGR 341)

"For the Beauty of the Earth"
DIX

* 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 20)

"Creation Sings (the Father's Song)"
CREATION SINGS

Hallelujah! Let all creation stand and sing.

"Hallelujah!" Fill the earth with songs of worship; tell the wonders of creation's King.

Psalm Reading

Rev. Cristina Adams
Psalm 78.12-16 and 69-72

Children's Sermon

Rev. Cristina Adams

SHARING OURSELVES IN PRAYER

Call to Prayer

"He's Got the Whole World/This is My Father's World"

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Hearing our Joys and Concerns

Unison Discipline of Confession

Merciful God, your creatures cry-creation groans-but we turn away; we surround ourselves with noise. We are quick to excuse ourselves from responsibility: we are young; we are old; we are tired; we are busy. It is hard to imagine that we might make a difference. Life-giving God, wash us clean. Restore our imaginations and our hearts. Let your courage and compassion flow through our veins until we love with abandon and our hands reach out in blessing, for the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God.

Discipline of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

The steadfast love of the Lord never ends. When we call out to God, God answers. God saves us with a strong and outstretched hand. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and helped to live in 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.

Prayer Response (CONGR 59)

"My Lord is Near Me All the Time"

FOREST PARK

RETURNING OUR GIFTS IN GRATITUDE

Moment for Mission

Nicaragua AMOS Partnership

Dava Cooper

Sentences of Stewardship

Offertory

"I Hear Thy Welcome Voice"

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* Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

PROCLAIMING THE TRUTH WITH HOPE

* Gospel Reading

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

John 7.37-39

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

People: Thanks be to God!

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

Sermon

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant
Season of Creation: Rivers of Living Water

* Hymn of Invitation (CONGR 17)

"This is My Father's World"
TERRA PATRIS

* Life of the Church

* Benediction

Postlude

"To God Be The Glory"

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*The flowers on the altar this morning are given for the greater glory of God by: The Sturtevant family, in honor of
Pastor Matt's birthday on Aug. 31*

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Liturgist: Chad Johnston

Organist Evelyn Falen

Chancel Choir Director: Mark Robinson

Livestream Video Crew: Glenn Prescott, Steve Yoder

Sound: Marylee Southard

Welcome Table: Steve & Sally Heilman

YouTube & Facebook Chat Moderator: Kylee Johnston

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Local Church: Victory Bible Church

American Baptist Churches, USA; Region Exe. Min. Rev. Mark Mahserjian-Smith, serving churches in Pennsylvania
and Delaware

International Ministries Missionaries: Becky & Mike Mann, serving in Thailand

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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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