



THE WORSHIP OF GOD
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 17, 2023
ONLINE AND IN-PERSON WORSHIP
FBC SANCTUARY
11:00 A.M.



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The most wasted of all days is one without laughter.

— e. e. cummings

Gathering Music

“Love Medley”

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Welcome and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

Prelude

“God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens”

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* Call to Worship

Aimee Omohundro
Psalm 103

Leader: People of God, bless the Lord,

People: bless God’s holy name.

Leader: For as the heavens are high above the earth,

People: so great is God’s steadfast love for us.

LIFTING OUR VOICES IN PRAISE

* Hymn of Praise (CONGR 21)

“God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens”
NEW PROVIDENCE, alt.

* 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 318, v. 1)

“For All the Love”
ENGLEBERG

**For all the love that from our earliest days has gladdened life and guarded all our ways,
we bring You, Lord, our song of grateful praise: Alleluia! Alleluia!**

* Gospel Reading

Mark 10.23-27

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Children’s Sermon

SHARING OURSELVES IN PRAYER

Hearing our Joys and Concerns

Unison Discipline of Confession

Loving God, we confess that we have failed to live in harmony with our sisters and brothers. We have been self-righteous in our attitudes, closed-minded in our beliefs, and judgmental in our opinions. We have shunned those whose ways we do not understand, and we have despised those who do not endorse our convictions. Forgive our sins of discord and conceit, and heal our divisiveness and quarreling. Help us to be charitable in our regard for others that we may dwell in peace with Christ, who is Lord of all.

Discipline of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, the Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

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

"All Things Work Together For Good"

John Carter

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RETURNING OUR GIFTS IN GRATITUDE

Sentences of Stewardship

Offertory

"Impromptu in E"

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* Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

PROCLAIMING THE TRUTH WITH HOPE

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 18.1-15

Scripture Response (CONGR 251)

"I Will Be Your God"

LLANFYLLIN

Sermon

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

"A Playful Life"

* Hymn of Invitation, (CONGR 614)

"Since Jesus Came into My Heart"

McDANIEL

Life of the Church

Benediction

Postlude

“Postlude in A”

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

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Liturgist: Aimee Omohundro

Organist & Chancel Choir Accompanist: Evelyn Falen

Director of Worship Music & Chancel Choir Director: Mark Robinson

Livestream Video Crew: Matthew Johnston, Glenn Prescott

Sound: Brandon Gillette

YouTube & Facebook Chat Moderator: Laura McCorkill

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Local Church: Lawrence Bible Chapel

American Baptist Churches, USA; Rev. Dr. Sandra DeMott Hasenauer, serving the Rochester, NY / Genesee Region

International Ministries Missionary: Sarah McCloy, serving in Japan

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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*