



Psalm 150



THE WORSHIP OF GOD
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 22, 2023

ONLINE AND IN-PERSON WORSHIP

FBC SANCTUARY

11:00 A.M.

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God simply keeps reaching down into the dirt of humanity and resurrecting us from the graves we dig for ourselves through our violence, our lies, our selfishness, our arrogance, and our addictions. And God keeps loving us back to life over and over.
—Nadia Bolz-Weber

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Welcome and Lighting of the Christ Candle Rev. Cristina Adams

Prelude "Intrada"
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Invocation

Choral Call to Worship "Sing Praise to the Lord"
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* Spoken Call to Worship Rev. John Williams

Leader: To whom do we go for advice?

People: Wise elders, faithful friends, celebrities, YouTube...

All: Or the Living God?

Leader: When we have options, how do we choose?

People: What will earn the most, provide the most political advantage, gain us power...

All: Or what God calls for?

Leader: Who will we trust?

People: How will we learn?

All: God speaks, if we will listen.

LIFTING OUR VOICES IN PRAISE

* Hymn of Praise (CONGR 566) "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"
ST. ANNE

* 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) "Celtic Alleluia"

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

* Gospel Reading

Mark 11.8-10

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Children's Sermon

SHARING OURSELVES IN PRAYER

Call to Prayer (CONGR 383, vs. 3)

"Near to the Heart of God"

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3) There is a place of full release, near to the heart of God, a place where all is joy and peace, near to the heart of God. [Refrain] O Jesus, blest Redeemer, sent from the heart of God, hold us who wait before Thee near to the heart of God.

Hearing our Joys and Concerns

Unison Discipline of Confession

Your holiness is not apart from humanity, O God. You are present and longing to be heard. In the midst of the mess we have made, you continue to call us to a still more excellent way. We confess that we have fallen into the trap of shrinking ourselves into the box we have built, for we have not attended to your word. We admit that we have stepped back from the leadership you ask of us, and choose instead to try to use you for our own smaller ends. Forgive us, O God. Reform us, and give us courage to keep your grace alone at the front of our thoughts and our actions, to follow your lead and to fulfill the plans you have for us.

Discipline of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice! Let the sea roar with laughter, the fields shout in celebration, and the forests sing with joy: in 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.

RETURNING OUR GIFTS IN GRATITUDE

Moment for Mission

Children's Ministry and Deacons Funds

Sentences of Stewardship

Offertory

"How Deep the Father's Love For Us"

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* Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

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PROCLAIMING THE TRUTH WITH HOPE

Old Testament Reading

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant
2 Samuel 6.1-15

Sermon

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant
"The Humble Life"

* Hymn of Invitation, (CONGR 472)

"Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus"
LEMMELE

Life of the Church

Benediction • Postlude

"Lead On, O King Eternal!"

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Helen Dolbier, Paula Dolbier, Mr. & Mrs. Paul Winter*

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Liturgist: Rev. John Williams

Organist & Chancel Choir Accompanist: Evelyn Falen

Director of Worship Music & Chancel Choir Director: Mark Robinson

Livestream Video Crew: Glenn Prescott, Steve Yoder

Sound: Marylee Southard • YouTube & Facebook Chat Moderator: Susan Pauls

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Dave Nordlund, recovering from recent hospitalization for broken hip

Local Church: Lawrence Heights Christian Church

American Baptist Churches, USA; Rev. Gilbert Foster, serving Growing Healthy Churches

International Ministries Missionaries: Jonathan & Thelma Nambu, serving in the Philippines

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