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THE WORSHIP OF GOD
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JUNE 16, 2024
ONLINE AND IN-PERSON WORSHIP
FBC SANCTUARY
11:00 A.M.

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“When will Jesus come again?” is the wrong question. Jesus is already here. We see him in those we may consider least among us. We see Jesus in the child going to bed hungry. We see Jesus in the stranger who is of a different ethnic group, someone who does not look like me. We will see Jesus in the prisoner if we ever go to visit. These sisters and brothers are not metaphors, and neither is Jesus.

— Barbara Lundblad

Gathering Music

“Once to Every Man and Nation”

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Welcome and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

Prelude

“Rondo Espressivo”

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LIFTING OUR VOICES IN PRAISE

* Call to Worship

Anne Munsterman
Psalm 68

Leader: Sing to God; sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides upon the clouds!

People: Father of orphans and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation.

Leader: God gives the desolate a home to live in; he leads out the prisoners to prosperity.

People: Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears us up; God is our salvation. Our God is a God of salvation.

* Hymn of Praise (CONGR 254)

“Diverse in Culture, Nation, Race”
CANONBURY

* 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 536, vs. 5)

“Lord, You Call Us to Your Service”
LAUDA ANIMA

Children’s Sermon

SHARING OURSELVES IN PRAYER

Call to Prayer

“My Argument”

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Hearing Our Joys and Concerns

Rev. Cristina Adams

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

Unison Discipline of Confession

Almighty God, you have shown us the ways of justice and nurtured us with love. Even so, we have not lived according to your will. When we are oppressed or unjustly accused, we cling to fear and forget to trust in your deliverance. When we are giddy with power and abuse the rights of others, we hold tight to our privilege and forget your laws. Have mercy on us, Lord, for we are weak and prone to disobedience. Hear our confession, and respond to us with kindness, that we might turn to you again, walk in the light, and live in equity and peace.

Discipline of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Children of light, because we belong to our Lord Jesus Christ, we need not fear—for he lived for us, he died for us, he was raised for us and prays for us. Believe the promise of your baptism: 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.

Prayer Response (CONGR 692)

"Let Truth and Mercy Find Here"
AURELIA

RETURNING OUR GIFTS IN GRATITUDE

Moment for Mission

One Great Hour of Sharing

Sentences of Stewardship

Offertory

"I Hear Thy Welcome Voice"

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* Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving

PROCLAIMING THE TRUTH WITH HOPE

* Gospel Reading

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant
Matthew 25.31–33; 41–46

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant
"Streams of Living Water: The Social Justice Stream"

* Hymn of Invitation (CONGR 688)

"Show Us How to Stand for Justice"
PLEADING SAVIOR

* Life of the Church

* Benediction

Postlude

“Stand Up and Bless the Lord”

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*The flowers on the altar this morning are given by Nancy & Tim Bonner
in memory of their great-nephew, Blake Anderson.*

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Matthew Sturtevant

Assoc. Pastor for Children, Youth, & Families: Rev. Cristina Adams

Liturgist: Anne Munsterman • Organist: Evelyn Falen • Vocal Soloist: Mark Robinson

Livestream Video Crew: Jim Lord, Kylee Johnston • Sound: Chad Johnston

YouTube & Facebook Chat Moderator: Jenny Purvis

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Local Church: Abundant Life Pentecostal Church

American Baptist Churches, USA: Executive Min. Rev. Dr. Gregg Hemmen,

servicing the American Baptist Churches of the Central Region

International Ministries Global Servants: Carlos Bonilla & Mayra Giovanetti, servicing Iberoamerica and the Caribbean

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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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