



Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch
Fresco by Herbert Boeckl, 1894–1966



THE WORSHIP OF GOD
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JUNE 23, 2024
ONLINE AND IN-PERSON WORSHIP
FBC SANCTUARY
11:00 A.M.

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...Philip is doing much more than we think. He is not just baptizing a new convert, nor is he only opening the way of the gospel to an entire nation or a whole continent. He is doing all of that; but he is also doing much more. He is declaring that the day of the fulfillment of the promises of the reign has arrived. He is reaffirming and applying what Peter said at Pentecost: "This is what was said by the prophet Joel: in the last days!"

—Justo Gonzalez

Gathering Music

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"
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Welcome and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Rev. Cristina Adams

Prelude

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LIFTING OUR VOICES IN PRAISE

* Call to Worship

Laura McCorkill
Psalm 133

Leader: How very good and pleasant it is when sisters and brothers live together in unity!

People: It is like the precious oil on the head, like the dew that falls on the mountains of Zion.

Leader: Together, let us worship God.

* Hymn of Gathering (CONGR 627)

"Victory in Jesus"
HARTFORD

* 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. 2)

"Lord, You Call Us to Your Service"
LAUDA ANIMA

* Gospel Reading

Rev. Cristina Adams
John 3.16-18

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 618)

“Love Lifted Me”
SAFETY

Hearing Our Joys and Concerns

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

Unison Discipline of Confession

Most merciful God, forgive us. We imagine that we can live without you, when you give us our very breath. We seek control over others rather than strive to live in unity. We allow fear to overtake us, even though our lives are in your hands. Draw us back into your steadfast love and shape us into the likeness of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Discipline of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Siblings in Christ, the good news is this: grace is poured out like water; mercy flows like a never-ending stream, bathing us in goodness and love. Live, then, as those who have received new life, rejoicing in your baptism.

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

“Wondrous Love”

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RETURNING OUR GIFTS IN GRATITUDE

Moment for Mission

Dava Cooper
AMOS Partnership Team

Sentences of Stewardship

Offertory

“Intermezzo Op. 118 No. 2”

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* Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving

(Those going to Children’s Church may leave now.)

PROCLAIMING THE TRUTH WITH HOPE

New Testament Reading

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant
Acts 8.26–40

Sermon

Rev. Cody Knapik and Rev. Matthew Sturtevant
“Streams of Living Water: The Evangelical Stream”

* Hymn of Invitation (CONGR 490)

“Take My Life, and Let it Be Consecrated”
HENDON

* Life of the Church

* Benediction

Postlude

“Sarabande”

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The flowers on the altar this morning are given by Mr. & Mrs. C.V. Leigh & Family.

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Matthew Sturtevant

Guest Preacher: Rev. Cody Knapik

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

Liturgist: Laura McCorkill • Organist: Evelyn Falen • Special Music: Cole & Levi Grassy

Livestream Video Crew: Brenda Schenkel, Joanna Gillette • Sound: Marylee Southard

YouTube & Facebook Chat Moderator: Hannes Combest

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Local Church: Blessed Hope Baptist Mission

American Baptist Churches, USA: Executive Min. Rev. Dr. TaNikka Sheppard, serving

Northeast Ohio churches in the Cleveland Baptist Association

International Ministries Global Servants: Deliris & Moise Carrión-Joseph, serving in Tijuana, Mexico

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Every member of First Baptist Church, like every disciple of Christ, is commissioned to participate in Christian ministry.
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