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THE WORSHIP OF GOD  
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
AUGUST 18, 2024  
ONLINE AND IN-PERSON WORSHIP  
FBC SANCTUARY  
11:00 A.M.

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*Put down the weight of your aloneness and ease into the | conversation. The kettle is singing | even as it pours you a drink, the cooking pots | have left their arrogant aloofness and | seen the good in you at last. All the birds | and creatures of the world are unutterably | themselves. Everything is waiting for you.*

—David Whyte, “Everything is Waiting for You”

Gathering Music

“As the Deer”

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Welcome and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

Prelude

“Chorale – Prelude”

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LIFTING OUR VOICES IN PRAISE

\* Call to Worship

Aimee Omohundro

Leader: Praise the Lord!

**People: With all our heart and soul, we bless the Lord.**

Leader: Praise the One who creates with joy!

**People: We join all creation rejoicing in God’s providing.**

Leader: Praise the Creator who delights in the life of the world.

**People: Hallelujah! Bless the Lord!**

\* Hymn of Praise (CONGR 307)

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

\* 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”

CREATION SINGS

\* Gospel Reading

Rev. Cristina Adams

Matthew 6.25–29

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

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Backpack Blessing

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

## SHARING OURSELVES IN PRAYER

### Call to Prayer

“The Potter’s Hand”

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### Hearing Our Joys and Concerns

Rev. Matt Sturtevant

### Unison Discipline of Confession

**Creation brings you joy, O God, and it is meant to be a joy for all your creatures too. We confess that we so rarely stop to rejoice, to marvel at beauty of towering trees or well-watered pastures, to dance and sing with the birds and badgers, to watch as your light shimmers across the sky. Instead we admit that we look for how we can use it, how we can harness the power, manipulate the moving pieces, and make the creation serve us. Forgive us when we think of life as a competition, forgetting you made us to flourish all together, or not at all. Set us back in right relationship, not only with you but also with all that you have made.**

### Discipline of Silent Confession

### Assurance of Pardon

*Jesus has said, “I am the light of the world; those who follow me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life...Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead and Christ shall give you light.” Arise; walk in the light, since in Christ you 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

### Volunteer Recognition

### Hymn of Response (CONGR 482 vs. 2)

“Here I Am, Lord”  
HERE I AM, LORD

### Sentences of Stewardship

### Offertory

“Above All”

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### \* Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving

## PROCLAIMING THE TRUTH WITH HOPE

### Old Testament Reading

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant  
Job 39.1–18

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Sermon

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

“Season of Creation: Animals and Humans Sunday”

\* Hymn of Invitation (CONGR 27)

“Morning Has Broken”

BUNESSAN

\* Life of the Church

\* Benediction

Postlude

“Finale”

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*The flowers on the altar this morning are given by Wendy Wheeler in honor of her daughter Christy Miller’s birthday.*

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Matthew Sturtevant

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

Chancel Choir Director: Mark Robinson • Organist: Evelyn Falen • Liturgist: Aimee Omohundro

Livestream Video Crew: Brenda Schenkel, Susan Pauls • Sound: Brandon Gillette

YouTube & Facebook Chat Moderator: Jenny Purvis

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Local Church: Community Bible Church

American Baptist Churches, USA: Executive Min. Rev. Andy Quient,

serving the American Baptist Churches of Los Angeles, Southwest, and Hawaii

International Ministries Global Servants: Laura & Rich Freeman, serving in Turkey

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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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