



The Hand of Christ. The Palm of Peace. by Akseli Gallen-Kallela



THE WORSHIP OF GOD
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 6, 2025

ONLINE AND IN-PERSON WORSHIP

FBC SANCTUARY

11:00 A.M.

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Christ never stops chasing us where pain is piercing us through—into communion, into joy.
—K.J. Ramsey

Gathering Music

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

Rev. Cristina Adams

Prelude

“Let the Earth Rejoice!”
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LIFTING OUR VOICES IN PRAISE

* Call to Worship

Joanna Gillette

Leader: Let the hearts of those who seek God rejoice.

People: Again we say, rejoice!

Leader: Rejoice in God’s continual presence.

People: Again we say, rejoice!

Leader: Rejoice in the Creator’s wonderful works.

People: Again we say, rejoice!

Leader: Rejoice in God’s peace that surpasses all understanding.

People: Again we say, rejoice!

Leader: Let us sing praises to God as we worship together.

People: Again we say, rejoice!

* Hymn of Gathering (CONGR 698)

“For the Healing of the Nations”
CWM RHONDDA

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* 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!

* Responding in Peace (CONGR 256 vs 3)

“We Are People of God’s Peace”
TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM

* Gospel Reading

John 14:1–4

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 404 vss 1, 3, 5)

"I Need Thee Every Hour"
NEED

Hearing Our Joys and Concerns

Rev. Cristina Adams

Prayers of the People

One: Holy One, guard our hearts and our minds so that we might think about those things that are true, honorable, just, pure, pleasing, commendable, excellent, and praiseworthy.

Many: We pray to You with thanksgiving.

One: For those who are being deceived and those caught up in falsehood,

Many: God of truth, hear our prayer.

One: For those who are oppressed and those who use power unjustly,

Many: God of justice, hear our prayer.

One: For those who suffer and those who cause pain,

Many: God of pleasure, hear our prayer.

One: For those who create beauty and those who long to find it,

Many: God, who is worthy of praise, hear our prayer.

One: Receive these prayers for our world, and grant us your peace which surpasses all understanding. And let us pray as you taught us:

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

"Jesus Loves Me"

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RETURNING OUR GIFTS IN GRATITUDE

Sentences of Stewardship

Offertory

"Faith Op. 102, No. 6"

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* Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving

PROCLAIMING THE TRUTH WITH HOPE

New Testament Reading

Rev. Cristina Adams
Philippians 4:4-9

Sermon

Rev. Cristina Adams
"Peace Within: Peace of Heart & Mind"

CELEBRATING THE TABLE OF GRACE

Invitation to the Table

Celebration of the Bread and Cup

“In This Very Room”

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* Hymn of Invitation (CONGR 469)

“Put Peace into Each Other’s Hands”
ST. COLUMBA

Life of the Church

Benediction

Postlude

“A Trumpeting”

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*The flowers on the altar are given for the greater glory of God by John & Susan Pauls
in honor of their son Daniel's birthday today.*

TODAY IN WORSHIP

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

Liturgist: Joanna Gillette

Piano soloist: Penny Gray (accompanied by Meredith Bagwell-Gray)

Livestream Video Crew: Jim Lord, Brenda Schenkel • Sound: Shane Schenkel

YouTube & Facebook Chat Moderator: Laura McCorkill

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Local Church: United Methodist Church

*American Baptist Churches, USA: Exec. Minister Rev. Dr. James E. McJunkin Jr.,
serving churches of the Philadelphia Baptist Association*

International Ministries Global Servants: Debby & Kyle Witmer, serving Thailand, SE Asia & Japan

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