



*Bettman Fountain in Eden Park (Cincinnati, OH)  
Fountain designed by artist Ted Gantz*



THE WORSHIP OF GOD  
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
NOVEMBER 9, 2025  
ONLINE AND IN-PERSON WORSHIP  
FBC SANCTUARY  
11:00 A.M.

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*A close reading suggests that the issue at stake for Amos is giving priority to the place of worship over the God who is to be worshipped there....Amos urges anyone who will listen to focus not on their sacred spaces and their rituals as the source of their well-being, but on new liturgical practice characterized by extravagant justice and righteousness, rushing through their community like a torrent of floodwater.*

– Wil Gafney

Gathering Music

“To God Be the Glory”

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Welcome and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

Prelude

“A Trumpeting”

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LIFTING OUR VOICES IN PRAISE

\* Call to Worship

Aimee Omohundro  
Psalm 98

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;

**People: break forth into joyous song and sing praises.**

Leader: Sing praises to the Lord with lyre,

**People: with the lyre and the sound of melody.**

Leader: With trumpets and the sound of the horn

**People: make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.**

Leader: Come, make a joyful noise, sing praises!

**People: Come, let us worship the Lord!**

\* Hymn of Gathering (CONGR 378)

“We Gather Here in Grateful Praise”  
TRURO

\* 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 371, v 1)

“Now Thank We All Our God”  
NUN DANKET

\* Gospel Reading

Aimee Omohundro  
Matthew 23.23–26

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

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Children’s Sermon

## SHARING OURSELVES IN PRAYER

Faith in Action

Brent Lamb

Hearing Our Joys and Concerns

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

Unison Discipline of Confession

**Holy God we come before you a broken people in a broken world. We confess we have ignored, yet again, your assured presence. We have forged our own paths and charted our own waters. In the name of independence we have ignored your aid, your comfort, and your peace. We have called upon you in desperation rather than recalling your mighty and faithful acts in all times and places. Forgive us. You have been with us in exile and liberation; be with us even now.**

Discipline of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*The psalmist declares that God hears the cry of the beloved and saves them. Be assured: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.*

Morning Prayer and The 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

Faith for the Future

Deacons Ministry

Sentences of Stewardship

Offertory

"How Majestic Is Your Name"

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\* Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving

*(Those headed to Children's Church may leave now.)*

Faith for the Future

Spiritual Formation Ministry

## PROCLAIMING THE TRUTH WITH HOPE

Old Testament Reading

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

Amos 5.14-24

Sermon

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant and Marian Stephen

"Faith in Action: Amos"

\* Hymn of Invitation (CONGR 689)

"Let Justice Flow Like Streams"

ST. THOMAS

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

Life of the Church

Benediction

Postlude

“Bohemian Rhapsody”

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*The flowers on the altar are given for the greater glory of God.*

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Matthew Sturtevant • Guest Preacher: Marian Stephen  
Assoc. Pastor for Children, Youth, & Families: Rev. Cristina Adams  
Liturgist: Aimee Omohundro • Organist: Evelyn Falen  
Livestream Video Crew: Steve Yoder, Brandon Gillette • Sound: Glenn Prescott  
YouTube & Facebook Chat Moderator: Susan Pauls

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Local Church: First Church of the Nazarene  
American Baptist Churches, USA: Exec. Minister Rev. Andy Quient,  
serving the American Baptist Churches of Los Angeles, Southwest, & Hawaii  
International Ministries Global Servant: Mercy González-Barnes, serving in Iberoamerica & the Caribbean  
Faith in Action Partner: James Chiselom, Exec. Director, Lawrence Community Shelter

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The following persons have been called by this congregation to empower such ministry:

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