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THE WORSHIP OF GOD  
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
MAY 31, 2026  
ONLINE AND IN-PERSON WORSHIP  
FBC SANCTUARY  
11:00 A.M.

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*You think of God resting after the creation was finally all created. You think of the deep hush of it, like the hush between breakers at the beach. You think of the new creation itself resting – the grey squirrel ceasing to twitch and chatter, the kingfisher settling down on the branch by the pond, the man and woman standing still in the garden. You think of God blessing this one day of the seven and hallowing it, making it holy.*

– Frederick Buechner

Gathering Music

“Unshakable Faith (Medley)”

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Welcome and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

Prelude

Prelude on “Morning Hymn”

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LIFTING OUR VOICES IN PRAISE

\* Call to Worship

Shane Schenkel

Psalm 8

Leader: O Lord, our God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**People: When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, what are mortals that you care for them?**

Leader: Yet you have made them a little lower than God and crowned them with glory and honor.

**People: O Lord, our God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

Leader: Let us worship God!

\* Hymn of Gathering (CONGR 1)

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

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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 12, v 4)

“God, Our Father, We Adore Thee”

BEECHER

Children’s Sermon

SHARING OURSELVES IN PRAYER

Call to Prayer

“Walking on a Sunday Morning”

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Hearing Our Joys and Concerns

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

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

Unison Discipline of Confession

**Presence, Life, Fire, God who is Three in One, we confess that we have turned away from you. We gaze upon ourselves as if we are worthy of worship. We take your creation into our hands, not to love, but to use and then to discard. We do not deserve that you would even notice us, but we pray for mercy because you are merciful. Flame of Love, purify us from sin; Eternal Now, lead us to your truth; Risen One, baptize us into union with you. Transform us into faithful disciples who worship you alone.**

Discipline of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*The Holy One of Israel, the Redeemer of the world, and the Holy Spirit who comes as the breath of new life forgets the sins of all who repent. I declare to you, therefore, that 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.**

Prayer Response (CONGR 412)

*"Sweet Hour of Prayer"*  
SWEET HOUR

RETURNING OUR GIFTS IN GRATITUDE

Faith in Action

Becky Harris

Sentences of Stewardship

Offertory

*"How Deep the Father's Love For Us"*  
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\* Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving

*(Those attending children's church may leave now)*

PROCLAIMING THE TRUTH WITH HOPE

Old Testament Reading

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant  
Exodus 20.8-11

Sermon

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant  
"Sabbath as Communal Trust"

\* Hymn of Invitation (CONGR 6)

*"Creator God, Creating Still"*  
ST. ANNE

\* Life of the Church

\* Benediction

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

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Matthew Sturtevant  
Assoc. Pastor for Children, Youth, & Families: Rev. Cristina Adams  
Liturgist: Shane Schenkel • Organist: Evelyn Falen  
Director of Worship Music & Vocal Soloist: Mark Robinson  
Livestream Video Crew: Scott Lamb, Brenda Schenkel • Sound: Chad Johnston  
YouTube & Facebook Chat Moderator: Melisa Lord

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Local Church: Redeemer Lutheran Church  
American Baptist Churches, USA: Executive Min. Rev. Douglas Avilesbernal,  
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International Ministries Global Servant: Stacy and Tim Reese, serving in the Dominican Republic  
Faith in Action Partner: Dr. Laura Chanchien Parajón, co-founder of AMOS Health & Hope

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