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THE WORSHIP OF GOD
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 30, 2026
ONLINE AND IN-PERSON WORSHIP
FBC SANCTUARY
11:00 A.M.

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Deep noticing is about the pursuit of deeper meaning in the beautiful and the mundane; it is a form of prayer, even if that prayer is only bearing witness to a tragedy. Or to a rebirth.

—Richard Louv, *Noticing: Intimate Encounters with the Natural World*

Gathering Music

"Like a River Glorious" with Handel's "The Harmonious
Blacksmith"

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Welcome and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Rev. Cristina Adams

Prelude

Air (from Overture in D)

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LIFTING OUR VOICES IN PRAISE

* Call to Worship

Hannes Combest

Isaiah 12.3–5

Leader: With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say on that day:

People: Give thanks to the LORD; call on his name.

Leader: Make known his deeds among the nations;

People: proclaim that his name is exalted.

Leader: Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;

People: let this be known in all the earth.

* Hymn of Gathering (CONGR 23)

"All Things Bright and Beautiful"

ROYAL OAK

* 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 20)

"Creation Sings"

CREATION SINGS

* Gospel Reading

Matthew 5.3-11

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Children's Sermon

Rev. Cristina Adams

SHARING OURSELVES IN PRAYER

Call to Prayer

“River in Judea”

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Hearing Our Joys and Concerns

Rev. Cristina Adams

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 the 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

Do not be afraid. The One who was and is and is to come knows you and has overcome death and sin to forgive you, so that you might be delivered into joy that has no end.

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

Sentences of Stewardship

Offertory

“Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling”

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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. Dr. Angie Barker Jackson
Psalm 42 (First Nations Version)

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Angie Barker Jackson
“Blessed are the Thirsty”

* Hymn of Invitation (CONGR 49)

“As the Deer”
AS THE DEER

* Life of the Church

* Benediction

Postlude

“Perpetual Motion”

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

TODAY IN WORSHIP

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

Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. Angie Barker Jackson

Liturgists: Rev. John Williams & Hannes Combest

Organist & Accompanist: Evelyn Falen

Livestream Video Crew: Joanna Gillette, Glenn Prescott • Sound: Jim Lord

YouTube & Facebook Chat Moderator: Margaret Gregory

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Local Church: Victory Bible Church

American Baptist Churches, USA: Executive Minister Rev. Jerrod H. Huguenot, serving the

American Baptist Churches of New York State

International Ministries Global Servant: Jeanine & Walt White, serving as International Global Servants

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