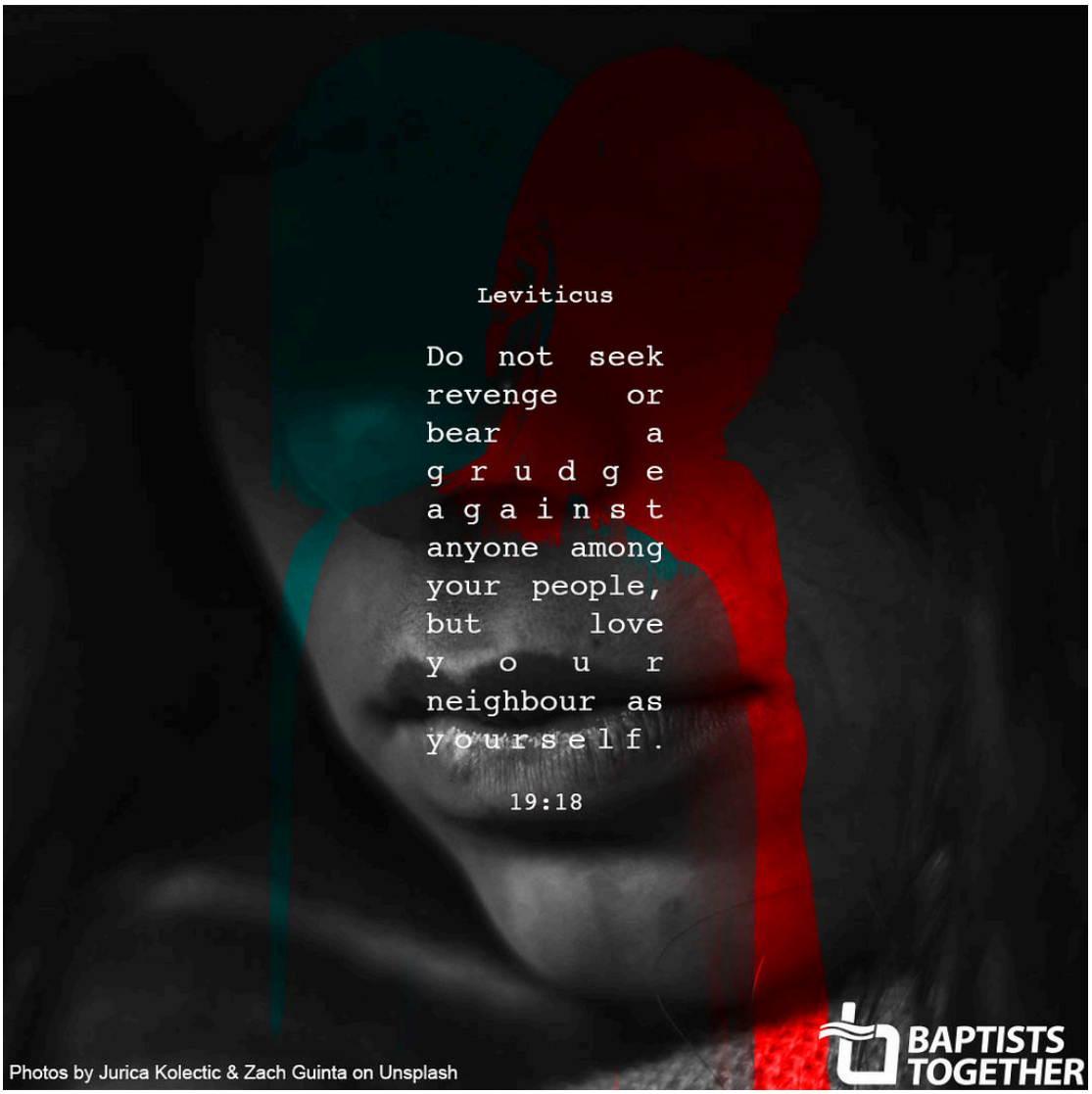


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Online and In-Person Worship
FBC Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.

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And the table will be wide. And the welcome will be wide. And the arms will open wide to gather us in….And we will become bread for a hungering world. And we will become drink for those who thirst. And the blessed will become the blessing. And everywhere will be the feast.

– Jan Richardson

Gathering Music — "Open the Eyes of My Heart" with "Be Thou My Vision"

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Welcome and Lighting of the Christ Candle — Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

Prelude — "Let the Earth Rejoice!" (1 Chronicles 16:31)

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Lifting Our Voices in Praise

* Call to Worship — Laura McCorkill
Psalm 19

Leader: The heavens declare the glory of God!
People: The skies proclaim God's handiwork.
Leader: The day pronounces God's glory without a sound,
People: the night expounds God's knowledge without a word,
Leader: and yet their voice goes out through all the earth.
People: Let us join our voices with the voice of creation
Leader: in declaring God's glory!

* Hymn of Praise (CONGR 71) — "Be Thou My Vision"
SLANE

* 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 392) — "Open Our Eyes"
OPEN OUR EYES

* Gospel Reading — Rev. Cristina Adams
Matthew 22.34–40

Leader: This is the Word of God for the People of God.
People: Thanks be to God!

Children's Sermon

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Sharing Ourselves in Prayer

Call to Prayer — "The Prayer of St. Francis"

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Hearing Our Joys and Concerns

Unison Discipline of Confession

Rescuing God, you brought us out of the land of captivity. Forgive us when we willingly return to captivity, making divine the machine of production, crafting idols from the excess of consumption. Forgive us when we consider ourselves so grand that we do not rest and enjoy your presence, defining ourselves by our ability rather than your love. Forgive us when we esteem ourselves so little that we dare not rest and sit with ourselves, exposed, without the cloak of productivity. Forgive us through Christ, who redeems us from the brokenness of captivity that we might enjoy your presence, creation, and community.

Discipline of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Righteousness does not come from our own doing or not doing. Righteousness comes from God, by faith. Through the faithfulness of Christ, our Lord, 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

Sentences of Stewardship

Offertory — "Something for Thee"

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* Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving

Proclaiming the Truth with Hope

Old Testament Reading — Rev. Matthew Sturtevant
Leviticus 23.40–24.8

Sermon — Rev. Matthew Sturtevant
"B-Sides of the Old Testament: Leviticus"

Celebrating the Table of Grace

Call to Communion (CONGR 466) — "Jesus, at Your Holy Table"
BEACH SPRING

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Invitation to the Table

Celebration of the Bread — "Draw Me Close"

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Celebration of the Cup — "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"

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* Hymn of Invitation (CONGR 670) — "Take My Gifts and Let Me Love You"
MADILL

Litany of Leaving

Life of the Church

* Benediction

* Postlude — "Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven"

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

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Director of Worship Music & Chancel Choir Director: Mark Robinson
Organist & Accompanist: Evelyn Falen
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