

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

PREPARATION

Welcome Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde

The prelude provides an opportunity to prepare our hearts and minds to worship God by being still and quiet.

Prelude *Air on G string* J. S. Bach
David Córdoba Hernandez, *pianist*

ADORATION

Call to Worship Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde

Have we not known? Have we not heard?
Has it not been told to us since the beginning?
Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;
they shall mount up with wings like eagles;
they shall run and not be weary;
they shall walk and not faint.

Invocation Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde

Hymn of Praise 7 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* HYMN TO JOY

*Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee, op'ning to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.
All Thy works with joy surround Thee, earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Singing bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in Thee.
Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother—all who live in love are Thine;
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.*

Call to Confession Dennis McDuffie

We fool ourselves if we think that our ways are hidden from God.
Therefore let us confess our sin, trusting in the mercy of God our Maker.

Prayer of Confession Dennis McDuffie

God, you are everlasting, the creator of all that is.
Your understanding is beyond measure.
We confess to you that we have sinned against you and our neighbors.
In your compassion, forgive us,
for we place our hope in your steadfast love.

Assurance of Pardon

Praise the Lord
Our God heals the brokenhearted and binds up our wounds.
God takes pleasure in those who place their trust in God's grace.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

PROCLAMATION

Children's Sermon Holly Hatton

Epistle Reading *Romans 14:1-12* Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde

Anthem *Help Us Accept Each Other* John Ness Beck
Ray Hatton, Cathy Wilhelm, Trudy Hatton, Dennis McDuffie, *ensemble*

*Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us,
Teach us, as sister, brother, each person to embrace.
Be present, Lord, among us and bring us to believe
We are ourselves accepted and meant to love and live.
Teach us, O Lord, your lessons, as in our daily life
We struggle to be human and search for hope and faith.
Teach us to care for people, for all—not just for some,
To love them as we find them or as they may become.
Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need,
Who hunger for acceptance, for righteousness and bread,
We need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on:
Renew us with your Spirit; Lord, free us, make us one!*

Prayer of Preparation Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde and Congregation

**Almighty God, to You all hearts are open, all desires known, and
from You no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love
You, and worthily magnify Your holy name,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Message Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde

Not to Ourselves

RESPONSE

Hymn of Prayer 296 *Jesus Is Lord of All* LORDSHIP OF CHRIST

*Jesus is Savior and Lord of my life, my hope, my glory my all;
Wonderful Master in joy and in strife, on Him, you too, may call.
Jesus is Lord of all, Jesus is Lord of all,
Lord of my thoughts and my service each day,
Jesus is Lord of all.*

*Blessed Redeemer, all-glorious King, worthy of rev'rence I pay;
Tribute and praises I joyfully bring to Him, the Life, the Way.
Jesus is Lord of all, Jesus is Lord of all,
Lord of my thoughts and my service each day,
Jesus is Lord of all.*

*Will you surrender your all to Him now? Follow His will and obey,
Crown Him as Sov'reign, before His throne bow;
Give Him your heart today.
Jesus is Lord of all, Jesus is Lord of all,
Lord of my thoughts and my service each day,
Jesus is Lord of all.*

Reminder of Giving Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde

Meditation Music *Son of My Soul* HURSLEY
David Córdoba Hernandez, *pianist*

Congregational Response *Doxology* OLD 100TH

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Prayers of the People Holly Hatton

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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.*

Words of Encouragement Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde

Benediction Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde

* The congregation will please stand, as you are able.

Amplifying devices are available at the Welcome Center desk.

Hymn of Response 387 *Blest Be the Tie that Binds* DENNIS

*Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.
We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear;
And often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.
When we asunder part, it gives us inward pain;
But we shall all be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.*

Postlude *Finale (from Symphonic No. 3)* arr. Albert Zabel
Aaron Foster, organist

THE CHRISTIAN YEAR

We find ourselves in the season of the Christian Year known as Ordinary Time. This season of the Christian Year is marked with the color green because it is set aside as a season of growth and transformation. Our ministers' stoles and the runner on the altar table represent life and growth while the candles and Bible remind us of the central role the light of Christ and the Word of God in Scripture play in our transformation during these "Great Green Growing Days."

A WORD ABOUT FBC

First Baptist Memphis is a Midtown congregation that seeks to follow Christ by practicing hospitality, community, dialogue, and service.

- We value diversity in our membership and believe it enriches our journey and ministry.
- We strive to be a family of faith where all can belong.
- We value the voice of every child of God and strive to hear the voice of God in one another.
- What we do inside our walls prepares us to share God's love across the street and around the world.

The Radio Bible Class (10:30 am) and this service (11:00 am) are broadcast live on radio stations ESPN 680 AM, and ESPN 92.9 FM. Sermons and worship services are available online at www.fbcmemphis.org.



Church Picnic Story Quilt, Faith Ringgold

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"The fundamental reason that believers cannot lord it over each other is that there is one Lord—and to that Lord, and that Lord alone, weak and strong alike owe allegiance. From that Lord, and that Lord alone, weak and strong alike receive welcome."

Dr. David Bartlett, *Daily Feast, year A*



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