

RESPONSE

Hymn of Prayer 473 MORE LOVE TO THEE

More Love to Thee, O Christ

*More love to Thee, O Christ, More love to Thee!
Hear Thou the prayer I make on bended knee;
This is my earnest plea: More love, O Christ, to Thee,
More love to Thee, More love to Thee!*

*Once earthly joy I craved, Sought peace and rest;
Now Thee alone I seek, give what is best;
This all my prayer shall be: More love, O Christ, to Thee,
More love to Thee, More love to Thee!*

*Then shall my latest breath Whisper Thy praise;
This be the parting cry my heart shall raise;
This still its prayer shall be: More love, O Christ, to Thee,
More love to Thee, More love to Thee!*

Reminder of Giving Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde

Meditation Music *Melancholy* J. D. Córdoba
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 Cathy Wilhelm

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

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 *We've a Story to Tell* Humphrey Turner
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.



New Mexico Sunset, Linda Lomahaftewa

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 20, 2020

*"We know that tomorrow holds promises of hope and joy.
Our God is also in our present, challenging us to look at
life and its circumstances through the lens of hope . . .
May we not miss in our present life the opportunities for
the abundant life to which Christ calls us.*

Gilberto Collazo,
Daily Feast: Meditations from Feasting on the Word



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THE WORSHIP OF GOD
Sixteenth 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 William Garther
I Just Feel Something Good Is About to Happen
David Córdoba Hernandez, pianist

ADORATION

Call to Worship Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde

Come into the presence of the Most High God with songs of praise and shouts of thanksgiving.
For our Savior frees us from slavery; our Savior heals our diseases; our Savior is our peace.
You are a holy temple in the Lord Jesus Christ.
Come; let us worship God.

Invocation Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde

Hymn of Praise 74 *O God Our Help in Ages Past* ST. ANNE
***O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home!***
***Under the shadow of Thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defense is sure.***
***Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.***
***A thousand ages in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.***

***Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away;
They fly, forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.***
***O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while life shall last,
And our eternal home.***

Call to Confession Trudy Hatton

Even our best intentions go awry when we are not at one with God's purpose.
Our gracious God journeys with us and provides for us with unending mercy, patience, and kindness.
Let us confess our sins.

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, your steadfast love endures forever.
We confess that we act as if we are in control, as if you will bless whatever we do.
If we think of others at all, it is with an eye toward their usefulness to us.
If we consider your creation, it is to ponder what benefits us.
We have failed to show your love or do justice in obedience to you.

Have mercy on us, God of grace.
Forgive our sins, we humbly pray.

Put the mind of Christ within us, O God.
Use us to break down walls of hostility within the church, among the nations, and around the world.
Equip us to do your will, giving you glory, honor, and praise together with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Our Lord Jesus gives us rest and peace.
Our Master's touch heals us, and his shed blood is our salvation.
In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.

PROCLAMATION

Children's Sermon Holly Hatton

Epistle Reading Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde
Philippians 1:21-30

Anthem *In Christ Alone* Townend and Getty
Ray Hatton, Cathy Wilhelm, Trudy Hatton, Dennis McDuffie, ensemble

*In Christ alone my hope is found.
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my all in all,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.*
*In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless Babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
'Til on the cross as Jesus died,
The love of God was magnified.
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.*
*There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His, and He is mine,
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.*
*No guilt in life, no fear in death—
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
'Til He returns or calls me home,
Here in the pow'r of Christ I stand.*

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
One Foot in Eternity

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

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