

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Seventeenth 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 *In Church* Tchaikovsky
David Córdoba Hernandez, *pianist*

ADORATION

Call to Worship Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde

In the wilderness, water brings life.
Seek us out, O God, and take us to the water.
In the Word of God, the good news gives light.
Seek us out, O God, and fill us with understanding.
Let us worship God.

Invocation Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde

Hymn of Praise 56 CWM RHONDDA

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah
**Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty,
Hold me with Thy pow'rful hand.
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more;
Feed me till I want no more.**
**Open now the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliv'rer, strong Deliv'rer,
Be Thou still my Strength and Shield;
Be Thou still my Strength and Shield.**
**When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Bear me thro' the swelling current,**

*Land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to Thee;
I will ever give to Thee.*

Call to Confession Ray Hatton

Trusting in the mercy of God,
let us confess to God and to one another.

Prayer of Confession

God of mercy, we confess that we have not borne the fruit of the Spirit. We have not loved others as you have loved us.

We have denied the promises of baptism and cut ourselves off from you.

Forgive us, restore us, that we may abide in your love and live out your mercy, for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

You have already been cleansed by the word that God has spoken to you.

In baptism God claimed you and joined you to Christ, as branches to a vine.

Believe the promise given to you: in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

PROCLAMATION

Children's Sermon Holly Hatton

Gospel Reading Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde
Matthew 21:23-32

Anthem *Seekers of Your Heart* arr. Hart
Ray Hatton, Cathy Wilhelm, Trudy Hatton, Dennis McDuffie, *ensemble*

*Until we give You first place, until we let You begin
to fill us with Your Spirit, renew us from within,
nothing matters, nothing's gained.*

Without Your holy presence our lives are lived in vain.

*Lord, we want to know You, live our lives to show You
all the love we owe You, we're seekers of Your heart.*

*Because Your heart was broken, because You saw the need,
because You gave so freely, because of Calvary,
we can now be called Your own.*

Completed creations filled with You alone.

*Lord, we want to know You, live our lives to show You
all the love we owe You, we're seekers of Your heart.*

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
An Unanswered Question

RESPONSE

Hymn of Prayer 525 *Come, We that Love the Lord* FESTAL SONG

***Come, we that love the Lord,
and let our joys be known;
join in a song with sweet accord,
and thus surround the throne.***

***Let those refuse to sing
who never knew our God;
but children of the heav'nly King
may speak their joys abroad.***

***The hill of Zion yields
a thousand sacred sweets
before we reach the heav'nly fields,
or walk the golden streets.***

***Then let our songs abound,
and every tear be dry;
we're marching through Immanuel's ground,
to fairer worlds on high.***

Reminder of Giving Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde

Meditation Music *Dedication* E. Granados
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.***

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

Amplifying devices are available at the Welcome Center desk.

Prayers of the People

Rev. Dennis McDuffie

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

Rigaudon
Aaron Foster, organist

André Campra

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.



*Taurian Osborne Prays at the New Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church,
Jeffery Allan Salter*

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"What is it like to answer a question to which you know the correct answer but you do not want to hear?"

What is it like to be asked a question that may change your mind, your ways of being and doing?"

Charlotte Dudley Cleghorn,
based on Matthew 21:24-32



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