

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Eighteenth 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 *There's Something About that Name* William Gaither
David Córdoba Hernandez, *pianist*

ADORATION

Call to Worship Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde

What shall I return to the Holy One, for all God's goodness to me?
I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

Invocation Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde

Hymn of Praise *Great Redeemer, We Adore Thee* REDENTORE
*Great Redeemer, we adore Thee, God of mercy, love, and grace;
Warm our hearts with Thine own being, may we see Thy kindly face!
Great Redeemer, we adore Thee, God's great love to us Thou art;
We adore Thee, Great Redeemer, reign supreme in ev'ry heart.
Great Redeemer, we implore Thee, drive our doubts and fears away;
Cause Thy face to smile upon us, shine on us Thy light today!
Great Redeemer, we adore Thee, highest hills proclaim Thy fame;
We adore Thee, Great Redeemer, Earth and Angels praise Thy name
Life and love from Thee are beaming, sin and sorrow melt away;
King of kindness, God of glory, fill us with Thyself today!
Great Redeemer, we adore Thee, life and liberty are Thine;
We adore Thee, Great Redeemer, fill us with Thy love divine.
When we see Thee in Thy beauty, as Thou art, so we shall be;
In Thy image Thou hast made us, Great Redeemer, we love Thee!
Great Redeemer, we adore Thee, in Thy likeness we shall be;
We adore Thee, Great Redeemer, God of life eternally.*

Call to Confession Holly 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, so that when we repent, we find ourselves forgiven. Let us confess our sins.

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we are a people formed by your Word in Christ; but we have wandered away from your truth, we have broken your commandments, we have distorted your teachings to serve our own ends, we have failed to trust your promises, we have refused your mercy.

Ground us again, O Holy One, in the written wisdom of Scripture and in the living Word which is Christ Jesus.

Nourish us on the bread of his teachings until we can taste your goodness.

Renew us at the fountain of his wisdom, so we may find joy in obedience and freedom in giving ourselves to you. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

This is the good news of the gospel, and it is for you and for all. Whatever you have done, whatever you have failed to do, whoever you are, whoever you wish you were but are not: you are accepted, you are welcomed.

You are washed clean, you are raised up.
You are forgiven, you are set free.

In the love of Jesus Christ, you are loved forever.

PROCLAMATION

Children's Sermon Holly Hatton
(We ask that children remain with their families for the Children's Sermon.)

Epistle Reading Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde
Philippians 3:4b-14

Special Music *Shine on Us* Michael W. Smith
Trudy Hatton, *soloist*; Ray Hatton, *accompanist*

Prayer of Preparation Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde
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 *I, Paul* Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde

RESPONSE

Hymn of Prayer *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee* MARYTON
*O Master, let me walk with Thee in lowly paths of service free;
Tell me Thy secret, help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear, winning word of love;
Teach me the wayward feet to stay, and guide them in the homeward way.
Teach me Thy patience; still with Thee in closer, dearer company,
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong.
In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future's broad'ning way,
In peace that only Thou canst give, with Thee, O Master, let me live.*

Reminder of Giving Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde

Meditation Music *Fantasia Impromptu* F. Chopin
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 Rev. Ray 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
(If you are called to make a Decision of Faith or have questions about church membership, please speak with Rev. Randy Hyde following worship.)

Benediction Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde

Hymn of Response *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 *O Hail This Brightest Day of Days* J.S. Bach
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.

The service is also livestreamed on our Facebook page, and is available in recorded form on Facebook and our YouTube channel, as well as the church's website (www.fbcmemphis.org/online-worship).

Sermons and worship services are available online at www.fbcmemphis.org/sermons.



Caged Bird, Walter Williams

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Be like a Bird

*Be like the bird, who
Halting in his flight
On a limb too slight
Feels it give way beneath him,
Yet sings
Knowing he hath wings*

Victor Hugo

"I can do all things through God who gives me strength."

Philippians 4:13



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