

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Sixth Sunday in Eastertide

PREPARATION

Welcome Holly Hatton

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

Prelude Marilynn Hamm

Dona Nobis Pacem-Grant Us Peace

David Córdoba Hernandez, *pianist*

ADORATION

Call to Worship Holly Hatton

You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the Lord, “My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust.”

Let us now worship our God, the Most High, the God in whom we have our hope.

Invocation Holly Hatton

Worship in Song Carlie Hanson

Chosen Family

Courtney Pace, *soprano*

Call to Confession Brooke Mathis

We have been called to follow Christ by obeying his one commandment: that we love one another as he has loved us.

Let us confess how we have fallen short of that love.

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we have not loved you or each other with our whole hearts.

Forgive us, we pray, and lead us toward wholeness, that we may be filled with your joy. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Christ loves us so much that he laid down his life for us and calls us to be his friends. If we can forgive our friends, how much more does Christ forgive us! Thanks be to God!

PROCLAMATION

Children’s Sermon Holly Hatton

Reading of the Word Kelly Pfrommer

John 15:9-17; Acts 10:44-48

Choral Worship *I Feel the Spirit!* Spiritual, arr. Don Besig

Ensemble

There’s a little wheel a-turnin’ in my heart. There’s a little wheel a-turnin’ ‘cause the Spirit of the Lord is in my heart. I’ve found the Spirit, I’ll never let it go. I’ve found the Spirit, I need to let it show. I’ve found the Spirit, I want the world to know that the Spirit of the Lord is in my heart. Every time I feel the Spirit movin’ in my heart, I sing with praise! Yes, every time I feel the Spirit movin’ in my heart, I sing with praise! There’s a little song a-singin’ in my heart. There’s a little song a-singin’ ‘cause the Spirit of the Lord is in my heart. There’s a little wheel a-turnin’, there’s a little song a-singin’, I can feel the Spirit movin’ in my heart!

Prayer of Preparation Rev. David Weatherspoon

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. David Weatherspoon

Transformational Friendship

RESPONSE

Reminder of Giving Holly Hatton

Meditation Schubert/Manson

Nearer My God to Thee

David Córdoba Hernandez, *pianist*

Response OLD 100TH

Doxology

John Michael Pfrommer, *organist*

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 Cathy Wilhelm

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.

A Word of Encouragement Holly Hatton

Benediction Holly Hatton

Postlude *Passacaglia and Variations* G. F. Handel

John Michael Pfrommer, *organist*

Per the Shelby County Health directive, masks must be worn over the mouth and nose at all times in the building. Please do not linger to chat, but exit the building at the conclusion of worship. Thank you.

Today’s flowers are given in honor of women everywhere who have loved and cared for a child. Happy Mother’s from Day Greer, David, Ellen

Today’s worship participants are John Michael Pfrommer, a member of the Youth group and Missions committee; Courtney Pace, a member of Connect 4 SS class and Committee on Committees; Brooke Mathis, a member of the Church-wide Fellowship task force and the Connect 4 SS class; Kelly Pfrommer a member of the Missions committee and a member of the Connect 4 SS class; and Cathy Wilhelm, a member of the Sanctuary Choir and a member of the Pastor Search committee.

Today’s guest preacher is Rev. David Weatherspoon, a member of the Connect 4 SS class.

Our music ensemble consists of choir members, Trudy Hatton, Paul Martin, Jason Sullivan, and Cathy Wilhelm.

THE CHRISTIAN YEAR

The resurrection of Jesus is, for Christians, the heart of history; the flash point from which everything is reordered. It is the beginning of the new thing that God is up to, defeating death and initiating the new Creation, which God will bring to full fruition in God’s own time. The season of Eastertide lasts 50 days, because importance of the resurrection is too vast to be contained within one day.

Announcements

In-Person Sunday School Returns

Sunday School returned to First Baptist after more than a year's hiatus. We also have small groups who have started meeting at the church again during the week. We are also seeing an increase in our attendance for worship services on Sundays. This is certainly a blessing as we move back to being able to do those things we have missed being able to do! We are still observing our protocols of masking while inside the church and social distancing with our seating in the sanctuary.

At this time, we are allowing each Sunday School class to determine the best time for them to return to meeting regularly at the church. When your Sunday School class is ready to return to church on Sunday mornings, the teacher should send an e-mail to Bridget Ellis (bellis@fbcmemphis.org) letting us know the date you would like to return. We'll provide you with any necessary information to ensure the return of your Sunday School class will be as safe as possible. Thank you for your patience and your dedication and prayers for our church.

Giving Options

FBC has several ways for you to keep up with your giving schedule. You can mail your offering to the church: First Baptist Church, 200 E Parkway N., Memphis, TN 38112. You can donate online via our website: www.fbcmemphis.org/giving. Or, you can email Lisa Butts to learn how to set up automatic recurring offering withdrawals set up from either your bank account or credit card. For more information contact Lisa via her email lbutts@fbcmemphis.org. She'll explain the process and help you get started.

On the Move—Together for Hope, May 15-August 15, 2021

Together for Hope is a CBF Ministry founded 20 years ago to minister to the 20 poorest counties in the U.S. Today the ministry has expanded to include the 301 American counties that face the most persistent poverty. On the Move is led by Rev. Keith Stillwell ("our" Brittany's dad) who is a pastor for Together for Hope Kentucky.

Gayla Foscue learned about On the Move at the TN CBF meeting held several weeks ago. As a congregation our participation can help us improve the physical health of our church, financially support CBF missions and bring our congregation together to have fun over the summer. The event is virtual – you set your goal and track your progress. We hope to have some congregational events (just be on the lookout for those).

Individual signup is \$30 and includes a really cool t-shirt as well as an opportunity to designate a Together for Hope Mission you would like to support. The sign up link is <http://cbfky.org/tfh-virtual-walk-run-swim-ride>. Donations will be gladly accepted. Make checks payable to First Baptist Church and designate "On the Move-Together for Hope".

Questions? Contact Gayla Foscue (gayla.foscue@gmail.com).

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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.



Potluck Mural
by David Fitcher

FBC in Prayer

Current Concerns

Valerie Brenner
Nancy Burch
Chatham Family
Sara Cunningham
Ken Haywood
Willena Highsmith
Ken Miller
Robin Miller



Rev. Randy Hyde, D.Min.
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"This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends."

—John 15:12-13