

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Third 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 *Just as I Am* William Bradbury
David Córdoba Hernandez, *pianist*

ADORATION

Call to Worship Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde

One: The kingdom of God is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of seeds on earth.

Many: It grows up and becomes the greatest of shrubs, and the birds of the air make nests in its shade.

One: Give thanks to God, who makes large all things that begin small.

Many: A word becomes grace, a promise is made true.

One: Of such is the kingdom of heaven.

All: Thanks be to God!

Invocation Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde

Worship in Song *There Was Jesus* Zach Williams
Adam Comer, *tenor*

Call to Confession Roger Pace

One: When we gather to worship God, we remember that we are God's people, but we have often preferred our way instead of God's.

Trusting God's power to make us new persons in Christ, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession

All: Holy God, the parable of the mustard seed teaches us that a little faith can produce a great work in your kingdom.

Yet we are too timid to bear the fruit of your righteousness, for we walk by sight and not by faith.

*Forgive us, Lord; we do not uphold the poor or the oppressed.
We do not advocate for the powerless or the voiceless.
We do not sacrifice ourselves for the needs of our neighbors.
Renew us with the love of Christ so that we live no longer for ourselves, but for Christ who makes all things new. Amen.*

Assurance of Pardon Roger Pace

One: We who walk by faith and not by sight believe the good news—
If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old
has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Praise be to God for the mercy and grace that forgives our sins.

All: Alleluia! Amen!

PROCLAMATION

Hymn of Prayer *Abide With Me* E. L. Ashford

Aaron Foster, *organist*

Children, wearing masks, are invited to the front for the Children's Sermon.

Children's Sermon Rev. Holly Hatton

Gospel Reading *Mark 4:26-34* Clay Wilson

Choral Worship *I'm Gonna Keep Walkin'* arr. Bruce Greer
The Sanctuary Ensemble

I'm gonna keep walkin' and keep talkin' and keep singin' in Jesus' name. I'm gonna keep believin' and receivin' everything that He has for me. I'm gonna keep liftin' my voice, clappin' my hands, takin' all I can to the promised land. I'll keep walkin' and talkin' and singin' in Jesus' name. I will serve God's kingdom while I'm in this world. I've traded in my earthly things for that one precious pearl. I have no time to waste on these earthly pursuits; the kind of gain I'm after is of ultimate use. I'm gonna keep walkin'. . . Jesus came and filled me when I asked Him in, but He will never let me fall if I keep my eyes on Him. I've found in Christ everything that I need. Satan's great temptations, they mean nothing to me. I'm gonna keep walkin'. . .

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 *Incidental Parables* Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde

RESPONSE

Reminder of Giving Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde

Meditation *Shall We Gather at the River* Mary McDonald
David Córdoba Hernandez, *pianist*

Response *Doxology* OLD 100TH
Aaron Foster, *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 Rev. 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.***

A Word 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. Hyde following worship.)

Benediction Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde

Postlude *Postlude of "Italian Hymn"* Gordon Young
Aaron Foster, *organist*

Per the policy of FBC, masks must be worn over the mouth and nose while entering and exiting the Sanctuary and moving throughout the building. In accordance with CDC recommendations, masks will not be required while seated in the sanctuary if you are fully vaccinated. Thank you.

Today's worship participants are Adam Comer, a member of the Connect 4 SS class and a member of the Youth committee; Roger Pace, who joined the church in October 2020; and Clay Wilson, a deacon and member of the Connect 4 SS class.

Our music ensemble consists of choir members, Doris Gill, Gayla Foscue, Trudy Hatton, Paul Martin, Marc Pendley, Tom Pitman, and Cathy Wilhelm.

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 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."

Announcements

In-Person Sunday School Returns

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 about any of the available giving options, 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

Individual sign up 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".

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.

FBC in Prayer

Current Concerns

Nancy Burch
Chatham Family
Ken Haywood
Greg Houser



Parable of the Mustard Seed

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With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it;

He did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

—Mark 4:33-34