

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

## Sixth 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 *My Tribute* Andrae Crouch  
David Córdoba Hernandez, *pianist*

### ADORATION

Call to Worship Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde

One: Jesus Christ, the crucified Lord, calls us to live in freedom.

**Many: His grace is sufficient for us, his mercy is everlasting.**

One: Let us enter into God's kingdom rejoicing, not in our own strength or ingenuity, but in the power of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Let us worship God.**

Invocation Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde

\* Hymn of Praise 629 *God of Our Fathers* NATIONAL HYMN

Call to Confession Rev. Holly Hatton

One: Let us confess our sins to God, whose power is made perfect in our weakness.

Prayer of Confession

**All: Holy God, you call us boldly to proclaim your name, yet we are stubborn and rebellious and heedless of your call.**

**By the power of your Spirit, raise us to new life that we may return to faithful living through Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

One: Fellow believers, God's grace and mercy are never ending. Your sins are forgiven, therefore be free to live and serve our God.

### PROCLAMATION

Hymn 630 *America the Beautiful* MATERNA  
As we sing the first stanza, children, wearing masks, are invited to the front for the Children's Sermon.

Children's Sermon Rev. Holly Hatton

Instrumental Worship *God Bless America* Irving Berlin  
Roger Pace, *saxophone*

Gospel Reading *John 8:34-38* Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde  
(pages 927-928 in the pew Bible)

Choral Worship *Peace Hymn of the Republic* Mary McDonald  
The Sanctuary Ensemble

*O Lord our God, Thy mighty hand hath made our country free.  
From all her broad and happy land, may praise arise to Thee.  
Fulfill the promise of her youth; her liberty defend.  
By law and order, love and truth, America befriend!  
O suffer not her feet to stray, but guide her untaught might,  
That she may walk in peaceful day and lead the world in light.  
Bring down the proud, lift up the poor, unequal ways amend.  
By justice, nationwide and sure, America befriend!  
Through all the waiting land proclaim Thy gospel of goodwill;  
And may the music of Thy Name in every being thrill.  
O'er hill and vale, from sea to sea, Thy Holy reign extend.  
By faith and hope and charity, America befriend!*

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 Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde

*Conversations About Freedom*

### RESPONSE

Offertory Prayer Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde

Offertory *Largo* G. F. Handel  
David Córdoba Hernandez, *pianist*

\* Congregational Response 253 *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.***

### COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table Rev. Dr. Randy Hyde

*Today we celebrate communion by coming to the Table. When we do this the body of the church acts together, moving as a community toward the table. When you approach the table take a piece of bread and a cup of juice and step to the side to eat and drink. Communion servers may offer words of affirmation such as "The bread of life given for you" or "The cup of salvation." When receiving the elements you may remain silent or offer "Amen" or "Thanks be to God." Gluten free bread is available on the organ side. A deacon will bring communion to those who cannot come forward.*

### SENDING

Invitation to Discipleship Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde

\* Hymn of Response 305 *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus* ASSAM

\* Benediction Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde

\* Closing Hymn 387 *Blest Be the Tie* DENNIS  
(Verse 1)

\* Postlude *America! America!* Robert J. Hughes  
Aaron Foster, *organist*

*An offering will be received at the doors for our Benevolence Fund.*

***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 participant is Roger Pace. Our music ensemble consists of choir members, Doris Gill, Gayla Foscue, Trudy Hatton, Paul Martin, Tom Pitman, Jason Sullivan, 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 and the plant and 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."

## 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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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".

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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](http://www.fbcmemphis.org/online-worship)).

Sermons and worship services are available online at [www.fbcmemphis.org/sermons](http://www.fbcmemphis.org/sermons).

## FBC in Prayer

### Current Concerns

Ginger Bethany  
Nancy Burch  
Anita Cobb  
Chatham Family  
Ken Haywood  
Shelby Haywood



Rev. Randy Hyde, D.Min.  
Interim Pastor

Rev. Ray Hatton  
Music Ministry Interim

Rev. Holly Hatton  
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*Because of Your Love I Am Free!*

## Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 4, 2021

*“And a slave does not abide in the house forever,  
but a son abides forever.  
Therefore if the Son makes you free,  
you shall be free indeed.”*

—John 8:35-36

