First Baptist Church
JEFFERSON CITY TENNESSEE

**THE WORSHIP OF GOD**
**Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**

September 20, 2026 10:45am

**Centering Words**
Live your life in a manner
worthy of the gospel of Christ. (Philippians 1:27)**

**Welcome/Opportunities for Service/Invocation**
Chad Hartsock

**Prelude**
*I Could Sing of Your Love Forever* arr. Tornquist

**Call to Worship** Chad Hartsock
(Exodus 16, Philippians 1, Matthew 20)

In their wilderness wandering, the Israelites grumbled,
the Lord lit their way and provided nourishment.
**In our life journeys, we will give thanks**
**for the providence of the Holy One.**
In their daily work the laborers in the field grumbled
with resentment over gracious giving.
**In our daily lives, we will rejoice at generosity**
**shown to others.**
As we seek to live our lives by the example of Christ,
may we delight in God's grace.
**We will offer caring presence**
**and abundant generosity.**
**We will even endeavor to give up our grumbling.**
**Come, let us worship the Lord together!****

***Hymn of Gathering 303**
*All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly* HOLY MANNA

**Baby/Parent/Church Family Dedication Liturgy** (see insert)
Ethan Henry Davenport

(Children meet your leader at the front of the sanctuary for Bible Study)

**Scripture Reading** Exodus 16:2-15 Donna Davenport

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the pots of meat and ate our fill of bread, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?" And Moses said, "When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord."

Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites: 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.' " And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.' "

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

***Hymn of God's Revelation 33**
*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* CWM RHONDDA

**Prayer of Yearning** Major Treadway and People

Our greatest hope, O God, is to love as Jesus did,
with grace and compassion.
**Clear the wandering paths of our minds and hearts,**
**that Your Spirit may fill us with grace**
**to receive and share Your blessings. Amen.****

**Prayer Response 234**
*Spirit of The Living God* IVERSON

**Offertory Prayer** Pam Hester

**Offertory**
*Cornerstone* Keveren

***Response of Praise (707 tune)** OLD HUNDRETH/Luti
Praise God whose mercies never cease,
whose justice raises up the least
and sits all creatures down to feast—
God's mercy is our hope and peace!*** Amen.

**Scripture Reading** Matthew 20:1-16 Bruce Davenport

"For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around, and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received a denarius. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give

to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Musical Offering** *I Shall Not Want* Sorenson

Pam Hester, solo; Worship Ensemble

From the love of my own comfort,
from the fear of having nothing,
from a life of worldly passions,
deliver me, O God.

From the need to be understood,
from the need to be accepted,
from the fear of being lonely,
deliver me, O God.

Chorus

And I shall not want,
no, I shall not want.
When I taste Your goodness,
I shall not want.
When I taste Your goodness,
I shall not want.

From the fear of serving others,
from the fear of death or trial,
from the fear of humility,
deliver me, O God.
Yes, deliver me, O God. [repeat Chorus 2X]

**Sermon** *The Grace of Enough* Major Treadway

**Time of Reflection and Response**

*Work, For the Night is Coming* arr. Young

***Departing Hymn**

*Go with Us, Lord* TALIS CANON/Milligan

Worship Ensemble

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way
through this and every coming day,
that in your Spirit strong and true
our lives may be our gift to you.

***Benediction** Major Treadway

*Please rise by standing or lifting your heart.

**The Coming Week at FBC**

***Sunday, September 20***

12:00pm Ministry and Facility Conversations/Measurable Indicators/Room 301
5:00pm Youth Gathering/Room 214

***Monday, September 21***

6:00pm Cub Scout Pack 194/Fellowship Hall
7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 76/Fellowship Hall
7:30pm Upper Room Ladies Bible Study/Zoom

***Tuesday, September 22***

1:00pm Staff Meeting/Church Office

***Wednesday, September 23***

4:00pm Wednesday's Neighbors/Parlor
5:00pm WNS (Taco Salad)/Fellowship Hall
5:30pm Music Makers/Room 103
5:45pm Young Musicians/Room 103
6:00pm Common Prayer and Bible Study/Music Suite
6:45pm Ensemble Rehearsal/Music Suite

***Thursday, September 24***

8:30am Men's Breakfast

***Friday, September, 25 - Church Office Closed***

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| Readings for Today: | Readings for Next Sunday: |
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| Exodus 16: 2-15 | Exodus 17:1-7 |
| Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45 | Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16 |
| Philippians 1:21-30 | Philippians 2:1-13 |
| Matthew 20:1-16 | Matthew 21:23-32 |

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**Our membership is open to all persons regardless of race, social status, gender, and sexual identity and affirms our motto, "Breaking down barriers to proclaim the love of Christ."**

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**CHURCH STAFF**

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**Deacons & Minister of the Week:**

**September 20 - September 26**

Jim Wilson/Cary Bible/Major Treadway

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***We are glad that you are here!***

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