



First Baptist Church

JEFFERSON CITY TENNESSEE



THE WORSHIP OF GOD Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 22, 2024

10:45am

Welcome/Opportunities for Service/Invocation

Chad Hartsock

Prelude

Bonse Aba

Zambian Folk Hymn/arr. Wagner

("All who sing may be called children of God")

Call of Approach

Chad Hartsock

As we gather in the welcome of God's love, as we gather in the joy of our unity in Christ, as we gather in the power of the Spirit, let us listen for the voice of God!

Let us worship God, who has spoken and still speaks to those who attend to the roar or the whisper of the Holy One. Amen!**

***Hymn of Assurance 603**

Jesus Loves Me

CHINA

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

Scripture Reading

Psalm 1:1-6

Edward Treadway

Happy are those
who do not follow the advice of the wicked
or take the path that sinners tread
or sit in the seat of scoffers,
but their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and on the law of the Lord they meditate day and
night.

They are like trees
planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season,
and their leaves do not wither.

In all that they do, they prosper.

The wicked are not so

but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous,
for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

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

Offertory Prayer

Carolyn Blevins

Offertory

The King of Love

arr. Rowland-Raybold

*Response of Thanksgiving

Doxology

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O hear your people as we trace
Your mercy and your boundless grace;
Receive our praise that's never done,
O God, O Christ, O Spirit, One!

Scripture Reading

Mark 9:30-37

Sierra Bevins

Jesus and the disciples went on from there and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know it, for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them and taking it in his arms he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

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

***Hymn of Formation (see insert)**

Let Us Build a House

Haugen

Prayer of Confession

Major Treadway and People

Holy Sovereign of all, we confess that we have been filled with self-importance; we have sought more to be served than to serve. We have strived relentlessly for personal gain, and have cared little for Your glory, or for the needs of others.

In mercy, forgive us, and renew us.

By your Spirit, help us become as little children, so that we may receive Your kingdom gladly and freely; without regard for personal advantage.

Soften our hearts, that we will more fully please You and more freely serve one another, and in so doing will know the deep joy of being all that You have made us to be, in the footsteps of our Master, Jesus Christ.

Amen.***

Prayer Response

Prayer of St. Francis

Pote

Julia Bass, solo; Worship Ensemble

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love.

Where there is injury, Thy pardon, Lord.

Where there is doubt, let there be faith.

Oh, Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace.

Where there is despair, let me bring hope.

Where there is darkness, let me bring light.

Where there is sadness, let me bring joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console.
To be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.

Oh, Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love.

For it is in giving that we receive,
and it is in pardoning that we are pardoned.
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Oh, Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace.

Amen.

Sermon

The Path to Greatness

Major Treadway

Time of Reflection and Response

Jesus Loves Me

Sorenson

***Hymn of Service and Departing 652**

Make Me a Servant

SERVANT

***Benediction**

Major Treadway

*If you can do so, please stand for this portion of the worship service.

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THE COMING WEEK AT FBC

Sunday, September 22

5:00pm Youth Gathering/214

Monday, September 23

6:00pm Cub Scouts/Fellowship Hall

7:00pm Boy Scouts/Fellowship Hall

8:00pm Upper Room Ladies Bible Study/Zoom

Tuesday, September 24

10:00am Tuesday's Neighbors/Parlor

1:00pm Staff Meeting/Office

Wednesday, September 25

9:30am Community Bible Study/301

5:00pm Wednesday Night Supper (Taco Salad)/
Fellowship Hall

5:00pm Youth Gathering/214

6:00pm Common Prayer & Bible Study/Music Ste

6:00pm Music Makers/Room 218

6:45pm Worship Ensemble Rehearsal/Music Ste

Thursday, September 26

8:30am Men's Breakfast/Bojangles

Friday, September 27—Church Office Closed

Welcome to First Baptist Church!

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."

CHURCH STAFF

Sierra Bevins, Ministry Assistant
Angie France, Organist
Dr. Chad Hartsock, Minister for Students
Steven Lloyd, Custodian
Rev. Nenetta Measels, Minister of Music and Worship
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Melanie Simpson, Pianist
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Deacons & Minister of the Week:

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Church Office Hours:

Monday—Thursday 8:30-4:30pm, Closed on Friday

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<https://onrealm.org/fbcjeff/give/now>

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ALL ARE WELCOME

Text and Music
by Marty Haugen
Tune: TWO OAKS



1. Let us build a house where love can dwell and
2. Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and
3. Let us build a house where love is found in
4. Let us build a house where hands will reach be -
5. Let us build a house where all are named, their



all can safe - ly live. A place where saints and
words are strong and true. Where all God's chil - dren
wa - ter, wine and wheat; A ban - quet hall on
yond the wood and stone, To heal and strength - en,
songs and vi - sions heard And loved and treas - ured,



chil - dren tell how hearts learn to for -
dare to seek to dream God's reign a -
ho - ly ground, where peace and jus - tice
serve and teach, and live the Word they ve
taught and claimed as words with - in the



give. Built of hopes and dreams and vi - sions, rock of
new. Here the cross shall stand as wit - ness and as
meet. Here the love of God, through Je - sus, is re -
known. Here the out - cast and the stran - ger bears the
Word. Built of tears and cries and laugh - ter, prayers of



faith and vault of grace, Here the love of Christ shall
sym - bol of God's grace; Here as one we claim the
veiled in time and space, As we share in Christ the
im - age of God's face, Let us bring an end to
faith and songs of grace. Let this house pro - claim from



end di - vi - sions:
faith of Je - sus; } All are wel - come, all are wel - come,
feast that frees us;
fear and dan - ger:
floor to raft - er:



all are wel - come in this place.