



THE WORSHIP OF GOD Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 25, 2024

10:45am

Welcome/Opportunities for Service/Invocation

Bethany Davenport

Prelude

Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

arr. Shackley/Swift

Call of Approach

Nenette Measels and People

My soul longs for your place of worship, Lord; my heart and being rejoice in your living presence.

The sparrow has a dwelling, and the swallow a nest, in the shadow of your sanctuary, my Lord and my God.

Happy are those in your house, ever singing your praise.

Happy are the people whose strength is in God, For their hearts are set on the pilgrim way.

Lord, God of hosts,

Hear our prayers as we worship.

For you, O Lord, are our sun and our shield; Yours alone is the grace and the glory.

*Hymn of Praise 58

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

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

Prayer of Confession

Major Treadway

Almighty God,

Who alone dwells in light and holiness—we come before you as a sinful people, unworthy to stand in your awesome presence.

We confess that we have not stood firm

in resistance to the evils

that pervade within us and around us.

Our sin has led us away from you, and our pride has kept us from returning to you.

Draw us again to your dwalling place

Draw us again to your dwelling place, and heal our backsliding.

Cleanse us, sanctify us, empower us; that we may be your faithful ambassadors, a people holy unto you, for the sake of the world,

and of our holy Savior,

Jesus, your Anointed Deliverer. Amen.**

Response of the People 400

Precious Lord, Take My Hand (verse 1)

PRECIOUS LORD

Musical Offering

He's Always Been Faithful

arr. Larson

Worship Ensemble

Morning by morning I wake up to find the power and comfort of God's hand in mine.

Season by season I watch him, amazed, in awe of the mystery of his perfect ways.

All I have need of his hand will provide.

He's always been faithful to me.

I can't remember a trial or pain
He did not recycle to bring me gain.
I can't remember one single regret
in serving God only and trusting his hand.

All I have need of his hand will provide.

He's always been faithful to me.

This is my anthem, this is my song, the theme of the stories I've heard for so long. God has been faithful; he will be again. His loving compassion, it knows no end. All I have need of his hand will provide. He's always been faithful to me.

Offertory Prayer

Joe Dobyns

Offertory

God of the Sparrow

arr. Kerr/Schalk

Pastoral Prayer

Major Treadway

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 6:10-20

Donna Dobyns

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power; put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil, for our struggle is not against blood and flesh but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on the evil day and, having prevailed against everything, to stand firm. Stand, therefore, and belt your waist with truth and put on the breastplate of righteousness and lace up your sandals in preparation for the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

^{*}Hymn of Perseverance 629
Be Strong in the Lord

Sermon

The Mystery of the Gospel

Major Treadway

Time of Reflection and Response

Be Thou My Vision

arr. Lanier

Chris Justice, clarinet; Melanie Simpson, piano

*Hymn of Commitment and Departing 680

I Then Shall Live

FINLANDIA

*Benediction

Major Treadway

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Returning September 4!

WNS is served in The Fellowship Hall from 5:00 - 6:00pm.

Please make reservations by noon each Tuesday prior to eating on Wednesday. You can make a permanent reservation or call each week.

September 15 @ 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall



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THE COMING WEEK AT FBC

Sunday, August 25

5:00pm Youth Gathering/214

Monday, August 26

7:00pm Boy Scouts/Fellowship Hall

8:00pm Upper Room Ladies Bible Study/Zoom

Tuesday, August 27

12:00pm Tuesday's Neighbors/Parlor

1:00pm Staff Meeting/Office

Wednesday, August 28

5:00pm Youth Gathering/214

6:00pm Common Prayer, Bible Study, Music Ste

Thursday, August 29

8:30am Men's Breakfast/Bojangles 7:00pm Cub Scouts/Fellowship Hall

Friday, August 30—Church Office Closed

Sunday, September 1

9:30am Bible Study Classes for Adults/Various Rooms

9:30am Chancel Ensemble Rehearsal/Sanctuary

10:45am Worship Service/Sanctuary or Facebook

and Youtube

10:45am Children's Bible Study/Birth-K Room 119,

1st-5th grade Room 218

5:00pm Youth Gathering/214

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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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