



July 18, 2021 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost 9:45 am

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Prelude • Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

O come, let us worship and lift our hearts – not because the world is great and last week was awesome,

but because the earth is the Lord's and everything in it.

O come, let us worship and open ourselves to God's Spirit - not because our lives are all sweetness and light,

but because even those who walk in darkness can see a great light.

O come, let us worship and bow down before God - not because God always gives us what we want,

but because God gives us what we need in Jesus Christ.

Let us worship the Lord!

*Opening Hymn "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" 60 blue

**I sing the mighty pow'r of God, that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.**

I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day.

The moon shines full at God's command and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord, that filled the earth with food.

And formed the creatures with a word, and then pronounced them good.

**Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye,
if I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky!**

**There's not a plant or flow'r below, but makes thy glories known,
and clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from thy throne.**

**While all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care,
and everywhere that we can be, thou God art present there.**

Scripture Reading Mark 2:1-12

Special Music Kent Johnson

Sermon "Got Friends?" Rev. Jacqueline Saxon

Hymn "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" 435 blue

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!

What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!

**O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!**

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?

We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer!

Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?

Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?

Precious Savior, still our refuge--take it to the Lord in prayer!

Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!

In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou will find a solace there.

Morning Prayer

*Closing Hymn "The Servant Song" 2222 black

1 Brother, sister, let me serve you, let me be as Christ to you.

Pray that I might have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

2 We are pilgrims on a journey; we're together on this road.

We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

3 I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.

I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.

(Repeat 1)

Benediction

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This morning we welcome back to our pulpit **Rev. Jacqueline Saxon**, Executive Minister for our Mid-American Baptist Churches. We are delighted to have Jackie with us today!

We also welcome back longtime friend of our church **Barbara Atkins** who will be our accompanist today. Thank you also to **John Anderson** for serving as song leader!

Coming August 1: Worship with our friends from First Christian and Ames UCC, here at First Baptist at 10 am (note the time).

The anniversary date for Beth Douglass and Jere Maddux was missing from the list in the *Spire*. **TODAY** is their first anniversary!