

# UNITY IN THE SPIRIT

IT'S WHAT FLOWS WHEN WE  
PRAISE THE FATHER



**FIRST BAPTIST KNOXVILLE - 11 AM SERVICE**

# 11 am Service | June 20, 2021

## **Prelude | Rhonda Carpenter**

*Come Thou Fount* | Diane Bish

## **Call to Worship | Women's Ensemble**

*Proclaim the Glory of the Lord* | arr. Fettke

Proclaim the glory of the Lord,  
Let ev'ry tongue confess He reigns;  
Lift up His name in praises forever.  
Proclaim the glory of the Lord,  
Make known His mighty deeds to all;  
Take up the call, let ev'ry nation know.

He is our Messiah, our Savior and our King.  
Let all our voices join as one and fill the earth with singing.  
Glory to our God, His greatness we applaud;  
Let ev'ry race on ev'ry shore proclaim the glory of the Lord.

Proclaim the glory of the Lord,  
Give honor to the Prince of Peace;  
For if we cease the stones will start shouting.  
Proclaim the glory of the Lord with hands uplifted;  
Let us raise immortal praise to Him who reigns on high.

He is our Messiah, our Savior and our King.  
Let all our voices join as one and fill the earth with singing.  
Glory to our God, His greatness we applaud;  
Let ev'ry race on ev'ry shore proclaim the glory of the Lord,  
The glory of the Lord.

He is our Messiah, our Savior and our King.  
Let all our voices join as one and fill the earth with singing.  
Glory to our God, His greatness we applaud;  
Let ev'ry race on ev'ry shore proclaim the glory,  
Proclaim the glory, proclaim the glory,  
Proclaim the glory, proclaim the glory of the Lord!

## **Welcome | Susan Tatum**

## **Children's Sermon | Susan Tatum**

## Congregational Hymn 269

*We All Are One in Mission* | COMPLAINER

We all are one in mission, we all are one in call,  
Our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.  
A single great commission compels us from above  
To plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.

We all are called for service to witness in God's name.  
Our ministries are different, our purpose is the same:  
To touch the lives of others by God's surprising grace  
So every land and nation may feel God's warm embrace.

We all behold one vision, a stark reality:  
The steward of salvation was nailed upon a tree.  
Yet resurrected Justice gives rise that we may share  
Free reconciliation and hope amid despair.

Now let us be united and let our song be heard.  
Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming word.  
We all are one in mission, we all are one in call,  
Our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.

## Scripture Reading (Isaiah 66:1-2) | Jim Decker

<sup>66</sup> This is what the Lord says: "Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool. Where is the house you will build for me? Where will my resting place be? <sup>2</sup> Has not my hand made all these things, and so they came into being?" declares the Lord. "These are the ones I look on with favor: those who are humble and contrite in spirit, and who tremble at my word.

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

## Father's Day Litany | Tim Boone

God of love,  
Today we ask your blessing on all who give their lives with a father's love.

Bless new fathers and wise grandfathers.  
Bless loving uncles and caring godfathers.

Bless fathers who await the birth of their child with joy.  
Bless men who did not expect or want to become fathers.

Bless men who embrace fatherhood through adoption or foster parenting,  
remarriage or single parenthood.  
Bless men still waiting and hoping to become fathers.

Bless fathers whose work takes them away from their children.  
Bless fathers whose work is with their children.

Bless fathers whose lives are shaped by war, poverty, or violence.  
Bless fathers who work for peace, freedom, and justice.

Bless teachers and mentors who serve as father figures.  
Bless priests and ministers who lead as loving parents.

Bless men who are separated from their children, by force or choice.  
Bless families without fathers and all who love in abundance in their absence.

Bless fathers who have lost a child.  
Bless families who have lost their father.

Bless all whose fathers were loving.  
Bless all whose fathers failed to meet their needs for love.

Bless all who celebrate today.  
Bless all who struggle today.

In the name of the Trinity – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – we pray.  
Amen.

## **Special Music | Women's Ensemble**

*He's Been Faithful* | arr. Berry

In my moments of fear, through ev'ry pain, ev'ry tear,  
There's a God who's been faithful to me.  
When my strength was all gone, when my heart had no song,  
Still in love He's proved faithful to me.  
Ev'ry word He's promised is true;  
What I thought was impossible I see my God do.

He's been faithful, faithful to me,  
Looking back His love and mercy I see.  
Though in my heart I have questioned, even failed to believe,  
Yet, He's been faithful, faithful to me.

When my heart looked away, the many times I could not pray,  
Still my God, He was faithful to me.  
The days I spent so selfishly, reaching out for what pleased me;  
Even then God was faithful to me.  
Ev'ry time I come back to Him,  
He is waiting with open arms and I see once again.

He's been faithful, faithful to me,  
Looking back His love and mercy I see.  
Though in my heart I have questioned, even failed to believe,  
Yet, He's been faithful, faithful to me.

Oh, In my heart I have questioned, even failed to believe,  
Yet, He's been faithful, faithful.

In my heart I have questioned, even failed to believe,  
Yet, He's been faithful, faithful to me.

He is faithful, He's been so faithful, faithful to me.

## **Sermon | Brent McDougal**

### **Unity in the Spirit:**

### **It's What Flows When We Praise the Father | Isaiah 66:1-2**

## **Hymn of Response 33**

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* | CWM RHONDDA

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but Thou art mighty; hold me with Thy powerful hand;  
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more,  
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through;  
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer, be Thou still my strength and shield,  
Be Thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside:  
Bear me through the swelling current, land me safe on Canaan's side;  
Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to Thee,  
I will ever give to Thee.

## **Worship Through Giving | Pam Neal**

## **Spoken Benediction**

## **Sung Benediction | Women's Ensemble**

*The Call* | arr. Dennis Allen

The eyes of the children are upon us.  
The ears of the world are tuned our way,  
Looking and list'ning for evidence,  
Examining the fabric of our faith.

Do they see us holding firm in our convictions?  
Do they see us moving forward in the cause?  
Do they rise and answer the call?

Let us answer the call, walking worthy of all the Father wants us to do.  
Let us rise up and build, according to His will for us

We must love one another, ev'ry sister, ev'ry brother,  
And together reach those beyond our walls.  
When we hear His voice, let us rise and answer the call.

We must love one another, ev'ry sister, ev'ry brother,  
And together reach those beyond our walls.  
When we hear His voice, let us rise and answer the call,  
Answer the call, answer the call.

**Organ Postlude | Rhonda Carpenter**  
*God of Our Fathers* | Mary McDonald

**Sanctuary Flowers**

To the glory of our Heavenly Father, and in loving memory of  
Joe and Emily Higdon, Ben & Marjorie Wolcott.  
Given by the Higdon Family.

**Please note our adjusted policies on masks and social distancing.**

- 1. Ropes have come down for social distancing on the main level of the sanctuary but will remain in the balcony for the benefit of those who wish to maintain social distance
- 2. Masks are not required for people seated in our worship spaces, but we do ask people to wear masks when entering and exiting the building and in common areas
- 3. Masks are continued to be required for children's activities (except for outdoor activities)

If you have any questions, please call the church office at 865-546-9661 or email [vmoores@fbcknox.org](mailto:vmoores@fbcknox.org). Thank you.

**Please drop your offering in the Offering Boxes next to the doors.**

	May '21	Fiscal YTD	Last Week's Attendance
Revenue (all sources)	\$146,508	\$1,714,173	
Expenses	\$135,160	\$1,482,948	Worship Total 274
Excess/Deficit	\$11,348	\$231,226	(does not reflect at-home viewers)

# SPOTLIGHTON

## KIDS CAMP 2021



**A**fter canceling Kids Camp last year due to COVID, it is an understatement to say that everyone was super excited about going to camp this year!

This was the 13th year our youth served as cabin counselors and led our camp of 3rd-5th graders in Worship and Celebration services, small group Bible studies, and so much more. This past week, we learned to FOCUS on the things we can see to help us trust in the things we can't see and better understand God's love and plan for us.

The beautiful mountain setting of Camp Ba-Yo-Ca in Townsend was the perfect place for us to get away from all of the things that distract us daily and listen to what God has to say to us.

Our week ended with four campers wanting to talk further about being baptized! God definitely moved among our kids for His glory!

Many thanks to each youth and adult for giving their time (and energy!) to help make camp happen!

A heartfelt thanks to our FBC family for your prayers, contributions, and for being a church that loves and supports our children and families!

To God Be the Glory!

Susan



# SERMONNOTES

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## "UNITY: IT'S WHAT FLOWS WHEN WE PRAISE THE FATHER"

ISAIAH 66:1-2

For the next few Sundays, our focus will be on unity in the church. God loves it when the church is unified. God blesses a unified church. Today's message is about where unity begins.

When we set our hearts on praising God and \_\_\_\_\_  
at His Word, we won't have time for division.

If we want unity, this is where we have to start. When we are here together, all focused in the same direction — we're only looking to Him. That's where unity begins. Conflict is usually a sign that our focus has shifted to less important issues.

"I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be **no divisions among you**, but that you be **perfectly united** in mind and thought."  
(1 Corinthians 1:10, NIV)

What kind of church is God looking for?

God looks for a church that is \_\_\_\_\_.

"Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all." (Ephesians 4:2-6, NIV)

God looks for a church that is \_\_\_\_\_.

"My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart you, God, will not despise." (Psalm 51:17, NIV)

God looks for a church that \_\_\_\_\_ at God's word.



# SERMONNOTES

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“There are six things the Lord hates, seven that are detestable to Him: haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked schemes, feet that are quick to rush into evil, a false witness who pours out lies, **and a person who stirs up conflict in the community.**” (Proverbs 6:16-19, NIV)

***“Have nothing to do with foolish, ignorant controversies;*** you know that they breed quarrels. And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil, correcting his opponents with gentleness.” (2 Timothy 2:23-25a, NIV)

“My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, ***that all of them may be one***, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one— I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.” (John 17:20-23, NIV)

Jesus prayed that we would be one, so how much does it grieve His heart when we are not one? Unity starts with praise. So be honest: how much time have you spent praising Him this morning? Write a prayer of praise below:

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Our lack of praise may be the biggest reason for our divisions. When we stop really worshipping, our hope for unity is gone.

How is God speaking to you today?

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# SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Pray for Awaken Old City Church

Each week we pray for one church in our city. Today we lift up another downtown church. Please pray for strength, encouragement, and for Awaken Old City Church to continue to expand the Kingdom of God and make known the reality of the love of Jesus Christ.



COMMUNITY

## Deacon Ordination Service

*Sunday, June 27, 5 pm | Sanctuary/Virtual*

Please plan to join us for this special deacon ordination service. With our hands outstretched, we will bless our new deacons and remember that they are examples of servanthood and leadership within the church. Our Deacons' Choir will sing during the service, and there will be a small reception afterward.



DISCIPLESHIP

## The Great Choir Comeback

*Wednesday, June 23, 7-8:45 pm | Sanctuary*

Attention choir members! We are excited to announce that the Sanctuary Choir is starting back up! On June 23, regular choir rehearsals will resume at 7 pm in the sanctuary to allow for social distancing. Masks are optional, but we ask that you have received your vaccination. We will plan to sing during the 11 am service on July 4! Let's worship together once more!



WORSHIP

## Family Promise: Night Without A Bed

*Saturday, June 26*

Night Without a Bed is an event that raises awareness for families experiencing homelessness. Participants are encouraged to sleep anywhere without a bed - cars, a tent, a treehouse, the living room floor, a couch - and use the hashtag #NightWithoutABed to post a video blog or photo with a short blog entry to describe their experiences.



MISSION

## Worship Arts Camp

*July 26 - July 30 | 9 am-Noon Each Day*

At Worship Arts Camp this year, our children will put together and perform the children's musical Fish Tales. If you have not signed up, there is still time to do so! Grandparents are welcome to invite their grandchildren to participate as well. You can email Richard Buerkle ([rbuerkle@fbcknox.org](mailto:rbuerkle@fbcknox.org)) to register your children today!



WORSHIP

## Pray for Student Life Camp

Student Life Camp is happening right now! Please pray for the 25 or so youth and staff as they worship, study the Bible, and fellowship together. We pray this will be a time to build strong connections with one another, for the Spirit to move within the lives of our youth, and for them to grow closer to God.



DISCIPLESHIP

## Opportunity for Service

Are you looking for a place to serve at FBC? As we think about being the welcoming church for those who come to First Baptist, we are looking for some additional places to greet and welcome visitors. Please let Pam know at [pneal@fbcknox.org](mailto:pneal@fbcknox.org) if you would like to be part of this new **Connection Team**. We are looking for **Parking Lot Greeters, Lobby Greeters, Information Desk Workers, and Escorts** for taking visitors to worship or Sunday School. This is a great opportunity to meet new people and serve our church. For more information, please contact Pam.



COMMUNITY

## KARM: Every Bed Every Day Prayer Cards

*Collecting Cards during June*

We are only 100 cards away from our goal of 300 prayer cards for guests of the Every Bed Every Day program! If you can help us reach that goal, colorful index cards are available to pick up at the Reception office. These cards can include a picture, a Bible verse, or a word of encouragement. Please drop off your prayer cards in the mailbox of Tim Boone by the end of this month. Find out more about the ministry at [everybedeveryday.org](http://everybedeveryday.org).



MISSION

## VBS 2021: Off To A Great Start!

*July 12-16 | 9 am - 12:15 pm | 3 years-5th grade completed*

Three weeks and counting! Our Discovery on Adventure Island is shaping up to be one of our biggest VBS events ever! We have pre-registered 95 children and have another two weeks to go!

**Please note that pre-registration will close on Friday, July 2!!** After that, you will have to register on your first day of VBS, which can be a little chaotic, so **DO NOT WAIT!** Pre-register at [fbcknox.org/events](http://fbcknox.org/events).

We are still in need of volunteers in the following areas: classrooms (all ages), Bible Story Drama Station, Science Station, Security/Parking, Craft Station (grades 1-5)

If you have waited to be asked, please know that you are needed and contact Susan at [statum@fbcknox.org](mailto:statum@fbcknox.org).

**Our Volunteer Meeting is on Sunday, June 27, at noon in the Blue Room. A light lunch will be served.**



DISCIPLESHIP

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## Coming Up This Week

**Today, 12 pm, 230 Centre**

Worship Arts Camp Auditions

**Wednesday, 6 pm, Sanctuary**

Bible Study

**Wednesday, 7 pm, Sanctuary**

Sanctuary Choir Practice Resumes

**Thursday, 10:30 am, Trentham Hall**

Golden Notes

**Saturday, At Home Event**

Night Without A Bed

**Sunday, 5 pm, Sanctuary**

Deacon Ordination Service & Reception

## **VISITING?**

Let us know you're here!



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