



on-lawn worship

Our Worship of God

May 18, 2025

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

Prelude

Let All Things Now Living
Colleen Ostercamp, keyboard

arr. Pethel

Welcome

Pastor Kristin McAtee

† Call to Worship (responsive)

Church, where do you see God?

**We see God in the wide reach of sky,
in the towering height of mountains,
in the depths of the sea,
and in the vividness of flowers.**

Church, where else do you see God?

**We see God in early morning sunrises,
in the quiet after a snow,
in the reaching of rivers and tributaries,
and in the stars that light the night.**

And in your seeing, what do you know?

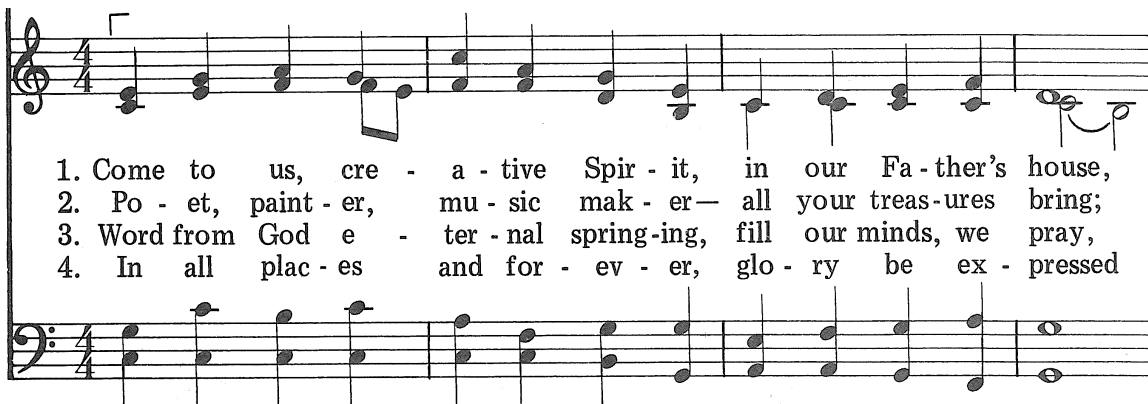
**We know that God is here,
and we know that God is good.**

Let us worship the God of creation!

Let us worship our with-us God.

†Opening Hymn

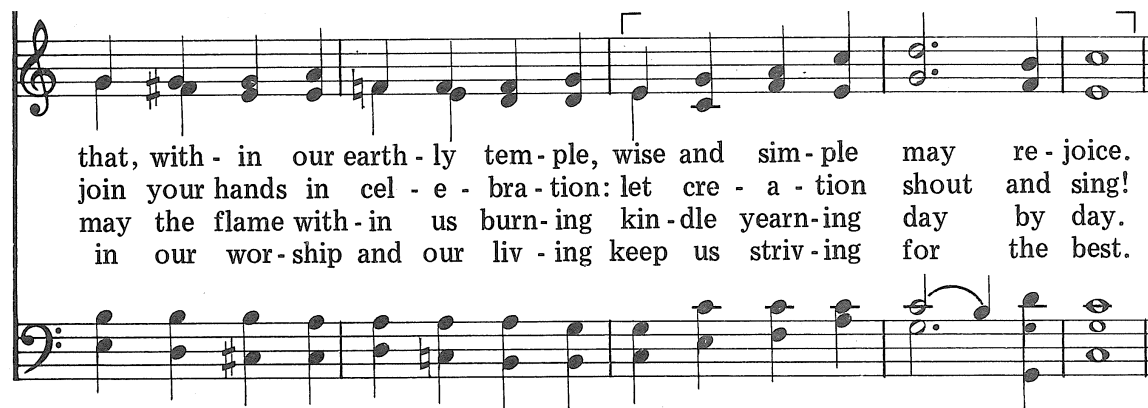
Come to Us, Creative Spirit



1. Come to us, cre - a - tive Spir - it, in our Fa - ther's house,
 2. Po - et, paint - er, mu - sic mak - er— all your treas - ures bring;
 3. Word from God e - ter - nal spring - ing, fill our minds, we pray,
 4. In all plac - es and for - ev - er, glo - ry be ex - pressed



ev - ery hu - man tal - ent hal - low, hid - den skills a - rouse,
 crafts - man, ac - tor, grace - ful danc - er— make your of - fer - ing;
 and in all ar - tis - tic vi - sion give in - teg - ri - ty:
 to the Son, with God the Fa - ther and the Spir - it blest:



that, with - in our earth - ly tem - ple, wise and sim - ple may re - joice.
 join your hands in cel - e - bra - tion: let cre - a - tion shout and sing!
 may the flame with - in us burn - ing kin - dle yearn - ing day by day.
 in our wor - ship and our liv - ing keep us striv - ing for the best.

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Call to Confession

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

Prayer of Confession

Creator God,

We have lost our way.

In the beginning, humanity was instructed to care for creation.
However, in pursuit of our own wealth and efficiency,
we have done the opposite.

The oceans are heavy with plastic.

The ice caps are melting by the hour.

Animals and plants are treated as a means to an end.

Corporations fill the atmosphere with pollution.

Policies and practices are slow to change.

Forgive us, O God.

Bring us back to the garden.

Fill our hearts with compassion for your world.

Show us where we can make a difference,

and help us to see your fingerprints

in every glimpse of the natural world.

With hope in our hearts for a better day, we pray:

Amen.

Words of Forgiveness

Just as flowers that bloom after the fire,
there is nothing that God cannot redeem.

We are known. We are loved. We are made new.

So may we roll up our sleeves and get our hands dirty

with the work of justice,

with the work of compassion,

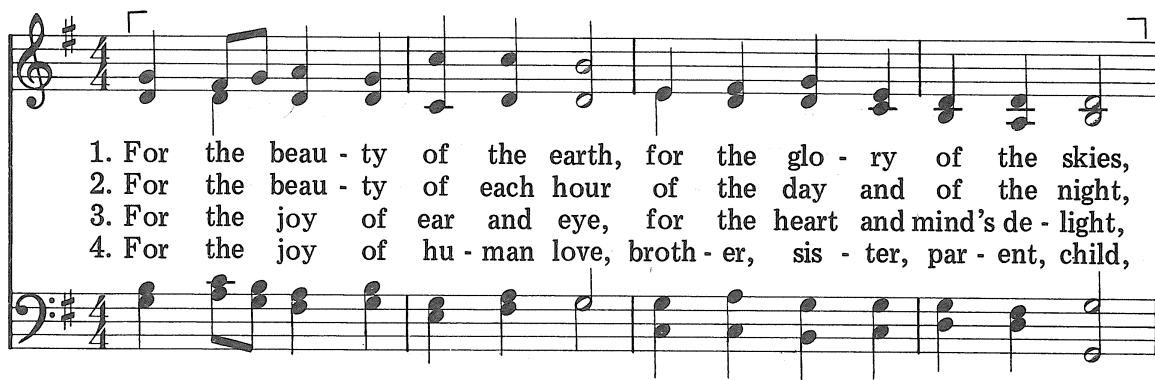
with the work of mercy.

Thanks be to God for this new day!

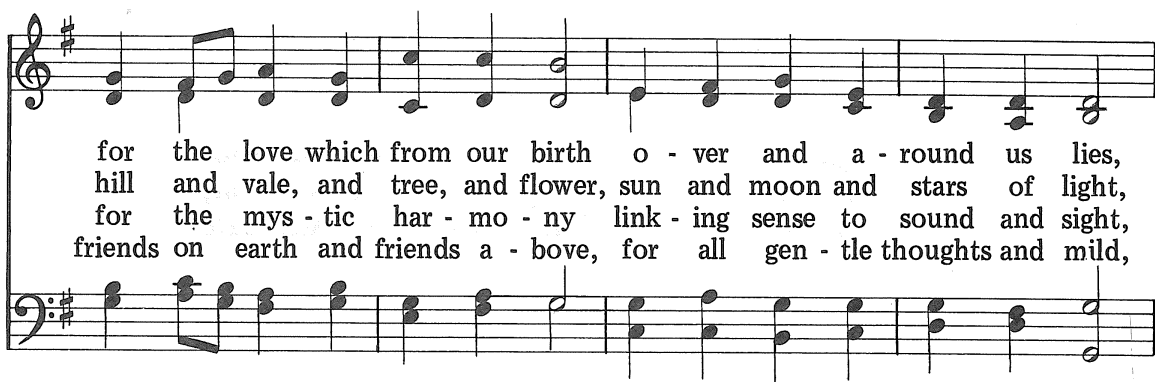
Alleluia! Amen.

†Hymn

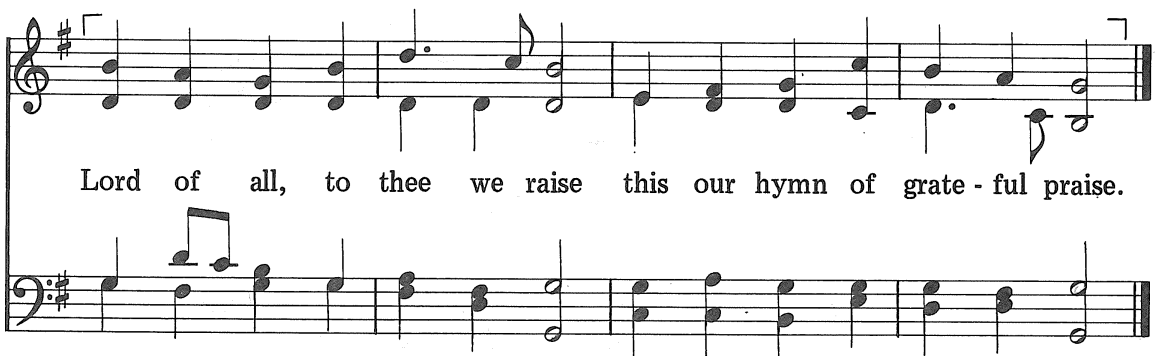
For the Beauty of the Earth



1. For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,
 2. For the beau - ty of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3. For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
 4. For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies,
 hill and vale, and tree, and flower, sun and moon and stars of light,
 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight,
 friends on earth and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild,



Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

Scripture Readings

Ephesians 2:8-10

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Romans 12:1-2

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sharing Our Gifts

Anthem

Dona nobis pacem (Give Us Peace) arr. Margaret Tucker
Chancel Choir w/ Colleen Ostercamp

Message

Pastor Kristin McAtee

Prayer (unison)

**O God, giver of all good gifts,
you have given me life.
You have bestowed upon me your love
and that love is woven into all my days.**

**Help me to listen to the rhythm of each day, day by day,
so that I can see and hear you more clearly.
Guide me so that I know who and whose I am.**

**I shall listen.
I shall listen to the voices of the earth, the music of the skies.
I shall see the beauty of all creation as your gift of presence,
for it is clear that whatever my life holds,
I will never journey alone.**

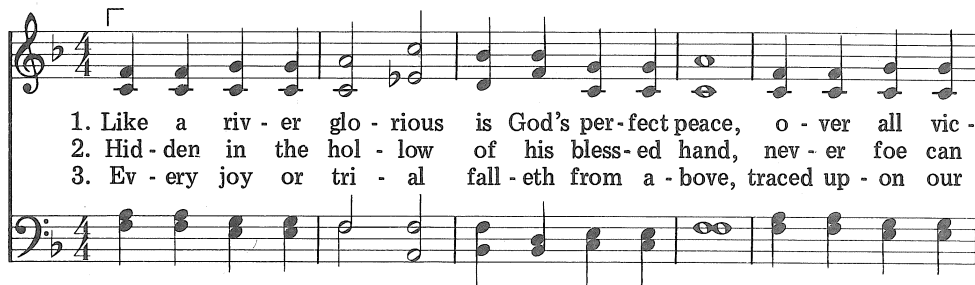
**I will listen to my feelings as I grow and change,
processes that I know will be lifelong.
I shall listen to you.**

**And even though I want easy answers,
I know that what you want is a relationship.
So when I answer you,
may my response be in rhythm with You.**

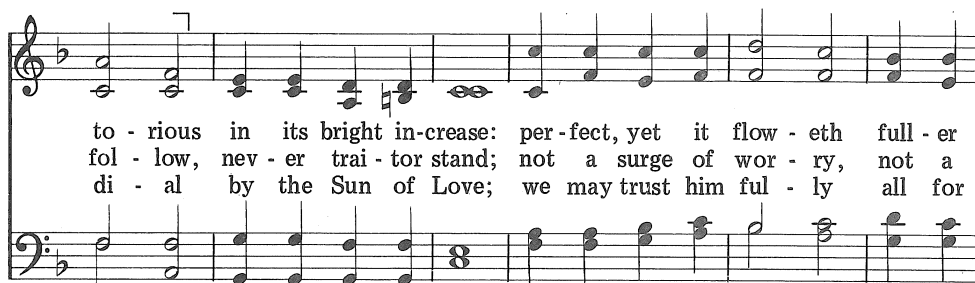
**What am I to do?
I am ready to listen.**

†Hymn of Response

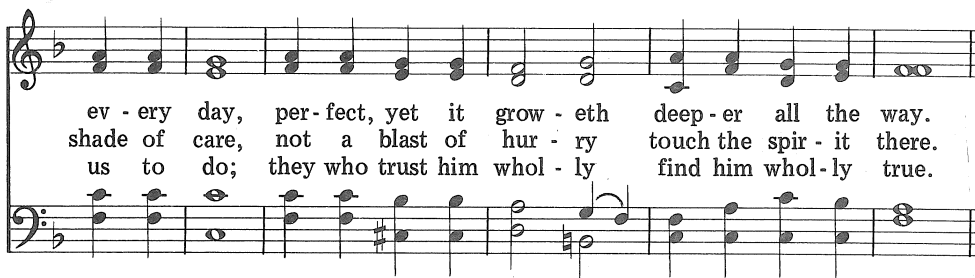
Like a River Glorious



1. Like a riv - er glo - rious is God's per - fect peace, o - ver all vic -
 2. Hid - den in the hol - low of his bless - ed hand, nev - er foe can
 3. Ev - ery joy or tri - al fall - eth from a - bove, traced up - on our

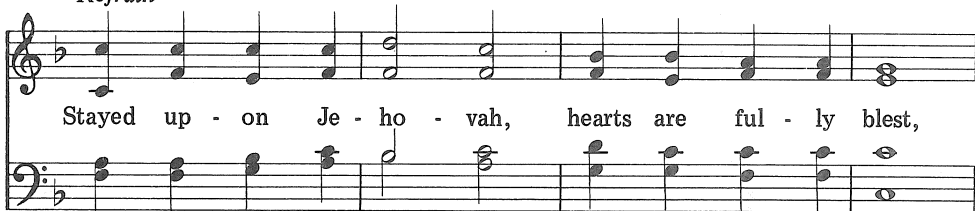


to - rious in its bright in - crease: per - fect, yet it flow - eth full - er
 fol - low, nev - er trai - tor stand; not a surge of wor - ry, not a
 di - al by the Sun of Love; we may trust him ful - ly all for

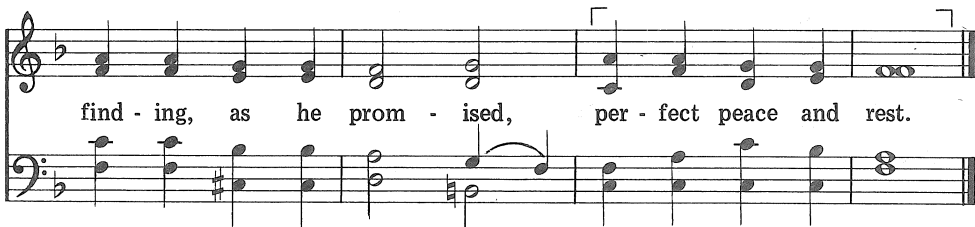


ev - ery day, per - fect, yet it grow - eth deep - er all the way.
 shade of care, not a blast of hur - ry touch the spir - it there.
 us to do; they who trust him whol - ly find him whol - ly true.

Refrain



Stayed up - on Je - ho - vah, hearts are ful - ly blest,



find - ing, as he prom - ised, per - fect peace and rest.

Life of the Church

†Benediction

†Postlude

The Beautiful Garden of Prayer
Colleen Ostercamp, *keyboard*

Schroll & Fillmore

Worship Notes

Come to Us, Creative Spirit, Words: David Mowbray, c. 1977. Music: Edwin G. Monk, 1861.

For the Beauty of the Earth, Words: Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1864, alt. Music: Conrad Kocher, 1838; harm. William H. Monk, 1861.

Unison Prayer, ~ posted on Consider Your Call.

<http://www.consideryourcall.org/sites/default/files/CYC-Media/Toolbox/Materials/Worship-Toolbox.pdf>

Like a River Glorious, Words: Frances R. Havergal, 1874. Music: James Mountain, 1876.

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Week at a Glance

Sunday, May 18 – On -Lawn Worship

- 9:10 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 9:15 am Awakening Service on the front lawn
- 10:15 am Spiritual Formation Hour –Adult, Youth & First Kids Sunday School
- 11:15 am Traditional Service on the front lawn

Monday, May 19

- 3:00 pm Staff Meeting

Tuesday, May 20

- 1:00 pm Crafty Critters in the Conference Room

Wednesday, May 21

- 6:00 pm Youth Group at Level Up
- 6:30 pm Chancel Bells

Thursday, May 22

- 9:00 am First Baptist Cleanup Day
- 10:30 am First Baptist Women's Zoom Book Study
- 6:00 pm Crafter Hours

Friday, May 23

- 9:00 am First Baptist Cleanup Day

Sunday, May 25

- 9:10 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 9:15 am Awakening Service in the Fellowship Hall
- 10:15 am Spiritual Formation Hour –Adult, Youth & First Kids Sunday School
- 11:15 am Traditional Service in the Sanctuary

Announcements

Welcome Visitors!

If you are visiting, we are so glad to have you with us! If you would like to receive more information about First Baptist and our ministries, you can fill out a connection card from the pew back, scan the QR code in the bulletin, or visit our website at fbc-columbia.org/connect



Bingo And Bites – May 30

Join us Friday, May 30 at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall for an evening of fun, food, and friendly competition at our Intergenerational Bingo Night! Bring your whole crew—kids, teens, adults, and everyone in between—for a night of laughter, prizes, and tasty bites. Whether you're a bingo pro or just in it for the snacks, there's a seat for you at the table.

Journey Together – Register Today!

Save the date for this year's Journey Together, a spiritual formation weekend for kids and their families. This year's theme is *Waves of Wonder*.



Visit fbc-columbia.org/together for more information and to register.



Clearing the Clutter on Cleanup Day – May 22-23

On May 22 and 23, we will be working to clear up the storage room in the Connector Building. If there are any large items in other areas which need to be disposed of, please notify the church office. We will have a moving team here to help us remove the old pews stored on the 4th floor. This is by order of the Fire Marshal. If you would like to have one of the pews, you can contact the church office to verify your pickup time. Volunteers are welcome to help us! We will start work on clearing Thursday, May 22 at 9am. You will be paid in donuts.

Churchwide GRACE Safeguarding Training - May 31

As part of our commitment to creating a safe and welcoming environment for all, we are continuing with the **GRACE Safeguarding Initiative**. The GRACE Safeguarding Initiative seeks to provide churches with comprehensive training and other resources to prevent abusive behavior toward children and vulnerable adults. Our church-wide training is Saturday, May 31 from 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

Whether you're a parent, grandparent, volunteer, or someone who cares about our church family, this training will equip you with knowledge and tools to help keep children and vulnerable adults safe—not just at church, but everywhere.

Led by a GRACE-certified facilitator through the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, this initiative is part of a broader effort to update our protection policies and strengthen our culture of care.

We would love for our entire congregation to attend. Your presence matters. Let's grow in wisdom and care—together.

Childcare is available for children, but you must register by May 18th by emailing Pastor Brittany McDonald Null at bnull@fbc-columbia.org.

CBF General Assembly in St. Louis – June 24-26

CBF's annual gathering, the General Assembly, is being held for the first time in St. Louis. This is a special opportunity for you to come and experience the Fellowship for yourself.

Registration is free online at <https://cbf.swoogo.com/assembly> or in person. Come for worship, breakout sessions, and fellowship. There are several events hosted by partner organizations such as Baptist Women in Ministry and the McAll Racial Justice Initiative that are paid events. First Baptist Church has already purchased tables for these events. If you are interested in signing up for one of them, please contact Pastor Brittany. **In exciting news**, Shelby Pride and our Awakening Worship Team are providing the music! It would be great for FBC to join the crowd as friends and supporters.

Come and join us in St. Louis! Preschool, children's and youth assemblies are also available. A brief schedule is below. For more details, click here.

<https://cbf.swoogo.com/assembly>

Notes

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Rev. Kristin McAtee, Senior Pastor
Rev. Brittany McDonald Null, Pastor of Families and Spiritual Formation
Jonathan Ray, Music Director-Traditional Worship
Shelby Pride, Awakening Worship Praise Band Director
Colleen Ostercamp, Pianist and Organist
Noah Hartsfield, Handbell Director
Susan Goudie, Office Coordinator
Brenda Rice, Administrative Assistant for Web, Facilities, and Arts
Mike Ide, Custodian
Nellene Martin, Childcare Director