



A Time for Everything | Edie Mae Herrel

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 2026 | 10:30 AM

Welcome to Worship at First Baptist Church

**We extend a special greeting to our guests.
We hope you find today's worship meaningful.
If this is your first time visiting with us,
we invite you to pick up a free welcome gift
from one of our deacons.**



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

Prelude		Zach Busch
	<i>Hymn of Promise</i> , arr. Roberta Rowland-Raybold	
[†] Gathering Words		Amanda Huff
[†] Opening Song		Congregation
	<i>God of Many Faces</i> , see page 5.	
Welcome		Amanda Huff
[†] Call to Worship & Invocation		Amanda Huff & Congregation
	<i>Rev. Tim Schaefer</i>	

One: For everything there is a season and a time.

Many: God is present through everything under the sun.

One: We come remembering God's faithfulness in the past
and seeking God's wisdom for what lies ahead.

Many: We gather to worship the One who is making all things new.

One: Let us pray together.

**Many: God of every season,
you have called us together for this time and this place.
As we worship, give us thankful hearts, open minds,
and willing spirits.**

**Lead us with your wisdom, strengthen us for the work before us,
and keep us faithful to the way of Christ.
Amen.**

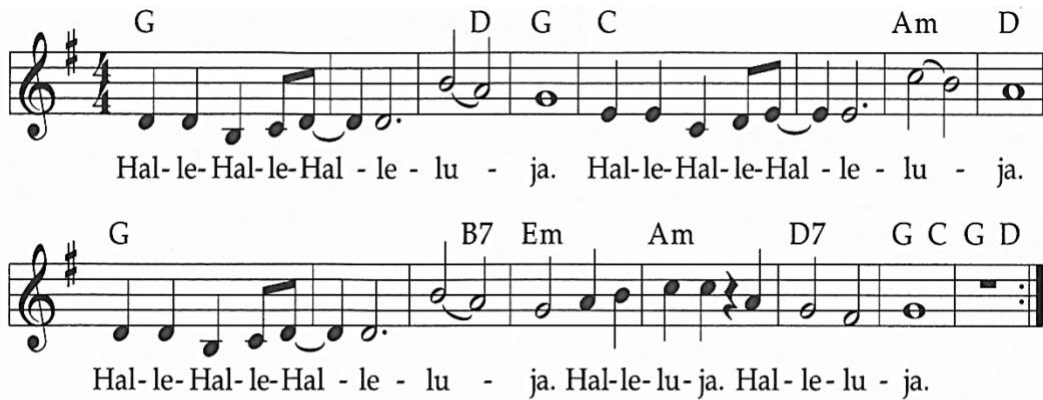
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WORD

[†]The Word in Music Congregation
Bring Many Names, Brian Wren, Zach Busch, see page

First Reading Sara Kelm
Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

[†]Acclamation Congregation
Halle-Halle-Halleluja
Chalice (Red) Hymnal, #41



MUSIC: Caribbean

Second Reading Sara Kelm
Ecclesiastes 3:9-15

Sermon Rev. Tim Schaefer
“A Season for Everything?”

Response to the Word Congregation
Hymn of Promise
(In The Bulb There Is a Flower),
Chalice (Red) Hymnal, #638

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COMMUNITY

Passing of the Peace

Amanda & Congregation

One: The peace of Christ be with you.
Many: **And also with you.**

[†]Prayers of the People

Amanda Huff & Congregation

Share your joys & concerns with us!
To view and submit prayers, scan the QR code
or visit firstbaptistmadison.org/prayer



One: We join together in echoing the words Jesus taught us to pray:
Many: **Our Creator, who is in heaven, hallowed be your name**
Your kin-dom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kin-dom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Special Music

For Good, from *Wicked*

John W. Duncan & Zach Busch

SENDING

A Liturgy of Thanksgiving & Farewell
See page 8.

Paul Chotlos & Congregation

Sending Song

Congregation

Blest Be the Tie that Binds,
The New Century (Black) Hymnal, #393

Benediction

Rev. Tim Schaefer

Postlude

Zach Busch

Please join us for lunch after worship
to celebrate Pastor Tim's ministry with us. See back page.

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God of Many Faces

Amy Cerniglia

SLANE
Irish Melody, harm. Jack Schrader

God of man - y fa - ces, we of - fer our praise,
 God of man - y gen - ders, our world re - flects you,
 God of man - y names, we in - vite you to show
 God of man - y bod - ies, a - bide with - in ours,

sing - ing your glo - ry through all of our days.
 sun - rise and sun - set u - ni - ting our hues,
 us the new names that re - flect our true souls,
 shift - ing more each day through time and through scars.

Hear ev - er grow - ing voi - ces, once fra - gile, now strong,
 wo - ven in - to a ci - ty with jewels of all shades,
 Breathe with your ho - ly spir - it to give us the Word
 Come sanc - ti - fy our bod - ies, all fash - ioned by you,

car - ry - ing mel - o - dies in ex - pan - sive new songs.
 hou - ses of ru - by and walls rowed with jade.
 that will in - dwell dry bones, grant - ing new life once heard.
 ho - li - er ev - ery - day, still be - com - ing more true.

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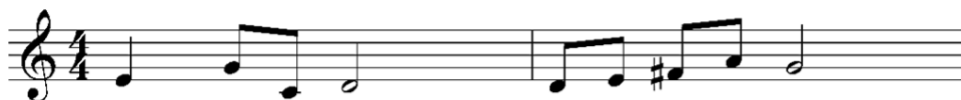
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Bring Many Names

*Dedicated to Pastor Tim Schaefer
at the conclusion of his call at FBC Madison*

Text by Brian Wren
Music by Zach Busch



1. Bring	man - y	names,	beau - ti - ful	and	good,
2. Strong	moth - er	God,	work - ing	night	and
3. Warm	fa - ther	God,	hug - ging	ev - 'ry	child,
4. Old,	ach - ing	God,	gray with	end - less	care,
5. Young,	grow - ing	God,	ea - ger,	on the	move,
6. Great,	liv - ing	God,	nev - er	ful - ly	known,



cel - c - brate,	in	par - a - ble	and	sto - ry,
plan - ning	all	won - ders	of	cre - a - tion,
feel - ing	all	the strains	of	hu - man
calm - ly	pierc - ing	e - vil's	new	dis - guis - es,
say - ing	no	false - hood	and	un - kind - ness,
joy - ful	dark - ness	far	be - yond	our
				see - ing,



ho - li - ness	in	glo - ry,	liv - ing,	lov - ing	God.
set - ting	cach	c - qua - tion,	gen - i - us	at	play:
car - ing	and	sur - giv - ing	till we're	rec - on	ciled:
glad	of	good	sur - pris - es,	wis - er	than
cry - ing	out	for	jus - tice,	giv - ing	all
clos - er	yet	than	breath - ing,	ev - er - last - ing	home:



Hail	and	ho-san na!	Bring	man - y	names.
Hail	and	ho-san na,	strong	moth - er	God!
Hail	and	ho-san - na,	warm	fa - ther	God!
Hail	and	ho-san - na,	old	ach - ing	God!
Hail	and	ho-san - na,	young,	grow - ing	God!
Hail	and	ho-san - na,	great,	liv - ing	God!

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A Liturgy of Thanksgiving & Farewell

In gratitude for the ministry of the Rev. Tim Schaefer

First Baptist Church of Madison • Sunday, August 9, 2026

The Calling

Leader: Five years ago we opened Tim's ministry among us with a promise from the prophet Isaiah: "I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth — do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert."

People: We came with great expectations. And God was faithful.

Leader: Today we return to that same promise, for the God who called Tim to us is the God who now calls him onward.

People: We come with grateful hearts, and we send him with our blessing.

The Remembering

Leader: When we installed Tim as our pastor, we made promises to one another — to build trust, to seek justice, to grow and to love, to welcome everyone, and to honor the spark of the Divine in each person.

People: Tim, you helped us keep that covenant. You proclaimed truth with love, you carried justice beyond these walls, and you shepherded us in joy and in sorrow.

The Release

Leader: People of First Baptist Church, do you release Tim from his call as our pastor, and give thanks to God for the ministry we have shared?

People: We do, and we give thanks to God.

Leader: Tim, do you recognize the completion of this chapter of ministry among us, releasing us as we release you — in love and in gratitude?

Pastor: I do, and I give thanks to God for our ministry together.

The Blessing

Leader: Let us pray.

God of every ending and beginning, we gave you thanks when you called Tim to us, and we give you thanks now as you send him onward. Among us he lived out our mission — following Jesus by doing justice, loving people, and advocating for equity — and he helped us become more truly the church we long to be: inclusive, welcoming, and free.

Now we pray that mission back over Tim and John. Wherever you lead them, let them do justice, and know justice done on their behalf; let them love, and be deeply loved; let them find every door open to them, as they opened doors for so many here. Keep them free in soul and glad in heart.

As Tim has been a blessing to us, so send them both to be a blessing to others; and when the road runs through the wilderness, be for them once more the God who makes a way, and rivers in the desert.

Through Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

The Sending

Leader: Go now, Tim and John, with our love.

People: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord's face shine upon you with grace; the Lord look upon you with favor, and give you peace. Amen.

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to celebrate Pastor Tim's ministry with us.*

In-Person: After worship (11:30 AM) in Fellowship Hall.

Online: Join the Zoom Room at 11:30 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85691308524?pwd=VbSfN03Xz0xWI1LT0JqIWqYpJOldpf.1>

Meeting ID: 856 9130 8524 | Passcode: 639778

Or join using phone camera.



2020 - Present



First Scripture, Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 – Sara Kelm

New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

Everything Has Its Time

3 For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven:

- ² a time to be born and a time to die;
a time to plant and a time to pluck up what is planted;
- ³ a time to kill and a time to heal;
a time to break down and a time to build up;
- ⁴ a time to weep and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn and a time to dance;
- ⁵ a time to throw away stones and
a time to gather stones together;
a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing;
- ⁶ a time to seek and a time to lose;
a time to keep and a time to throw away;
- ⁷ a time to tear and a time to sew;
a time to keep silent and a time to speak;
- ⁸ a time to love and a time to hate;
a time for war and a time for peace.

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Second Scripture, Ecclesiastes 3:9-15 – Sara Kelm New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

The God-Given Task

9 What gain have the workers from their toil? ¹⁰ I have seen the business that God has given to everyone to be busy with. ¹¹ He has made everything suitable for its time; moreover, he has put a sense of past and future into their minds, yet they cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. ¹² I know that there is nothing better for them than to be happy and enjoy themselves as long as they live; ¹³ moreover, it is God's gift that all should eat and drink and take pleasure in all their toil. ¹⁴ I know that whatever God does endures forever; nothing can be added to it nor anything taken from it; God has done this so that all should stand in awe before him. ¹⁵ That which is already has been, that which is to be already is, and God seeks out what has gone by.

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Unison

1. In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;
 2. There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;
 3. In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;

in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise; but - ter - flies will soon be free!
 there's a dawn in ev - ery dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.
 in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.

In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,
 From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,
 In our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,

un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

WORDS and MUSIC: Natalie Sleeth, 1986

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Blessed Be the Tie That Binds

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John Fawcett, 1782; alt.

Gal. 3:28; 6:2; Col. 3:13–15

1 Blessed be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love;
2 Be - fore our God we come and pour our ar - dent prayers;
3 We share each oth - er's woes, each oth - er's bur - dens bear,
4 When we are called to part it gives us in - ward pain,

The shar - ing of a com - mon life is like to that a - bove.
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
And of - ten for each oth - er flows a sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
But we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet a - gain.

An English Baptist minister, John Fawcett published a number of poetic works. His entire ministry was spent at a church near Hebden Bridge, Yorkshire, where he wrote most of his hymns to follow his sermons.

Tune: DENNIS S.M.
Melody by Johann G. Nägeli (c. 1768–1836)
Adapt. Lowell Mason, 1845

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