

# WORSHIP GUIDE for JULY 4, 2021

## SETTING YOUR SPACE

Well, friends – this is it: We’re stepping into a new phase at FBC – hybrid worship! That means some of us will be in the sanctuary, and some of us will be joining virtually, and we will be learning ways to make the most of this set-up as we go. But it’s fitting that we’re coming back on a first Sunday – a communion Sunday – so we can reflect on this new way that we are both separate and connected. *If you’re coming to the sanctuary*, you don’t have to think much about setting your space – though you might want to bring your own water or coffee, as we won’t have any set out here. If you’ve gotten accustomed to using this Worship Guide, please print it out at home and bring it with you, or plan to access it on your phone. And we’re asking everyone to wear a mask. *If you’re joining from home* – well, it’s all up to you! But make sure you’ve got communion elements, to participate in that part. The liturgical color in the sanctuary now is green, if you want to dress your own space to reflect that.

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## ORDER OF SERVICE

**Prelude – Geoff Clayton, pianist**

**Welcome – Rev. Erika Marksbury, Senior Pastor**

### **Litany for Regathering**

One: For the church around the world, built up and sustained  
in the hearts of those who seek to follow you,

**All: Gracious One, we give you thanks.**

One: For this building that serves as sign of that seeking,  
and as home to many,

**All: Gracious One, we give you thanks.**

One: For this place and all places, this moment and all moments,  
that we might be still and know that you are God,

**All: Gracious One, we give you thanks.**

One: For this place and all places, this moment and all moments,  
that give us ground from which to learn, love, and serve,

**All: Gracious One, we give you thanks.**

One: For the promise that  
whenever, wherever, however any number of us  
gather in your name, you are among us,

**All: Gracious One, we give you thanks.**

One: For the ways you have woven us together,  
even as we have been apart,

**All: Gracious One, we give you thanks.**

One: For the ways you continue to weave us,  
near and far, into each other's hearts,  
and for the ways you have always held us in your own,

**All: Gracious One, as we gather now  
in sacred community,  
we give you thanks. Amen.**

**Gathering Song: *As We Gather At Your Table* (NC Hymnal #332)**

**-Jesse Cromer, Director of Music Ministries,**

**Heidi Toth, Dave King, Joel Kiff, Geoff Clayton**

As we gather at your table, as we listen to your word,  
help us know, O God, your presence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own;  
teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love's victory known.

Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life;

send us forth to love and serve you, bringing peace where there is strife.  
Give us, Christ, your great compassion to forgive as you forgave;  
may we still behold your image in the world you died to save.

Gracious Spirit, help us summon other guests to share that feast  
where triumphant Love will welcome those who had been last and least.  
There no more will envy bind us nor will pride our peace destroy,  
as we join with saints and angels to repeat the sounding joy.

**Gathering Prayer & Communal Prayer *written by the FBC Children***  
**-Janet Langenwalter**

Our Creator, your name is great and holy. You dwell in a place of  
celebration, love, and peace. You are near to us and in our hearts. Let  
earth be a place of kindness, hope, respect, and love, just like it is in  
heaven. Give us all that we need for life. Please forgive us for our  
mistakes and help us forgive others. And help us make good choices so  
that we can do what is right. God, please lead us to be our very best.  
Amen.

**Children's Time - Sean P. Williams, Children's & Youth Minister**

**Scripture: Psalm 126**

*When God brought us captives back to Zion, we thought we were dreaming!  
Our mouths were filled with laughter then, our tongues with songs of joy.  
And from the nations we heard, "Their God has done great things for them."  
Yes - God has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy.*

*Now set our captive hearts free, God!  
Make them like streams in the driest desert!  
Then those who sow in tears will reap with shouts of joy;  
those who go out weeping as they carry their seed for sowing  
will come back with shouts of joy as they carry their harvest home.*

## Sermon: “From Scarcity to Abundance” – Rev. Erika Marksbury

### Response Song: *Nearer My God to Thee* (NC #606)

–Jesse Cromer, Heidi Toth, Dave King, Joel Kiff, Geoff Clayton

Nearer, my God, to you, nearer to you.

I'll bear the cross as Christ calls me to do  
and pray each day anew: Nearer my God, to you,  
nearer my God, to you, nearer to you.

When I am wandering as Jacob did,  
and in the deepest night the path is hid,  
my dreams will bring me, too, nearer my God, to you,  
nearer my God, to you, nearer to you.

Let Jacob's ladder fill the sky above,  
and angels carry down the faith  
and love to keep this goal in view: Nearer my God, to you,  
nearer my God, to you, nearer to you.

Then, waking from the night to morning air  
by Bethel's stone, I'll know you heard my prayer,  
and how my yearning grew: Nearer my God, to you,  
nearer my God, to you, nearer to you.

### Communion

One: God, as we come to share the richness of your table,  
we cannot forget the rawness of the earth.

**All: We cannot take bread  
and forget those who are hungry.  
We cannot take this cup  
and forget those who are thirsty.**

One: We cannot hear your words of peace  
and forget the world at war.

**All: We cannot gather around this table  
and forget those who have not yet found  
a place they can belong.**

**One: Gracious God, with this Bread of Life  
and Cup of Hope,**

**All: nourish us to live your truth, your love,  
your peace, your compassion,  
this day and all of our days. Amen.**

### **Prayer After Communion**

Gracious God, for all of the ways you nurture us – through food and drink, through song and story, through one another – we give thanks. May our sharing together fill us with the courage and compassion we need to live as your people: challenging injustice, dismantling oppression, creating beauty, loving and serving all the world. Amen.

### **Closing Words**

#### **Going Forth Song: *Draw the Circle Wide* (Blue Book)**

**– Jesse Cromer, Heidi Toth, Dave King, Joel Kiff, Geoff Clayton**

Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

No one stands alone; we'll stand side by side.

Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still.

Let this be our song: no one stands alone.

Standing side by side...

Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

No one stands alone; we'll stand side by side.  
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

### **Benediction - Rev. Erika Marksbury**

One: Friends, ... may the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

### **Postlude - Geoff Clayton**

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