

# **WORSHIP GUIDE for OCTOBER 31, 2021**

## **SETTING YOUR SPACE**

Come have some fun with FBC this Sunday! We've got a spooky story for the Children's Time, a video sharing lots of different ways we play, and some great music. Wear a costume, or just put on something playful - whether you're joining in from home or headed to the sanctuary. (It's fun to dress up even if you're not going anywhere!) We'll also hear the scripture about entering God's kindom like children, and wonder together about what that invitation might mean for all of us... Hope you can be a part of it.

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## **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Prelude - Geoff Clayton, Pianist**

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

**Gathering Song: *Deep Cries Out* (BB) - Heidi Toth, Dave King,  
Emily Kerrigan, Geoff Clayton**

**Gathering Prayer & Communal Prayer *from Jim Burko* - Heidi Toth**

Dear One, closer to us than our own hearts, farther from us than the most distant star, you are beyond naming. May your powerful presence become obvious - not only in the undeniable glory of the sky, but also in the seemingly base and common processes of the earth. Give us what we need, day by day, to keep body and soul together, because clever as you have made us, we still owe our existence to you. We recognize that to be reconciled with you, we must live peaceably and justly with other human beings, putting hate and bitterness behind us. We are torn between our faith in your

goodness and our awareness of the evil in your creation, so deliver us from the temptation to despair. Yours alone is the universe and all its majesty and beauty. So it is. Amen.

## **Children's Time – Kathleen Verigin**

### **Scripture: Luke 18:9-17**

*Jesus spoke this parable addressed to those who believed in their own self-righteousness while holding everyone else in contempt: “Two people went up to the Temple to pray; one was a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed like this: ‘I give you thanks, O God, that I’m not like others – greedy, crooked, adulterous – or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week. I pay tithes on everything I earn.’ The other one, however, kept a distance, not even daring to look up to heaven. In real humility, all the tax collector said was, ‘O God, be merciful to me, a sinner.’ Believe me, the tax collector went home from the Temple right with God, while the Pharisee didn’t. For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, while those who humble themselves will be exalted.”*

*People even brought their infants forward for Jesus to touch. When the disciples saw this, they scolded the parents.*

*However, Jesus intervened by calling the children to himself. He said, “Let the children come to me. Don’t stop them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these. The truth is, whoever doesn’t welcome the kingdom of God like a child will never enter it.”*

### **Sermon: “Playing in the Kin-dom” – Erika**

### **Video: FBC at Play**

**Response Song: *O For a World* (NC #575) – Heidi Toth, Dave King,  
Emily Kerrigan, Geoff Clayton**

**Pastoral Prayer – Rev. Erika Marksbury**

**The Reach of Our Gifts: Stewardship Sharing – Nadya King & Mary  
Dressel & Family**

**Closing Words**

**Going Forth Song: *Cry of My Heart* – Heidi Toth, Dave King,  
Emily Kerrigan, Geoff Clayton**

**Benediction – Rev. Erika Marksbury**

**One: May the peace of Christ be with you.**

**All: And also with you.**

**Postlude – Geoff Clayton**

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*Thank you.*