

God, this world is not the accomplishment of only one moment of your time.

Those rugged cliffs, thrust from the depths of the sea filled with the evidence of the past were not created in the blinking of an eye.

The diamond's hardness did not come suddenly.

This is the work of an infinite patience, the creation of something of which its creator could be pleased.

And now, God, this infinite patience, this creative love, is directed toward us, formed as we are from the very

Your Creative Spirit is still at work — tireless, ceaseless endlessly creating in our hearts the image of your likeness, the only difference being the diamond had no choice in whether it would be transformed into such beauty.

elements of the world in which we live.

# Our Worship of God

July 12, 2015

11:15 am

(**†** *Indicates those who are able, please stand.*)

**Greeting** Carol McEntyre

**Prelude** Sixth Su

Sixth Suite - Second Movement Matt Pierce, Cello J. S. Bach

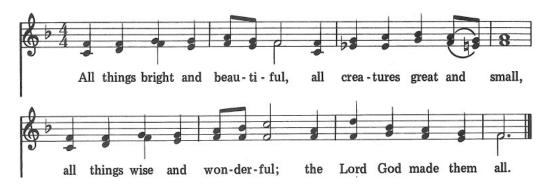
### **Scripture Reading**

Gil Ross

Genesis 1:6-8 *God separated the waters from heaven - the second day.* 

# The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

6 And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." 7 So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. 8 God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.



### **Call to Worship (responsive)**

O Lord, our Lord, the splendor of your name fills the earth. Your glory is higher than the heavens. We gather to praise you!

### "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth..."

O Lord, our Lord, the splendor of your name fills the earth! Your glory is higher than the heavens. We gather to celebrate your creative powers.

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth...
And God saw that it was good..."

We gather to celebrate our God.

We gather to worship our God! All praise, honor, majesty and power belongs to our Creating God! Amen.

#### **+Processional Hymn 52**

I Sing the Mighty Powers of God

(Please turn to face the cross as it enters.)

### **†**Passing the Peace of Christ

As God has given us peace through Christ, so let us pass the peace of Christ to each other.

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Special Music Deep River

Christine Bay, Alana Barragan-Scott, Hugh Emerson, Chuck Bay

### **Prayers of the People (responsive)**

Lord you give life to life!

From day one, your Spirit brooding over the deep, your wind rushing, your breath filling.

As creatures of the earth we rejoice in life using our breath, our being to raise this hymn of praise:

Hallelujahs for the growth from seed to plant greening the earth; its fruit—beauty and food! Hallelujahs for generations of life tumbling one after another.
Life creeping, swimming, flying, running, below, above, upon, within.
All the world sings, calls, signals, speaks praise to God whose glory grows in all that breathes!

Knowing your power, knowing your love for us, we bring requests this morning; we pray for all we know who are sick, in mind or body, or who suffer from chronic conditions, especially we name these who are in need of your comfort:

#### Moment of Silence

Bless these for whom we have prayed. Fill us, enliven us, to be ambassadors of life abundant, breathing out your song in harmony, singing to you, our Creator, whose glory shines through all the world. Amen.

## Scripture Reading Gil Ross

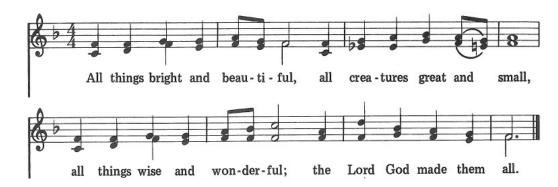
Genesis 1:9-19

And God saw that it was good.

## The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

9 And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. 10 God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. 11 Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. 12 The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. 13 And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

14 And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, 15 and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. 16 God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. 17 God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, 18 to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. 19 And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.



#### **Anthem**

# When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (text: Hymn 213)

### **Scripture Reading**

Gil Ross

Genesis 1:20-27; 2:15

This is the story of the making of earth and heaven.

## The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

20 And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." 21 So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. 22 God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." 23 And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

24 And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. 25 God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

26 Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

27 So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

15 The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.

**†Hymn 57** All Things Bright and Beautiful

Message Carol McEntyre

**†Hymn of Commitment 384** This Is My Father's World

Special Music The Old Rugged Cross Bennard/Raney Christine Bay, Alana Barragan-Scott, Hugh Emerson, Chuck Bay

**Offertory Sentence** 

**Offertory** The Swan Saint-Saens

Matt Pierce and Colleen Ostercamp

**†**Benediction

**Postlude** Sixth Suite - First Movement J. S. Bach

All you big things, bless the Lord
Mount Kilimanjaro and Lake Victoria
The Rift Valley and the Serengeti Plain
Fat baobabs and shady mango trees
All eucalyptus and tamarind trees
Bless the Lord
Praise and extol [God] for ever and ever.

All you tiny things, bless the Lord
Busy black ants and hopping fleas
Wriggling tadpoles and mosquito larvae
Flying locusts and water drops
Pollen dust and tsetse flies
Millet seeds and dried dagaa
Bless the Lord
Praise and extol [God] for ever and ever.

African Canticle

## Worship Notes

Thank you to all our special musical guests this morning.

Special thanks to cellist and good friend, Matt Pierce, who is soon moving to Springfield. Our best to him for this transition and our thanks for his many years of beautiful music shared with First Baptist.

### Announcements

## Summer Book Club

First Baptist Teaching Team is sponsoring Summer Book Club. The Teaching Team is recommending 3 books for you to read this summer: Introducing the Missional Church, A New Kind of Christian, and The Luminous Web: Essays on Science and Religion. The idea is for everyone to read at their own pace, over the summer and then, in the fall, we will have potluck book discussions about the readings. The church has ordered copies of the books, which are on sale on Sundays, in the Children's Building hallway, for just \$10 each.

## **Upcoming Concert**

Prometheus: an American Vocal Consort presents A Song of Joys on Saturday, **July 18** at 7:30 pm at First Baptist. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door, \$5 students with ID. Tickets are available in advance online at www.prometheusmusic.org or from the First Baptist Church office.

### Prometheus Workshop

Saturday, July 18 1:00 - 3:30 pm at First Baptist. All members of the community, ages 13 and up, are welcome to join this unique community-wide choral experience. Sing alongside professional artists under the direction of Prometheus Artistic Director, R. Paul Crabb, enjoy master classes and special interest sessions led by the singers, and perform with Prometheus at the evening concert. The workshop fee is \$10 (includes free concert admission and workshop packet). Register in advance at www.prometheusmusic.org.

## Week At-A-Glance

## Sunday, July 12

9:15 am Awakening Worship Fellowship Hall
10:15 am Sunday Morning Small Groups 2nd floor classrooms
11:15 am Traditional Worship Sanctuary
5:00 pm African Worship Fellowship Hall

## Monday, July 13

#### SPIRE DEADLINE

9:00 am Senior Yoga Parlor 6:30 pm Praise Band Rehearsal Fellowship Hall

## Wednesday, July 15

5:30 pm Missions Meeting 2nd Floor Classroom (E-2)

## Friday, July 17

11:00 am The Wardrobe Volunteers The Wardrobe

## Saturday, July 18

12:15 pm Fellowship Adventures Macon Trip meet at the church
1:00 pm Prometheus Workshop Sanctuary
7:30 pm Prometheus: A Song of Joys concert Sanctuary

## Sunday, July 19

Youth Camp Report during both worship services this morning.
9:15 am Awakening Worship Fellowship Hall
10:15 am Sunday Morning Small Groups 2nd floor classrooms
11:15 am Traditional Worship Sanctuary
5:00 pm African Worship Fellowship Hall
5:00 pm Youth Summer Series Begins Youth Suite

**Nursery:** (ages birth-three) located on the first floor outside the sanctuary and is available from 9:15-12:15 while parents are in worship or Sunday Morning Small Groups.

**Extended Session:** children ages 3-5 including kindergarten may be dropped off during both worship services in the nursery for extended session, an extension of First Kids Sunday School.

#### 10:15 Spiritual Formation Hour:

First Kids Sunday School (3 year olds through 5th grade) is on the third floor.

Youth Bible Study (grades 6-12) is on the third floor.

Adult Small Groups:

Discussion Class in the Parlor on the second floor.

Faith Forum in the second floor classroom, next to the elevator.

Community Small Group in the library on the second floor.

For those who may prefer a more contemporary worship experience, First Baptist Church offers Awakening at 9:15 a.m. each Sunday morning in the Fellowship Hall.

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