
The Worship of God
June 21, 2026 • 11:00 AM



Benjamin West – *Christ Rejected* – 1814



Third Baptist Church

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We invite you to silence all cell phones and other devices.

** = Please stand in body or spirit*

Prelude

Brent Johnson

William Lloyd Webber: Aria

Father of the composer Andrew and the 'cellist Julian, William Lloyd Webber (1914 – 1982) was himself a distinguished composer and teacher, presiding over the London College of Music for many years. He served as Organist of Westminster Central Hall (the headquarters of the Methodist Church in England).

Introit

Christine Guthrie, Tom Finger

arr. Cat Stevens: Morning Has Broken

The British poet Eleanor Farjeon (1881 – 1965) wrote these words in 1931, and shortly thereafter it was set to a traditional Gaelic melody named ‘Bunessan,’ a hamlet on the Isle of Mull where the composer Lachlan Macbean was born. In 1971, the pop singer Cat Stevens enjoyed great success with his own arrangement which we hear today.

Morning has broken like the first morning,
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird;
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning,
Praise for them springing fresh from the world.

Sweet the rains new fall, sunlit from Heaven
Like the first dewfall on the first grass;
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness where His feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning
Born of the one light, Eden saw play;
Praise with elation, praise every morning
God's recreation of the new day.

Morning has broken like the first morning,
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird;
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning,
Praise for them springing fresh from the world.

Welcome

Vera Ramsey

Leader: We invite you to greet one another either here, or online by reaching out in the Chat or through a text or email. And we will conclude this Welcome in our traditional way with the Doxology.

***Passing the Peace of Christ and Doxology #815**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him, all creatures here below,
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Poem

Rev. Drew Phillips

Charles Anthony Silvestri: June (written for TBC) (for Juneteenth, June 19)

From the series of poems commissioned in 2024 for Third from the Kansas poet, Tony Silvestri, this sonnet refers specifically to that blend of 'June' and 'Nineteenth' that commemorates on June 19, 1865, when the Emancipation Proclamation was finally enforced in Texas.

O, how can one who's always been a slave
Believe the truth when told that he is free?
Expecting chains to last from womb to grave,
The lost now found, the blind who now can see?
O, how could those colluding in this lie,
Who sat in pews and preached the Lord of Love,
Withhold the truth, and harden to the cry
For freedom, failing full two years to move?
O, how shall we, who now can live the Word,
Remember those who suffered at the hands
Of ancestors who prospered by the sword?
Can we provide the justice time demands?
And what of those in slav'ry even now?
This ling'ring horror we must not allow.

*Hymn of Welcome

#13 Sing Hallelujah, Praise The Lord

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Offertory Prayer

Third Baptist Youth

Offertory Meditation

Brent Johnson

Marianne Kim: Something For Thee

Marianne Kim was born (1972) and educated in Pusan, Korea. After serving as a church organist in Chicago for more than ten years, Marianne returned to school (Northern Illinois University) and earned Master's degrees in jazz studies and organ performance. This extemporization is based on a beloved Baptist hymn written by the splendidly named Rev. Sylvanus Dryden Phelps (1816 – 1895). Here is its opening stanza:

Savior, Thy dying love
Thou gavest me,
Nor should I aught withhold,
Dear Lord, from Thee:
In love my soul would bow,
My heart fulfill its vow,
Some offering bring Thee now,
Something for Thee.

Responsive Reading

Louise Barger

Psalm 65:5-8

Leader: You answer us with awesome and righteous deeds,

People: O God our Savior,

Leader: the hope of all the ends of the earth

People: and of the farthest seas,

Leader: God, you who formed the mountains by your power,

People: having armed yourself with strength,

Leader: who stilled the roaring of the seas,

People: the roaring of their waves,

Leader: and the turmoil of the nations.

People: The whole earth is filled with awe at your wonders;

Leader: where morning dawns, where evening fades,

People: you call forth songs of joy.

Anthem

Christine Guthrie, Tom Finger

John Musto: Litany

From a 1947 collection of verse by Langston Hughes (1901 – 1967) comes this setting by John Musto (b. 1954), a pianist and composer raised and educated in New York City. It is the second movement of a song cycle that Musto called “Shadow of the Blues.”

Gather up
In the arms of your pity
The sick, the depraved,
The desperate, the tired,
All the scum
Of our weary city
Gather up
In the arms of your pity.
Gather up
In the arms of your love --
Those who expect
No love from above.

Scripture Reading

Psalm 118:21-23

I Peter 2:4-5

Todd and Clayton Smithers

Evelyn Kurtz

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Dr. Tommy Simons

Letters from Babylon: Living Stones

***Hymn of Invitation and Declaration**

#601 Yes, Lord, Yes (sung twice)

YES, LORD, YES

**Benediction and Recognition of
Julius Phillips and Serenity Jarrett**

Aaron and Ashleigh Seidel

Postlude

Tom Finger

Aaron Copland: Midsummer Nocturne (1947)

Yesterday was Midsummer's Day, so this is the fine time to hear Copland's piano solo named for this very occasion. Copland (1900 - 1990) was one of America's greatest composers, writing for a wide variety of instrumentation, from unaccompanied choir to full symphony orchestra. This piece is one of a series of solo piano pieces he composed for young performers; after it was written in 1947 Copland shelved it, and it was only rediscovered in 1977 by the pianist Philip Raney, who persuaded Copland to release it and give it a new name.

Prayer List

Nursing care and rehab facilities

Delilah Canning, Friendship Village, Chesterfield, MO

Juanita Wallis, Cape Albeon, Valley Park, MO

Margaret Warman, Delmar Gardens of Chesterfield, Chesterfield, MO

Praying for our Global Servants (Birthday)

MB (1/8) - Beirut, Lebanon

Jana Lee (10/4) - Cyprus

Scarlette Jasper (4/9) - Corbin, Kentucky, USA

Kihomi Ngwemi (10/13) & Nzunga Mabudiga (5/12) - Dominican Republic

Dr. Tim (7/8) & Kathy Rice (8/19) - The Democratic Republic of the Congo

Kit Ripley (11/10) - Northern Thailand

Prayer Requests

Harold Beasley

Fran Blake

Jersey Dukes

Glass Family of Maui

LaVerne Graham

Adam Grisson

Judith Hawk

Peggy Hemphill

Laverne Hulett

Glenn Jefferies

Chris Lee

Herma Nelson, Ruby Whiteside's sister

Dr. Tim Rice

Declan Rutan

Officer Steve, School Security Guard

Karen Stewart

Thiems Family

Alice Worrell



Please send updates, additions, or edits to this list via email to Sally, Ella or Pastor Tommy (sallyoando@att.net, ebanks@third-baptist.org, tsimons@third-baptist.org)

If you're a visitor today, we would love to meet you. Please fill out a visitor card and leave it in the offering plate or use the QR code below to connect with Third Baptist online.

Calendar for June 21 – 28

Sunday, June 21

- 9:30 AM Doughnut Fellowship, Fellowship Hall
- 9:45 AM Sunday School, Various
- 11:00 AM Worship, Sanctuary and online via Facebook and YouTube
- 12:00 PM Fellowship, Pillsbury Threshold

Wednesday, June 24

- 12:00 PM Staff Meeting

Sunday, June 28

- 9:30 AM Doughnut Fellowship, Fellowship Hall
- 9:45 AM Sunday School, Various
- 11:00 AM Worship, Sanctuary and online via Facebook and YouTube
- 12:00 PM Fellowship, Pillsbury Threshold

Pastoral and Music Staff

Dr. Tommy Simons, Pastor

Rev. Drew Phillips, Minister to Families

Dr. Philip Barnes, Director of Music

Lansin Lim Kimler, Pianist

