



# OLYMPIA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

## 13th Sunday after Pentecost • August 30, 2020

### GATHERING

*Come, gather in the midst of a Global Pandemic! Come, gather in the midst of societal unrest!  
Come, gather in the midst of an election cycle! Gather in the midst of uncertainty and anxiety!  
Gather in the midst of optimism and joy! Bring your whole self into God's presence.  
Come, let us gather together!*

#### Prelude

Nick Carlson

#### Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Mark Rambo

#### Virtual Check-In

### GATHERED & ENGAGED

May the words of my mouth and the meditations of our hearts,  
be acceptable in Your sight, O God, our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen!  
Psalm 19:14

### Call to Worship

We come, like Abraham, Sarah, and John, people with vision  
We come, like Job, Thomas and the Samaritan woman, people with questions  
We come, like Moses, Jeremiah and Mary, people with self-doubt  
We come, like Joshua, Deborah and Stephen, people with courage  
We come, like David, Mary Magdalene, and Paul, people with sadness and sin in our memories  
We come, like Rebekah and Samuel, like Hosea and Esther, like Nathaniel and Martha,  
like John Mark and Priscilla, people with a part to play in the story of faith.

### Hymn

*Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

Come, Christians, join to sing, Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Loud praise to Christ our King!  
Al-le-lu-ia! Amen!  
Let all, with heart and voice, before God's throne rejoice; Praise is God's gracious choice,  
Al-le-lu-ia! Amen!  
Come, lift your hearts on high, Al-le-lu-ia! Amen! Let praises fill the sky; Al-le-lu-ia! Amen!  
Christ is our Guide and Friend; To us He'll descend; Christ's love shall never end;  
Al-le-lu-ia! Amen!  
Praise yet our Christ again, Al-le-lu-ia! Amen! Life shall not end the strain; Al-le-lu-ia! Amen!  
On heaven's blissful shore, God's goodness we'll adore, Singing for evermore,  
Al-le-lu-ia! Amen!

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**Invocation**

Creator, Redeemer and Spirit of all holiness, be in our midst with your baptism of power and your communion of love. We wait upon you in stillness and patience because you turn strength into weakness and weakness into strength. In the moments of victory and joy you do lift us up on wings of flight. In the days of routine and duty you enable us to run a sure course without weariness or collapse. In the hours of pain and fear, in the times of trial, in the nights of grief and death, you help us walk, hand-held and step-steadied, so that we do not faint. You are our God and we are your people. Amen.

**The Written Word**

Psalm 26: 1–8

**Mission Moment**

Fresno, CA – Working with Hmong Immigrants

**Tithes and Offerings**

**Doxology**

Praise God, for all that God has done. Praise God, all creatures here below  
Praise God, for all that love has done. Creator, Christ and Spirit, One! Amen.

**The Written Word**

Romans 12: 9–21

**Song of Preparation**

*Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*

Darrell Born

Make me a channel of your peace; where there is hatred let me bring your love.  
Where there is injury, your pardon Lord, And where there's doubt, true faith in you.  
Make me a channel of your peace; where there's despair in life, let me bring hope  
Where there is darkness, only light; And where there is sadness, ever joy.  
Master grant that I may never seek, so much to be consoled as to console;  
To be understood as to understand; To be loved, as to love, with all my soul.  
Make me a channel of your peace; It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
In giving of ourselves that we receive; and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

**Prayers of the People**

Rev. Mark Rambo

**HEARING GOD'S WORD**

**The Written Word**

Ephesians 3: 14–19

**The Spoken Word**

4-D Faith!

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RESPONDING GOD'S WORD

**Song**

*You Are Mine*

Darrell Born

I will come to you in the silence, I will lift you from all your fear.  
You will hear my voice, claim you as my choice, be still and know I am here.

I am hope for all who are hopeless, I am eyes for all who long to see.  
In the shadows of the night, I will be your light, come and rest in me.

Refrain: Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name.  
Come and follow me, I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine.

I am strength for all the despairing, healing for the ones who dwell in shame.  
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and all will know my name.

Refrain: Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name.  
Come and follow me, I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine

I am the Word that leads all to freedom, I am the peace the world cannot give.  
I will call your name, embracing all your pain, stand up, now walk, and live!

Refrain: Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name.  
Come and follow me, I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine

**Prayers of the People 2**

Rev. Mark Rambo

**Hymn**

*Now Thank We All Our God*

Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices  
Who wondrous things hath done, in whom God's world rejoices;  
Who from our mother's arms, hath blessed us on our way,  
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.  
O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us;  
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;  
And keep us in God's grace and guide us when perplexed,  
And free us from all ills in this world and the next.  
All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,  
The Son, and Him who reigns with them in highest heaven,  
The one eternal God whom earth and heaven adore;  
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

**Weekly Challenge**

**Postlude**

**Benediction**

*Walk Humbly – Love Completely – Live Differently*

Nick Carlson