

First Baptist Church at Worship

October 29, 2017
Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
THE ORDINATION OF SUE MILLS TO THE DIACONATE

Gathering

Greeting

Austin Carty

Gathering Song

GREAT COMMANDMENT



Love the Lord, your God, _____ with all your heart. _____

Love the Lord, you God, _____ with all your soul. _____

Love the Lord, your God, _____ with all your mind. _____

Love the Lord, your God, _____ with all that you are. _____

- Jean & Jim Strathdee, 20th century

Call to Worship

Alex Lockridge

This is the greatest and first commandment:

***You shall love the Lord your God
with all your heart and soul and mind.***

A second commandment is like it:

You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

Let us worship God.

- from Leviticus 19 & Matthew 22

+Hymn 310

stanzas 1, 2, and 4

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

+Prayer of Confession

Lindsay Lowe

*Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.*

***We have not loved You with our whole heart and mind
and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.***

*In Your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be,
so that we may delight in Your will
and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.*

- Book of Common Prayer, 16th century

+Act of Praise

HYMN TO JOY

***Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ, our Brother – all who live in love are Thine;
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.***

- Henry van Dyke, 20th century

The Service of the Word

Children's Sermon

Alex Lockridge

Psalm 1

setting by Hal Hopson



*Happy indeed are they who refuse the way of evil,
Nor walk the road of sinners, nor join the mockers of God. **REFRAIN**
Joy shall be in the hearts of those who delight in the law of God,
For they recite the law, they speak it day and night. **REFRAIN**
They are like green trees that grow by clear flowing waters,
They bear their fruit in due season, their leaves fade not, they prosper. **REFRAIN***

A Reading from the Epistles: I Thessalonians 2:1-8

Sherry Pace

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

A Reading from the Gospels: Matthew 22:34-46

Jennifer Daniel

The Gospel of our Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon

“On These Commandments Hangs All”

Austin Carty

Anthem

Love Comes from God

by Allen Pote

*My friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God,
And everyone who loves is a child of God and knows God.
No greater love have you than this, than to lay down your life for a friend.
Jesus has said, "Love one another as I have loved you."
But they who do not love do not know God, for God is love.
He sent his only begotten Son, so that we might live through him.
Peace be with you, my friends.*

- from John 15 and I John 4

The Act of Ordination

Ordination Vows

Lisa Harrison

Sue, are you willing to be ordained a deacon?

I am.

*Do you welcome this responsibility because you are determined to follow the
Lord Jesus, to love neighbors, and to work for the reconciling of the world?*

I do.

*Will you serve God's people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love,
relying on God's mercy and rejoicing in God's promises through Christ our Lord?*

I will.

*And will you, the family of First Baptist Church, accept Sue Mills as deacon,
chosen of God and appointed by the church to guide us in the way of Jesus Christ?*

We will.

Laying on of Hands

Prayer of Dedication

Austin Carty

Covenant

Alex Lockridge

*Reaffirming our faith that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, we gladly receive these
deacons as servant leaders in our life together. We covenant to support them with our
prayers, encouragement and respect. We celebrate with thanksgiving the shared
responsibility for Christ's ministry which is ours as the church. Praise be to God.*

The Service of Dedication

+Hymn 249

The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound

AZMON

If you wish to present yourself for membership today, or if you have another decision to share, please
come to the front of the sanctuary during the hymn and a minister will receive you. You are welcome here.

+Offertory Prayer

Paul Sims

Loose change received in October will benefit our church's shoebox ministry, which will be shared internationally through Samaritan's Purse, and locally through Olive Branch Ministries.

Organ Offertory *We Praise You with Our Minds, O Lord* setting by Anna Laura Page

... we praise You in our beings now, mind, body, heart, and soul.

- Hugh McElrath, 20th century

+Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

Sending

+Sending Song

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

by Wendell Whalum



I'm gonna work.... I'm gonna pray.... I'm gonna LOVE....

- African-American spiritual

+Commission and Blessing

Austin Carty

Paul says the fruit of the Spirit is

***Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Generosity, Goodness,
Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self-Control. May we live by the Spirit.***

Organ Postlude

Prelude in Classic Style

by Gordon Young

+all who are able may stand

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Gayle Majors, Organist Ann Hacker, Pianist

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