

First Baptist Church at Worship

March 31, 2019
Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

Gathering

Greeting

Austin Carty

Gathering Song

God Welcomes All

South African Song

God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;
God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.

The image shows a musical score for the song 'God Welcomes All'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system ends with a double bar line, and the second system also ends with a double bar line.

- John Bell

Call to Worship

Austin Carty

Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous; shout for joy, you upright in heart.

***For when we judge ourselves unworthy to be called the children
of God, the Lord looks upon us with compassion, and runs to
embrace us while we are still far away.***

Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous; shout for joy, you upright in heart.

***For when we judge our neighbors unworthy to be called the children
of God, the Lord looks upon them and weeps for joy, and makes
a great feast while we stand at a distance.***

Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous; shout for joy, you upright in heart.

***For the humble shall be received with honor, and the haughty
shall be humbled; every prodigal shall return with hope,
and every elder shall rejoice with gladness!***

+Hymn 312

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

MARION

+Prayer of Confession

Paul Sims

+Response

by Hal Hopson



The Word

Children's Sermon

Austin Carty

Psalm 32

MARION



Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

***Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.***

While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.

***For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.***

Then I acknowledged my sin to You, and I did not hide my iniquity;

***I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"
and You forgave the guilt of my sin.***

Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to You;

at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.

Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, O righteous;

shout for joy, all you upright in heart. REFRAIN

A Reading from the Epistles: II Corinthians 5:16-21

Austin Carty

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Song

Softly and Tenderly, Jesus Is Calling

THOMPSON

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me;

See, on the portals he's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me. REFRAIN

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading, pleading for you and for me?

Why should we linger and heed not his mercies, mercies for you and for me? REFRAIN

Oh! for the wonderful love he has promised, promised for you and for me;

Though we have sinned he has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me. REFRAIN



- Will Thompson

A Reading from the Gospels: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Marshall Jolly

The Gospel of our Lord

Thanks be to God

+Hymn 587

Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound

NEW BRITAIN

stanzas 1, 2, and 3

Sermon

"The Scandal and Outrage of Grace and Love"

Marshall Jolly

Responding

+Hymn

There Is Now a New Creation

NETTLETON

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.

There is now a new creation through the grace of Jesus Christ,

Peace and reconciliation with the God of endless life.

Call the lost and found together; tell the news to everyone:

Now the past is gone forever and a new life has begun.

Come and join the celebration; come and join the happy feast;

Jesus makes the invitation to the greatest and the least.

Wrap the prodigal in welcome; run to greet the wayward child.

All is finished and forgiven; let us now be reconciled.

- David Gambrell

+Offertory Prayer

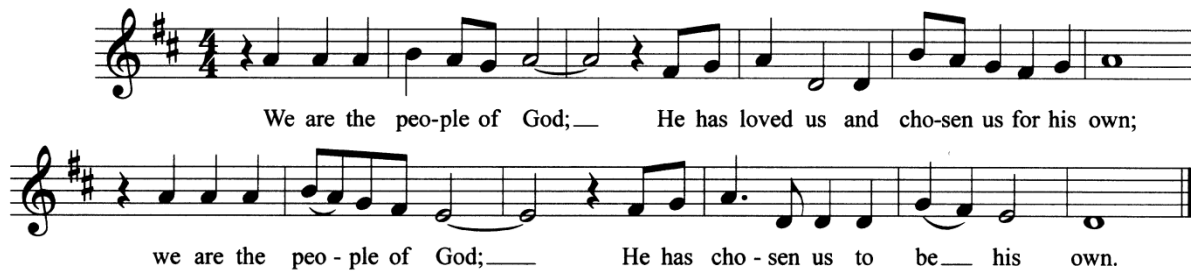
Paul Sims

Loose change received in March will support The Mustard Seed Garden.

Offertory Anthem

We Are the People of God

by John Carter



Filled and clothed with his Spirit, forgiving as he forgave;

Bound and blessed by his perfect love, his everlasting love. REFRAIN

The peace of Christ is in us, for peace is our calling now.

Psalms and hymns and spiritual songs we offer him with joy. REFRAIN

All we do in word and deed, we do in his holy name.

Giving thanks to God above, with glad and joyful hearts. REFRAIN

- Mary Kay Beall; from Colossians 3

Prayers of the People with The Lord's Prayer

Austin Carty

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and
lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

+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

+The Peace

Paul Sims

*The peace of the Lord be with you.
And also with you.*

+Hymn 272

They'll Know We Are Christians

ST. BRENDAN'S

+Commission and Blessing

Marshall Jolly

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

*The flowers that grace our sanctuary are given in celebration of the birth of Wyatt Brock Reeves,
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