First Baptist Church at Worship

July 15, 2018 Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering



Open, now, open the doorways of justice! Let us be glad as we pass through those gates.

This is the place where the righteous may enter, singing to God with thanksgiving and praise. REFRAIN I will sing praises because You have heard me, offering salvation with grace upon grace,

Turning the stone that the builders rejected into the cornerstone, rock of our faith. REFRAIN

It is the Lord who has done all these wonders. I have seen marvelous, marvelous things.

This is the day that the Lord has created. Join the rejoicing as every heart sings: REFRAIN

- Pablo Sosa

Greeting and Call to Worship

Paul Sims

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

God is at work in our ordinary lives.

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect.

We present ourselves to God;

We seek what is good and acceptable in God's sight.

Let us worship God.

+Hymn 299

Stand Up and Bless the Lord

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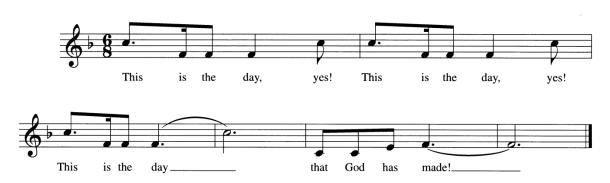
stanzas 1 through 4

+Invocation Phil Majors

... through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

+Act of Praise ESTE ES EL DÍA

Children are invited to meet their Children's Church leaders at the door nearest the baptistery



Praise the Creator, the Christ, and the Spirit, from the beginning through worlds without end: God who is now and who evermore shall be, glory forever, amen and amen! **REFRAIN**

- Pablo Sosa

The Word

A Reading from The Acts of the Apostles

Phil Majors

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 118:19-24

setting by Alfred Fedak





Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank You that You have answered me and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. REFRAIN

A Reading from the Epistles: Romans 12:1-8

Paul Sims

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon

"Are You Ordinary?"

Phil Majors

Responding

+Hymn 671 God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

BEACH SPRING

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

Sandi Curd

Loose change received in July will benefit The Mustard Seed Garden

Offertory Anthem Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

by Gilbert Martin

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone,

Chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one,

Holy Zion's help forever, and our confidence alone.

To this temple where we call You, come, O Lord of hosts and stay;

Come, with all Your lovingkindness, hear Your people as they pray,

And Your fullest benediction shed within these walls always.

Grant, we pray, to all Your faithful all the gifts they ask to gain;

What they gain from You forever with the blessed to retain;

And hereafter in Your glory evermore with You to reign.

Praise and honor to the Father, praise and honor to the Son,

Praise and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one,

One in might and one in glory while unending ages run. Amen.

- 7th century Latin hymn

Prayers of the People

Paul Sims

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

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

+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 sing....

- African-American spiritual

+Commission and Blessing

Phil Majors

Organ Postlude

Stand Up and Bless the Lord

setting by Gerard Krapf

+all who are able may stand

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Gayle Majors, Organist Ann Hacker, Pianist

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