

First Baptist Church at Worship

July 8, 2018

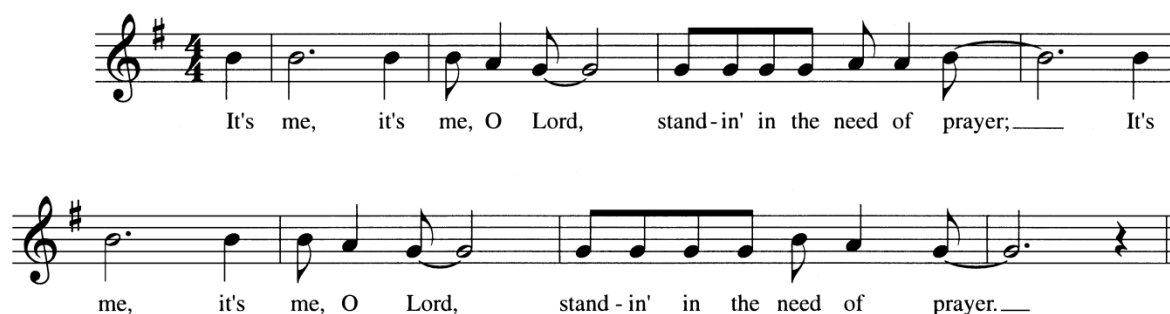
Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering

Gathering Song

STANDIN' IN THE NEED



*Not my brother, not my sister, but it's me, O Lord, **standin' in the need of prayer; REFRAIN***

*Not the preacher, not the deacon, but it's me, O Lord, **standin' in the need of prayer; REFRAIN***

*Not the stranger, not my neighbor, but it's me, O Lord, **standin' in the need of prayer; REFRAIN***

- African American spiritual

Greeting and Call to Worship

Paul Sims

Our eyes look to the Lord, our God

Who has mercy on us.

God's grace is sufficient for us;

in Christ, the weak are made strong.

Let us worship God.

- from Psalm 123 and II Corinthians 12

+Hymn 285

God of Grace and God of Glory

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+Prayer of Confession

Larry Gray

God of grace and God of glory, we want glory for ourselves.

We want to be strong and independent.

We daydream about doing great things.

We forget that we depend on You for everything:

for the very air we breathe;

for Your strength that holds us together;

for life in the community You create in Christ;

for the forgiveness that makes new life possible.

In Your mercy, bind us together

and send us out to proclaim the good news of Your kingdom.

+Assurance of Forgiveness

Brothers and sisters, hear this word from the Lord:

“My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is greatest when you are weak.”

Let us then boast of God’s grace within us.

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

+Act of Praise

LYONS

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,

In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail:

Thy mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,

Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend. Amen.

- Robert Grant

The Word

Children’s Sermon

Lindsay Lowe

Psalm 123

setting by Hal Hopson



I lift my eyes to You, O Lord, Your throne, earth’s canopy;

As masters hold their servants dear, so, Lord, remember me. REFRAIN

More like a child than bonded slave, I claim Your grace outright;

The proud shall fall, but yet the meek find favor in Your sight. REFRAIN

Your boundless mercies, Lord, outweigh the scorn we must endure;

While foes shall fade in their contempt, Your love will long endure. REFRAIN

- Michael Morgan

A Reading from the Epistles: II Corinthians 12:2-10

Larry Gray

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Hymn 587

Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound

NEW BRITAIN

stanzas 1, 2 and 3

A Reading from the Gospels: Mark 6:1-13

Paul Sims

The Gospel of our Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon

“Power Made Perfect in Weakness”

Larry Gray

Responding

+Hymn 295

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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.

+Offertory Prayer

Nancy Rich

Loose change received in July will benefit The Mustard Seed Garden

Offertory Anthem

How Firm a Foundation

setting by Dale Wood

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in his excellent word!

What more can he say than to you he hath said, who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?

"Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed, for I am thy God and will still give thee aid;

I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie, My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply.

The flames shall not hurt thee; I only design thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose I will not, I will not desert to its foes;

That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

- John Rippon's *Selection of Hymns*, 1787

Prayers of the People

Paul Sims

By Your Spirit, O God, transform our lives.

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

+Hymn 637

Guide My Feet

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+Commission and Blessing

Larry Gray

Organ Postlude

God of Grace and God of Glory

setting by Anna Laura Page

... fears and doubts too long have bound us;

free our hearts to work and praise

- Harry Emerson Fosdick

+all who are able may stand

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