

# First Baptist Church at Worship

## The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 14, 2016

## Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

# Gathering

## Greeting

Austin Carty

## Gathering Song

O-SO-SO



Come, O Lord Je - sus; rec - on - cile all — peo - ple.

*Come now, O Prince of Peace; make us one body.* **REFRAIN**

*Come now, O God of love; make us one body.* **REFRAIN**

*Come now and set us free, O God, our Savior. REFRAIN*

*Come, hope of unity; make us one body.* **REFRAIN**

- Geonyong Lee

## Call to Worship

Alex Lockridge

*From near and far we gather;*

*the house of God is our home.*

*Here we are no longer strangers;*

*in the body of Christ we are one.*

+Hymn 357

*O Praise the Gracious Power*

MARION

stanzas 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5

+Prayer of the Day

Paul Sims

... *May we truly hear our sisters and brothers and respond*

*to them with empathy and love, in Jesus' name. Amen.*

+Act of Praise

MARION

*O praise the power, the truth, the love, the word, the tide.*

*Yet more than these, O praise their source, praise Christ the crucified:*

*We praise you Christ! Your cross has made us one!*

- Thomas Troeger

# The Word

Children's Sermon

Alex Lockridge

Prayer for Illumination

setting by Ken Medema



God of the Word, now let the Word be spoken. Word of our God, come vis-it us with grace.

*Out of the babble that surrounds us, out of the chaos that's within,  
Where can we go to find our meaning? Is there a place we can begin? **REFRAIN***

A Reading from Hebrew Scripture: Genesis 11:1-9

Austin Carty

*The word of the Lord*

***Thanks be to God***

Canticle

setting by Ken Medema



God of the Word, now let the Word be spoken. Word of our God, come vis-it us with grace.

*Seek the Lord, all you humble of the land; seek righteousness, seek humility.  
Therefore wait for me, says the Lord, for the day when I arise as a witness.  
For my decision is to gather nations, to assemble kingdoms,  
to pour out upon them my indignation, all the heat of my anger;  
for in the fire of my passion all the earth shall be consumed.  
At that time I will change the speech of the peoples to a pure speech,  
that all of them may call on the name of the Lord and serve with one accord. **REFRAIN***

- from Zephaniah 2 & 3

A Reading from the Epistles: Ephesians 2:17-22

Paul Sims

*The word of the Lord*

***Thanks be to God***

+Hymn 255

*We Are God's People*

SYMPHONY

A Reading from the Gospels: Luke 14:25-33

Alex Lockridge

*The Gospel of our Lord*

***Thanks be to God***

Sermon

"Intending to Build a Tower"

Austin Carty

# Responding

Prayer of Confession

Paul Sims

Assurance of Forgiveness

*Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:  
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!*

+Hymn 246

*The Church's One Foundation*

AURELIA

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

Lexi Petrey

Loose change received in August will benefit the Corbin Community Backpack Program.

Offertory Anthem

*We Are Surrounded*

by Joseph Martin

The Summer Choir

Donna Davis, accompanist

*We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, looking on, encouraging us  
to do the will of the Lord. We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses.  
Let us stand worthy and be faithful to God's call.*

*We must not grow weary doing what is right;  
as we run with joy the race, we must run with all our might.  
We must lay all earthly things aside that would hold us down.  
We must claim the victory if we would win the crown.*

- J. Paul Williams; from Hebrews 12

Prayers of the People

Austin Carty

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 gon-na live so \_\_\_\_\_ God can use me \_\_\_\_\_ an-y - where, Lord,

\_\_\_\_\_ an - y time! \_\_\_\_\_ I'm gon-na live so \_\_\_\_\_ God can use me \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ an - y - where, Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ an - y time! \_\_\_\_\_

***I'm gonna work .... I'm gonna pray .... I'm gonna sing ....***

- African-American spiritual

+Commission and Blessing

Austin Carty

Organ Postlude

*In Christ There Is No East or West* setting by Michael Burkhardt

*Join hands, then, children of the faith, whate'er your race may be;*

*Who serves the Father as a child is surely kin to me.*

- John Oxenham

+all who are able may stand

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Gayle Majors, Organist

Ann Hacker, Pianist

*Sanctuary flowers are given in memory of*

Tamla Chris Barton

*by her mother, Orita Fletcher*