

First Baptist Church at Worship

August 19, 2018
Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

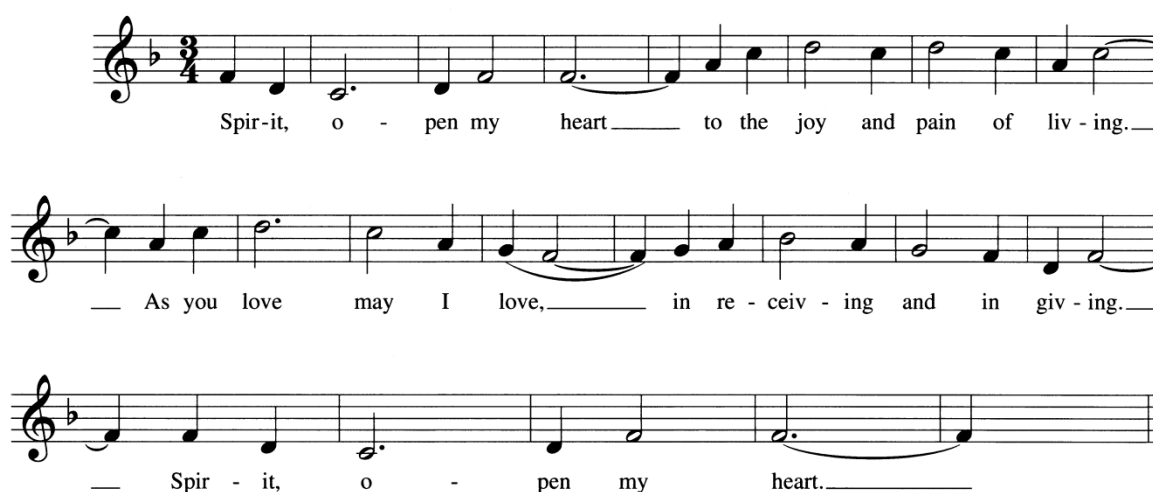
Gathering

Greeting

Austin Carty

Gathering Song

WILD MOUNTAIN THYME



God, replace my stony heart with a heart that's kind and tender.

All my coldness and fear to your grace I now surrender. REFRAIN

Write your love upon my heart as my law, my goal, my story.

In each thought, word, and deed, may my living bring you glory. REFRAIN

May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of sister, brother.

In the welcome of Christ, may we welcome one another. REFRAIN

- Ruth Duck

Call to Worship

Austin Carty

The Spirit of God invites us to worship.

In God's Spirit, we rejoice and give thanks.

The glory of God calls us to praise.

In God's glory, we meet the mysteries of the Holy.

The wisdom of God summons us to live with thanksgiving and truth.

In God's wisdom, we find grace for living our lives.

The love of God invites us to service.

In God's love, we are filled with strength and peace.

The peace of God calls us into abundant life.

In God's peace, we join hearts and voices to worship.

+Hymn 371

Now Thank We All Our God

NUN DANKET

+Prayer of Confession

Paul Sims

+Act of Praise

Jamaican folk song



All you works of God, bless the Lord! All you angels, now bless the Lord;

Come, you heavens and powers that be, praise the Lord and his majesty: REFRAIN

Hills and mountains, now sing God's worth, all you green things that grow on earth,

Seas and rivers, you springs and wells, beasts and cattle, you birds and whales: REFRAIN

Come, humanity, sing along, sing, you people of God, a song,

All God's servants, your Lord now bless, join you spirits and souls at rest: REFRAIN

- Stephen Starke

The Word

Children's Sermon

Alice Tremaine

A Reading from Hebrew Scripture: I Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14

Austin Carty

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

+Psalms 111 & 112

HYMN TO JOY

Alleluia! Laud and blessing to our God, whose Word is sure;

By whose grace we find redemption, in whose love we live secure.

Righteousness and rich compassion shall attend us all our days;

May God's promise to be faithful echo through our songs of praise!

Alleluia! God sustains us; matchless are the gifts we share:

Light in darkness, hope in conflict, answers to our deepest prayer.

Ours to give as we are given: arms to lift when others fall;

Images of God's great goodness, faithful servants to God's call.

Alleluia! Holy Parent, all Your children now reclaim;

May our lives reflect Your justice, heirs to Your most sacred name.

Fill our hearts with understanding, brace our weakness by Your might;

Awesome honor, born in wisdom; Your great glory, our delight!

- Michael Morgan

A Reading from the Epistles: Ephesians 5:15-20

Paul Sims

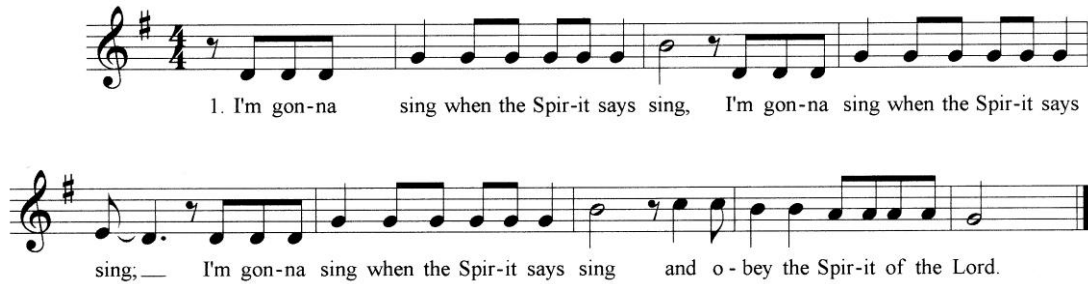
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Spiritual Song

I'm Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing

I'M GONNA SING



2. I'm gonna shout... 3. I'm gonna pray ... 4. I'm gonna preach ... 5. I'm gonna sing ...
- African American spiritual

Sermon

“Give Your Servant an Understanding Heart”

Austin Carty

Responding

+Hymn 660

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

MARYTON

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 August will support the work of CBF Field Personnel Scarlett Jasper, who works in Southeastern and Southern Kentucky through Olive Branch Ministries and Together for Hope.

Offertory Anthem

Christ the Way of Life Possess Me

by K. Lee Scott

The Summer Choir

Christ the Way of life possess me, lift my heart to love and praise;

Guide and keep, sustain and bless me, all my days.

Well of life, forever flowing, make my barren soul and bare

Like a watered garden growing fresh and fair.

May the Tree of life in splendor from its leafy boughs impart

Grace divine and healing tender, strength of heart.

Path of life before me shining, let me come when earth is past,

Sorrow, self, and sin resigning, home at last.

- Timothy Dudley-Smith

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

+The Peace

Paul Sims

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

+Sending Song

SIZOHAMBA NAYE

We will walk ____ with God, my bro - thers; we will walk ____ with God.

We will walk ____ with God, my sis - ters, we will walk ____ with God.

We will go re - joic - ing ____ till the king - dom has come.

We will go re - joic - ing ____ till the king - dom has come.

- Swaziland worship song

+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

The Rejoicing

by Charles Callahan

+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 memory of
MEL CHANDLER, SR.
in commemoration of his August 24 birthday
by Mel, Janie, Garner, and Patton Chandler*