

First Baptist Church at Worship

THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 4, 2019

Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

The Community Gathers before God

Gathering Song

Praise God for This Holy Ground

by John Bell



*Praise God for this holy ground, place and people, sight and sound. **REFRAIN***

*Praise God in whose word we find food for body, soul, and mind. **REFRAIN***

*Praise God who through Christ makes known all are loved and called God's own. **REFRAIN***

*Praise God's Spirit who befriends, raises, humbles, breaks, and mends. **REFRAIN***

Greeting and Call to Worship

Paul Sims

God calls us to this time of worship.

The place where we are standing is holy ground.

We have been drawn to a flame burning here.

We sense the glory of God in this place.

Out of a burning bush, God spoke to Moses.

In the rhythms of worship, God speaks to us.

We will listen for God message to us.

We will give thanks and praise to God.

+Hymn 285

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

stanzas 1, 2, and 3

+Prayer of Confession

Paul Sims

*... and give us the strength to work as You call us. **Amen.***

+Response

CWM RHONDDA

Set our feet on lofty places; gird our lives that they may be

Armored with all Christ-like graces in the fight to set all free.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, that we fail not them nor Thee!

That we fail not them nor Thee!

- Harry Emerson Fosdick

The Community Hears and Proclaims God's Word

Children's Sermon

Nancy Rich

A Reading from Hebrew Scripture: Exodus 3:1-12, 19-22

David Cassady

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 105

by John Bell



*Give thanks to God and call on God's name! **Hallelujah!***

*Tell everyone what God has done! **Hallelujah!***

*Tell of God's wonderful works! **Hallelujah!***

*Be glad that we belong to God! **Hallelujah!***

*Let all who worship God rejoice! **Hallelujah!***

Listen, you descendants of Abraham and Jacob.

Remember the marvelous things God has done!

When the Hebrews moved to Egypt and settled there,

God made them to increase in number.

God made them stronger than the Egyptians,

and the Egyptians hated them and treated them badly.

Then God sent Moses and Aaron to rescue them with God's power.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! REFRAIN

A Reading from the Epistles: Romans 12:9-21

Paul Sims

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon

“The Bush Is Burning”

David Cassady

The Community Shares in Christ's Life

+Hymn 458

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

LINSTEAD

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Paul Sims

The Celebration of Communion

Breaking the Bread

Feed Us, Lord

FEED US

Feed us, Lord. Feed us, Lord. In the bro - ken bread, be re -
Quench us, Lord. Quench us, Lord. On this ho - ly ground, may Your
Lead us, Lord, nour-ished here by Christ, giv - en

vealed a - gain. Come and feed our hearts, O Lord.
love flow down. Come and quench our hearts, O Lord.
strength for life. Come and lead our hearts, O Lord.

- Greg Scheer

Lord, When I Came into This Life

LAND OF REST

Lord, when I came into this life You called me by my name;

Today I come, commit myself, responding to Your claim.

Within the circle of the faith, as member of Your cast,

I take my place with all the saints of future, present, past.

In all the tensions of my life, between my faith and doubt,

Let Your great Spirit give me hope, sustain me, lead me out.

So help me in my unbelief and let my life be true:

Feet firmly planted on the earth, my sights set high on You.

- Fred Kaan

Sharing the Cup

Where Charity and Love Prevail

RESIGNATION

Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found;

Brought here together by Christ's love, by love are we thus bound.

With grateful joy and holy fear true charity we learn;

Let us with heart and mind and strength now love Christ in return.

Love can exclude no race or creed if honored be God's name;

Our common life embraces all whose Maker is the same.

Let us recall that in our midst dwells God's begotten Son;

As members of his body joined, we are in him made one.

Forgive we now each other's faults as we our faults confess;

And let us love each other well in Christian holiness.

Let strife among us be unknown, let all contention cease;

Be Christ the glory that we seek, be ours his holy peace.

- 9th century Latin hymn

+The Peace

Paul Sims

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

+Hymn 477

We Are Called to Be God's People

AUSTRIAN HYMN

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

Elizabeth Reese

Loose change received in August will benefit First Baptist Church's Shoebox Ministry to children in Southeastern and Southern Kentucky, distributed through Olive Branch Ministries.

Offertory Anthem

God Has Called Us

by Robert Hobby

The Summer Choir

God has called us: and how can we but raise our voices, echoing God's praise?

God has called us: and let us answer with our lives.

God has changed us: and how can we but live as servants of the Spirit's gift?

God has changed us: and let us worship with our lives.

God has charged us: and how can we but ask for wisdom for the Christly task?

God has charged us: and let us labor with our lives.

- Susan Palo Cherwien

+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.***

The Community Departs for Ministry

+Sending Song

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

I'M GONNA LIVE

1. ***I'm gonna live so God can use me, anywhere, Lord, anytime!***
2. ***I'm gonna work so God can use me, anywhere, Lord, anytime!***
3. ***I'm gonna pray so God can use me, anywhere, Lord, anytime!***
4. ***I'm gonna sing so God can use me, anywhere, Lord, anytime!***

- African-American spiritual

+Commission and Blessing

David Cassady

Organ Postlude

Variations on THE ASH GROVE

by Christine Schulz

Chorale and Gigue

the Master has come, and he calls us to follow....

+all who are able may stand

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Gayle Majors, Organist Ann Hacker, Pianist

Carolyn Garr, soloist

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in commemoration of his July 28th birthday

by

Janet Pace