

First Baptist Church at Worship

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 4, 2016

Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

Gathering

Greeting

Austin Carty

Gathering Song

by Margaret Pleasant Douroux



Give me a clean heart so I may serve Thee. Lord, fix my heart__ so that

I ____ may be used ____ by Thee. For I'm not wor - thy of all these bless -

ings. Give me a clean heart, ____ and I'll fol - low Thee. ____

I'm not asking for the riches of the land. I'm not asking for the proud to know my name.

Please give me, Lord, a clean heart, that I may follow Thee.

Give me a clean heart and I'll follow Thee.

Call to Worship

Alex Lockridge

O Lord, You search us and know us;

We praise You, O God, our Maker.

You are the potter, we are the clay;

We are the work of Your hands.

Let us worship God.

+Hymn 52

O Worship the King

LYONS

+Invocation

Paul Sims

... hear us, gracious God. Amen.

+Act of Praise

LYONS

***Then let us adore and give God his right,
All glory and power and wisdom and might,
All honor and blessing, with angels above,
And thanks never ceasing, and infinite love.***

- Charles Wesley

The Word

Children's Sermon

Alex Lockridge & Elizabeth Reese

A Reading from Hebrew Scripture: Jeremiah 18:1-11

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

+ Psalm 139

NETTLETON

*You, O Lord, have searched and known me, when I rest, and when I rise;
Not a single thought I cherish is kept secret from Your eyes.
Every word my lips would murmur needs no speech to make it known.
All I do in every venture is as done to You alone.*

*Whither shall I flee Your Spirit? From Your presence, vanish where?
Heights of heaven, darkest shadows hide me not, for You are there.
If I take the wings of morning, and in earth's far corner stand;
Even there Your love will find me, hold me fast within Your hand.
In the brilliance of Your glory, darkest night is bright as day;
Shadows flee the path before me, when Your wisdom lights my way.
You that knit my parts together, knew my life before my birth,
Sees my faults, yet trusts my promise far beyond my feeble worth.*

- Michael Morgan

A Reading from the Epistles: II Corinthians 5:1-10

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The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Response

SOMOS DEL SEÑOR



When we are living, it is in Christ Jesus, and when we're dying, it is in the Lord.

*Both in our living and in our dying, we belong to God, we belong to God. **REFRAIN***

Through all our living, we our fruits must give, good works of service are for offering.

*When we are giving, or when receiving, we belong to God, we belong to God. **REFRAIN***

'Mid times of sorrow and in times of pain, when sensing beauty or in love's embrace,

*Whether we suffer, or sing rejoicing, we belong to God, we belong to God. **REFRAIN***

- Roberto Escamilla

Sermon

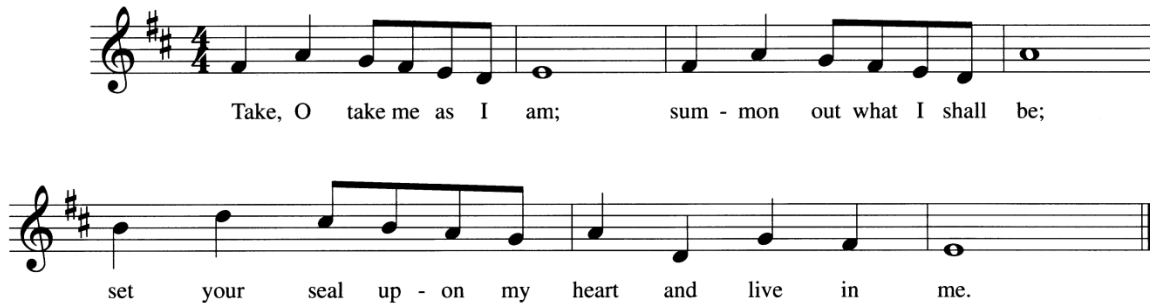
"Clay in the Potter's Hand"

Austin Carty

Responding

Response

TAKE ME AS I AM



- John Bell

Prayer of Confession

Paul Sims

... vessels that will forever serve Your glory. Amen.

+Hymn 493

Have Thine Own Way, Lord

ADELAIDE

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

Sherry Pace

Loose change received in September will go to the CBF Disaster Response following the devastating flooding in southern Louisiana.

Offertory Anthem

Psalms 139

by Allen Pote

The Summer Choir

Lord, You have searched me and known me, You know everything I do.

When I rise up, when I lie down, You are with me through and through.

Before a word is on my tongue, You know what I will say,

Your presence follows me day by day.

Where can I flee from Your spirit? Where can I go to run away?

If I go to heaven, or live in hell, You are there, You are there.

Search me, O God, and know me, try me and know my heart.

See if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Alex Lockridge

You are the potter; we are the clay.

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

*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

May the Mind of Christ My Savior

setting by Lani Smith

*May the mind of Christ my Savior, live in me from day to day,
By his love and power controlling all I do and say.*

- Kate Wilkinson

+all who are able may stand

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