First Baptist Church at Worship

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 8, 2019 Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

Gathering



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.

Greeting and Call to Worship

Alice Tremaine

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

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Prayer of Confession

Carolyn Garr

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

+Act of Praise

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. Amen.

- Charles Wesley

The Word

Children's Sermon Lindsay Lowe

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

Alice Tremaine

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: Philemon 1-21

Ed Garr

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

+Hymn 349

To God Be the Glory

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

Carolyn Garr

The Gospel of our Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon

"Come to the Potter's House"

Alice Tremaine

Responding

+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

Alice Tremaine

Loose change received in September will benefit the Corbin Community Backpack Program. To learn more about their work, visit www.corbinbackpack.com.

Offertory Anthem

Psalm 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

Jefferson Calico

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

Carolyn Garr +The Peace

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. And also with you.

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me +Sending Song 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

Alice Tremaine

Organ Postlude

The Rejoicing

by Charles Callahan

+all who are able may stand

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