First Baptist Church at Worship

The Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 5, 2016 Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

Gathering

Greeting Austin Carty

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

- 21st century

Call to Worship

Alex Lockridge

The Lord, the God of all ages, calls us.

This is holy ground.

The Lord, the great I AM, is with us.

Let us worship God.

+Hymn 319

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

+Prayer of Confession

Paul Sims

God of Moses, You call us as You called the faithful of ancient times – mysteriously shedding light in the midst of uneventful days. Through a shrub alight with divine fire, You reveal that our common days are steeped in holiness and mystery.

We confess that we fail to recognize that all ground is holy ground, or that our routine lives are encompassed by splendor, or that this day is the time when You call us to do Your work. Forgive us, God. Free us to see the blessing of Your presence, and give us the strength to work as You call us. Amen.

+Assurance of Forgiveness

Paul Sims

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Act of Praise

Laudate Dominum

by W. A. Mozart

from "Vesperae solenne de confessore" KV 339 Elizabeth Packard Arnold, soprano

Laudate Dominum omnes gentes: laudate eum omnes populi:

Praise the Lord, all nations; praise him, all people.

Quoniam confirmatat est super nos Misericordia ejus:

For his lovingkindness has been bestowed upon us

Et veritas, veritas Domini manet in eternum. Amen.

And the truth of the Lord endures forever. Amen.

The Word

A Reading from Hebrew Scripture: Exodus 3:1-15

Alex Lockridge

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Act of Praise

A Simple Song

by Leonard Bernstein

Zackery Morris, tenor; Elizabeth Packard Arnold, flautist

Sing God a simple song: Lauda, Laude.... Make it up as you go along: Lauda, Laude... Sing like you like to sing. God loves all simple things, for God is the simplest of all. I will sing the Lord a new song to praise him, to bless him, to bless the Lord. I will sing his praises while I live all of my days.

Blessed is the man who loves the Lord, blessed is the man who praises him.

Lauda, Lauda, Laude... and walks in his ways.

I will lift up my eyes to the hills from whence comes my help.

I will lift up my voice to the Lord singing Lauda, Laude.

For the Lord is my shade, is the shade upon my right hand,

And the sun shall not smite me by day nor the moon by night.

Psalm 105 Paul Sims

Give thanks to God and call on God's name! Hallelujah!
Tell everyone what God has done! Hallelujah!
Sing to God! Praise God with music! Hallelujah!
Tell of God's wonderful works! Hallelujah!
Be glad that we belong to God! Hallelujah!
Let all who worship God rejoice! Hallelujah!
Go to the Lord for help! Hallelujah!
Worship God continually! Hallelujah!



Listen, you descendants of Abraham and Jacob.

Remember the marvelous things God has done! Hallelujah!

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!

Act of Praise

Rejoice, O My Spirit

by J. S. Bach

Zackery Morris

Rejoice, O my spirit, rejoice in thy gladness, be gone all ye sorrows, away with all sadness! Thy waters of weeping are turned into wine, give thanks unto God for the joy that is thine! For love in my heart like a candle is burning, it glows with a flame that is steady and clear, In joy or in sadness my comfort and cheer, in grief or in gladness my comfort and cheer.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Alex Lockridge

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon

"Recognizing the Burning Bush"

Austin Carty

Responding

+Hymn 48

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

stanza 1 – all in parts; stanza 2 – solo; stanza 3 – all in unison

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 June will benefit Extreme Build, a ministry of CBF Kentucky.

Offertory

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing setting by Craig Courtney
Elizabeth Packard Arnold and Zackery Morris

text is that of hymn 295

Prayers of the People

Alex Lockridge

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 by John Bell



Though praise ends, praise is begun where God's will is gladly done. **REFRAIN**

+Commission and Blessing

Austin Carty

Organ Postlude

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty set

setting by Michael Burkhardt

+all who are able may stand

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Gayle Majors, Organist Ann Hacker, Pianist

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