

First Baptist Church at Worship

January 28, 2018
Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Gathering

Greeting

Austin Carty

Gathering Song

GREAT COMMANDMENT



Love the Lord, your God, _____ with all your heart. _____

Love the Lord, you God, _____ with all your soul. _____

Love the Lord, your God, _____ with all your mind. _____

Love the Lord, your God, _____ with all that you are. _____

- Jean and Jim Strathdee

Call to Worship

Alex Lockridge

Give thanks to God with all your heart.
We come in awe of God's marvelous works.
Give thanks to God with all your mind.
We come to learn God's wisdom and righteousness.
Give thanks to God with all your strength.
We come to live in God's mercy and grace.
Let us worship God with all that we are.

+Hymn 307

All Creatures of Our God and King LASST UNS ERFREUEN

stanzas 1, 2, 3, and 5

+Prayer of Confession

Austin Carty

God of mercy and love, You have made us to belong to You alone.

You call us to serve You with all our strength.

We confess our waywardness from Your gracious path.

Forgive us, God.

You shower Your grace into our lives, but we fail to deal graciously with others.

We nurse grudges, judge harshly, and act with pettiness.

We have failed to love others with Christ's love.

Forgive us, God.

We let our fear and insecurities rule us instead of trusting You, loving God.

Forgive our self-centeredness, our shortsightedness, and our small heartedness.

Forgive us, God.

Free us from our sin by the saving power of Your love in Jesus Christ.

***Fill us with Your love, and show us how to serve,
that our lives may glorify You in every way. Amen.***

+The Peace

Alex Lockridge

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

+Response

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

All ye who are of tender heart, forgiving others, take your part, O sing ye, alleluia!

Ye who long pain and sorrow bear, praise God and on him cast your care,

O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- Francis of Assisi

The Word

Children's Sermon

Alex Lockridge

Psalm 111

setting by Hal Hopson

Praise _____ the Lord! Praise _____ the Lord!

Hal - le - lu - jah! Praise the Lord!

Great are Your works, O Lord; those who explain them find Your delight.

Glorious and majestic are Your deeds; Your goodness and mercy will last forever.

You sustain those who are faithful; You always remember Your covenant promises.

You have sent redemption to Your people; You have established Your covenant forever.

REFRAIN

A Reading from the Epistles: Galatians 5:16-25

Austin Carty

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

A Reading from the Gospels: Mark 1:21-28

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The Gospel of our Lord

Thanks be to God

+Hymn

Silence! Frenzied, Unclean Spirit

BEACH SPRING

“Silence! Frenzied, unclean spirit,” cried God’s healing, Holy One.

“Cease your ranting! Flesh can’t bear it. Flee as night before the sun.”

At Christ’s voice the demon trembled, from its victim madly rushed,

While the crowd that was assembled stood in wonder, stunned, and hushed.

Lord, the demons still are thriving in the gray cells of the mind:

Tyrant voices, shrill and driving, twisted thoughts that grip and bind,

Doubts that stir the heart to panic, fears distorting reason’s sight,

Guilt that makes our loving frantic, dreams that cloud the soul with fright.

Silence, Lord, the unclean spirit, in our mind and in our heart.

Speak Your word that when we hear it all our demons shall depart.

Clear our thought and calm our feeling; still the fractured, warring soul.

By the power of Your healing make us faithful, true, and whole.

- Thomas Troeger

Sermon

“And the Unclean Spirit Came Out of Him”

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Responding

+Hymn 71

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

stanzas 1, 2, and 3

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

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Loose change received in January will benefit our church’s Cold Weather Ministries.

Offertory Anthem

Hear My Words

by Stephen Paulus

Hear my words, O gracious Lord, to my thoughts attentive be;

Hear my cry, my King, my God, I will make my prayer to Thee.

With the morning light, O Lord, Thou shalt hear my voice arise;

And expectant I will bring prayer as morning sacrifice.

Thou art holy, O my God, Thou delightest not in sin;

Evil shall not dwell with Thee, nor the proud Thy favor win.

- from Psalm 5

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

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

- African-American spiritual

+Commission and Blessing

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*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. Amen.*

Organ Postlude

Psalm XIX

by Benedetto Marcello

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Carolyn Garr, Worship Leader
Gayle Majors, Organist

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