First Baptist Church at Worship

January 7, 2018 Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

THE BAPTISM OF JESUS

Gathering

Greeting Austin Carty

Gathering Song HYMN TO JOY

Spirit, working in creation, bringing order out of strife:

Come among God's gathered people, giving harmony and life.

Spirit, speaking through the prophets so the voice of God was heard:

Come, inspire, alert Your people to this day's prophetic word.

Spirit, coming from the Father as a dove upon our Lord:

Come upon Your waiting people, may Your blessings be outpoured.

Spirit, breathed on the disciples, giving peace where there was fear:

Come among us, touch us, send us, making Jesus' presence near.

- John Richards

Call to Worship

Alex Lockridge

At the baptism of Jesus, God said:

"You are my beloved child; with You I am well pleased."

When we hear God's call to praise and prayer, God is summoning us:

"You are my beloved child; with You I am well pleased."

When we hear God's call to repentance, God is welcoming us:

"You are my beloved child; with You I am well pleased."

When we hear God's call to service, God is inviting us:

"You are my beloved child; with You I am well pleased."

Let us worship the God of our baptism, the God who blesses us still.

+Hymn 2

Come, Thou Almighty King

ITALIAN HYMN

+Prayer of Praise and Adoration

Paul Sims

+Act of Praise

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

May God forever be our peace; may hymns of glory never cease:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Let all the faithful people come; sing praise to God, the Three-in-One:

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

- David Gambrell

The Word

Children's Sermon Alex Lockridge

+Psalm 29 LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Sing glory to the name of God, Whose holy splendor shines abroad.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Enthroned above the crashing waves, the God of grace and glory saves.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The name of God is full of might: resounding thunder, flashing light.

Alleluia, alleluia!

The wilderness cannot contain the echoes of the great refrain:

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The name of God is wild and free, awhirl in holy mystery.

Alleluia, alleluia!

A secret wrapped in smoke and fire, still chanted by the temple choir:

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- David Gambrell

A Reading from Acts, chapter 19, verses 1-7

Austin Carty

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Hymn Loving Spirit BEACH SPRING

Loving Spirit, loving Spirit, You have chosen me to be,

You have drawn me to Your wonder, You have set Your sign on me.

Like a mother You enfold me, hold my life within Your own,

Feed me with Your very body, form me of Your flesh and bone.

Loving Spirit, loving Spirit, You have chosen me to be,

You have drawn me to Your wonder, You have set Your sign on me.

Like a father You protect me, teach me the discerning eye,

Hoist me up upon Your shoulder, let me see the world from high.

- Shirley Erena Murray

A Reading from the Gospels: Mark 1:4-11

Alex Lockridge

The Gospel of our Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon "With You I Am Well Pleased" Austin Carty

Responding

+Hymn 349

To God Be the Glory

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

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

Sabrina Smith

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

Offertory Anthem

Come, Thou Fount

setting by James Cram

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;

Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise:

Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;

Praise the mount – I'm fixed upon it – mount of Thy redeeming love.

Here I raise mine Ebenezer; hither by Thy help I'm come;

And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home:

Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;

He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!

Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee:

Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;

Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

- Robert Robinson

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

+The Peace Alex Lockridge

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

+Hymn 619 Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine

ASSURANCE

+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

Celebration Fanfare

by Keith Christopher

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> Gayle Majors, Organist Ann Hacker, Pianist