

First Baptist Church at Worship

THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 2, 2016

Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

Assemble in God's Name

Greeting

Austin Carty

Gathering Song

SHOWALTER

the congregation is invited to sing hymn 640: *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

Call to Worship

Alex Lockridge

*Gather as people of faith, embracing renewal,
eager for reconciliation with God and humankind.*

***We have assembled to hear for ourselves
the good news Christ brings to all people.***

*God meets and accepts us where we are,
helping us to know ourselves as we are known.*

***We will worship with expectation,
anticipating salvation in our lives and relationships.***

+Hymn 315

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

MIT FREUDEN ZART

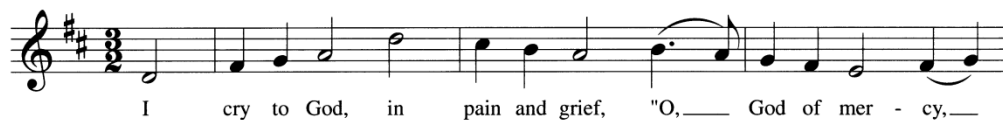
stanzas 1, 2, 3, and 4

+Prayer of the Day

Paul Sims

+Response

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Proclaim God's Word

Children's Sermon

Alex Lockridge

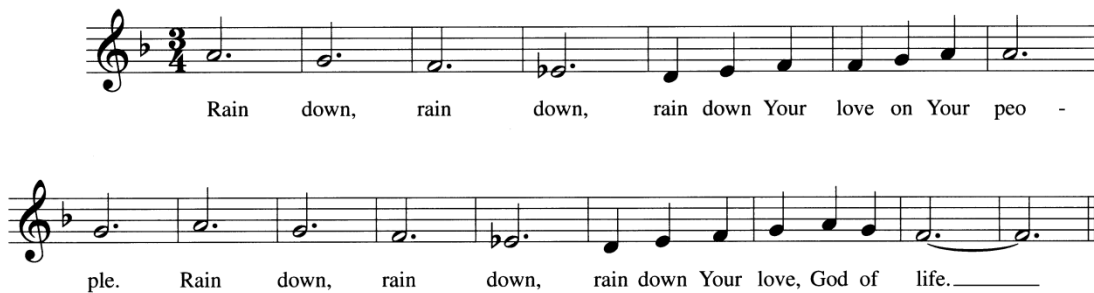
Psalm 22:1-5

Paul Sims

*My God, my God, why have You forsaken me?
Why are You so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?
**O my God, I cry by day, but You do not answer;
and by night, but find no rest.**
Yet You are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.
In You our ancestors trusted; they trusted, and You delivered them.
To You they cried, and were saved;
In You they trusted, and were not put to shame.*

Response

by Jaime Cortez



*Faithful and true is the word of our God. All of God's works are so worthy of trust.
God's mercy falls on the evil and good; full of God's love is the earth. **REFRAIN**
God of creation, we long for Your truth; You are the water of life that we thirst.
Grant that Your love and Your peace touch our hearts, all of our hope lies in You. **REFRAIN***

A Reading from the Letters to the Churches: Romans 5:1-11

Austin Carty

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

+Hymn 590

The Solid Rock

SOLID ROCK

A Reading from the Gospels: Matthew 5:43-48

Alex Lockridge

The Gospel of our Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon

“Bring on the Rain”

Austin Carty

Give Thanks to God

+Hymn 295

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

Invitation to the Table

Austin Carty & Alex Lockridge

Breaking the Bread

Brother James' Air

setting by Dale Wood

Though I should walk in darkest ways through valleys like the grave,

No evil shall I ever fear; Your presence makes me brave.

On my behalf Your rod and staff assure me You will save.

Your steadfast love will follow me to shield me all my days

And bring me to Your holy house, redeemed from error's ways,

My whole life long to join the song of those who sing God's praise.

- Carl Daw, Jr.; from Psalm 23

Sharing the Cup

Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound

NEW BRITAIN

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;

How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;

'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures;

He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease;

I shall possess, within the veil, a life of joy and peace.

- John Newton

+The Peace

Alex Lockridge

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

+Hymn 306

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

MADRID

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

Lisa Harrison

Loose change received in October will benefit our Shoebox ministry,
which will be distributed through Operation Christmas Child and Olive Branch Ministries.

Offertory Anthem

How Can I Keep from Singing?

setting by Stan Pethel

Donna Davis, piano

Baptist pastor and musician, Robert Lowry, wrote this hymn in 1869.

This setting quotes other well-known hymn tunes, some of which are included in this worship service.

My life flows on in endless song above earth's lamentation;

I hear the sweet though distant hymn that hails a new creation.

No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging;

It sounds an echo in my soul; how can I keep from singing?

What though the tempest 'round me rears I know the truth it liveth;

What though the darkness 'round me close, songs in the night it giveth.

No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging;

Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

When tyrants tremble sick with fear and hear their death knells ringing;

When friends rejoice both far and near how can I keep from singing?

In prison cell and dungeon vile our thoughts to them are winging;

When friends by shame are undefiled, how can I keep from singing?

I lift my eyes, the cloud grows thin; I see the blue above it;

And day by day my pathway smooths since first I learned to love it:

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain never springing;

All things are mine since I am his, how can I keep from singing?

- Robert Lowry

+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.

Go in God's Name

+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

Prelude on Two American Hymn Tunes

by Ralph Hastings

+all who are able may stand

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Gayle Majors, Organist Ann Hacker, Pianist

Lorin Leake, soloist

The flowers that grace our sanctuary are given in memory of **Hubert and Lydia Wells** by Eddie and Margaret Wells, and Eddie Wells, II. Flowers are also placed in honor of **Sarah Ashley**, who became part of the First Baptist family on the first Sunday of October 1947. These flowers are given by Alois and Jim Lewis. The Rev. Dr. Lewis served as pastor of First Baptist from 1956 until 1959.