

# First Baptist Church at Worship

October 22, 2017

Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

## The Community Gathers before God

Greeting

Austin Carty

Gathering Song

WELCOME TABLE



**2. I'm gonna eat and drink with my Jesus; ....**

**3. I'm gonna join with sisters, brothers; ....**

**4. Here all the world will find a welcome; ....**

- African-American spiritual

Call to Worship

Alex Lockridge

*On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food,  
a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.*

***And God will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples,  
the sheet that is spread over all nations; God will swallow up death forever.***

*Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,  
and the disgrace of God's people will be taken away, for the LORD has spoken.*

***It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; this is the LORD  
for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in God's salvation.***

- from Isaiah 25

+Hymn 457

*Come and Feast, for All Are Welcome*

REGENT SQUARE

+Prayer of the Day

Paul Sims

*... call us again to Your banquet, where we may receive the food You have provided,  
and be transformed into a people of righteousness and peace. **Amen.***

+Response

MARION

***Praise God, who reigns on high, the Lord whom we adore,  
The Father, Son, and Spirit blest, one God forevermore.  
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.***

- Edward Plumptre

## The Community Hears and Proclaims God's Word

Children's Sermon

Alex Lockridge

+Psalm 23

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the congregation is invited to sing hymn 64: *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

A Reading from the Letters to the Churches: Philippians 4:1-9

Austin Carty

*The word of the Lord*

***Thanks be to God***

A Reading from the Gospels: Matthew 22:1-14

Alex Lockridge

*The Gospel of our Lord*

***Thanks be to God***

Sermon

"I Have Prepared My Banquet"

Austin Carty

## The Community Shares in Christ's Life

Hymn

*A King Planned a Party*

ASH GROVE

*A king planned a party – a feast, rich and hearty. He sent invitations to all of his guests.*

*So what could be better than getting a letter and being invited and welcomed and blessed?*

*"My work needs attention," said one, "Not to mention, my family is growing. There's so much to do."*

*"My farm," said another, "is big, and – oh, brother – I'm busy with hobbies I want to pursue."*

*"The wedding is ready! My guests are not worthy!" the king told his servants when nobody came.*

*"So go search the alleys, the hills and the valleys, and bring in the poor and the blind and the lame."*

*That day there was singing and halls that were ringing with laughter and joy in the wonderful place.*

*For those who attended knew how they depended upon the king's generous mercy and grace.*

the hymn continues on page three; the congregation is invited to sing:

O God, You in - vite us! You seek to de - light us. Your ta - ble is\_\_ rea-dy for  
 those who say "Yes!" Do we make ex - cu-ses when You want to choose us to sit at\_\_ Your  
 ta - ble, for - giv-en and blessed? And, Lord, as You wel-come us in - to\_\_ Your king-dom, may  
 we reach to wel-come the world by Your grace. You love the out - sid - er. Now may we reach  
 wid - er to wel - come the world with Your lov - ing em - brace.

- Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

## Invitation to the Table

Austin Carty and Alex Lockridge

## Breaking the Bread; Sharing the Cup

please come forward by way of a center aisle, receive a piece of bread, dip it in the cup, then partake of the bread and wine; please return to your pew by way of a window aisle and be seated.

### *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

setting by John Innes

### *The Bread and the Wine Are Here*

LOVE FEAST

Come in; sit down; there's room at the ta - ble; en -  
 joy the feast love has spread\_\_ for you.

## +The Peace

Paul Sims

*The peace of the Lord be with you.  
 And also with you.*

+Hymn

*When the Lord Redeems the Very Least*

I'LL FLY AWAY

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.



When the Lord re - deems the ver - y least,  
When the Lord re - lives the world from death, we will re-joyce.  
When the Lord re - turns in vic - to - ry,  
When the hun - gry gath - er for the feast,  
When the word of God fills ev - ery breath, we will re-joyce.  
When we live in glo - rious lib - er - ty,  
We will re-joyce with glad - ness. We will re-joyce.  
All our days we'll sing to God in praise. We will re-joyce!

- Sylvia Dunstan

+Offertory Prayer

Sandi Curd

Loose change received in October will benefit our church's shoebox ministry, which will be shared internationally through Samaritan's Purse, and locally through Olive Branch Ministries.

Organ Offertory

*The Rejoicing*

by Charles Callahan

+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.*

The Community Departs for Ministry

+Commission and Blessing

Austin Carty, Alex Lockridge, & Paul Sims

*... and the God of peace will be with you. Amen.*

Organ Postlude

*Le Banquet*

by Joseph Franck

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Gayle Majors, Organist Ann Hacker, Pianist

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