# 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 ST. COLUMBA

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:



#### Invitation to the Table

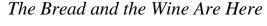
### Austin Carty and Alex Lockridge

### 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



LOVE FEAST





+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.



+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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