

Classic Bible Stories Retold

October 8, 2017
Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering

Greeting

Austin Carty

Organ Voluntary

In Christ There Is No East or West

setting by Dale Wood

*Join hands, disciples of the faith, whate'er your race may be;
Who serves my Father as his child is surely kin to me.*

- John Oxenham

Call to Worship

Paul Sims

*From near and far we gather;
the house of God is our home.
Here we are no longer strangers;
in the body of Christ we are one.*

+Hymn 357

O Praise the Gracious Power

MARION

stanzas one through five

+Prayer of Confession

Austin Carty

... all to the glory of the God of peace. Amen.

+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

+Affirmation of Faith

Paul Sims

*When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, God saved us,
not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to God's
mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit God
poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified
by grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. Thanks be to God.*

- from Titus 3

The Baptism of Olivia Gregory

Alex Lockridge

+Response

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*Let all things their Creator bless, and worship him in humbleness, O praise him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One,
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

The Word

Children's Sermon

Alice Tremaine

A Reading from Hebrew Scripture: from Joshua 5 and 6

Paul Sims

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 51

setting by Tom Fettke

sung by the Sanctuary Choir

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

May Your Spirit and presence be near me.

And restore unto me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with Your gracious Spirit.

A Reading from the Epistles: Ephesians 2:11-18

Austin Carty

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Response

MARION

O praise the power, the truth, the love, the word, the tide.

Yet more than these, O praise their source, praise Christ the crucified:

We praise You Christ! Your cross has made us one!

- Thomas Troeger

Sermon

"And the Wall Fell Down"

Austin Carty

Responding

+Hymn 339

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

CORONATION

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

Hannah Morton

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.

Piano Offertory

Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho

setting by Mark Hayes

... and the walls came tumblin' down...

- African-American spiritual

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

Paul Sims

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

+Hymn 273

In Christ There Is No East or West

McKEE

+Commission and Assurance

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.
Amen.*

Organ Postlude

Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

setting by Dennis Johnson

... the trumpet call obey...

+all who are able may stand

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Gayle Majors, Organist

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