

First Baptist Church at Worship

The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

October 9, 2016

Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

Gathering

Greeting

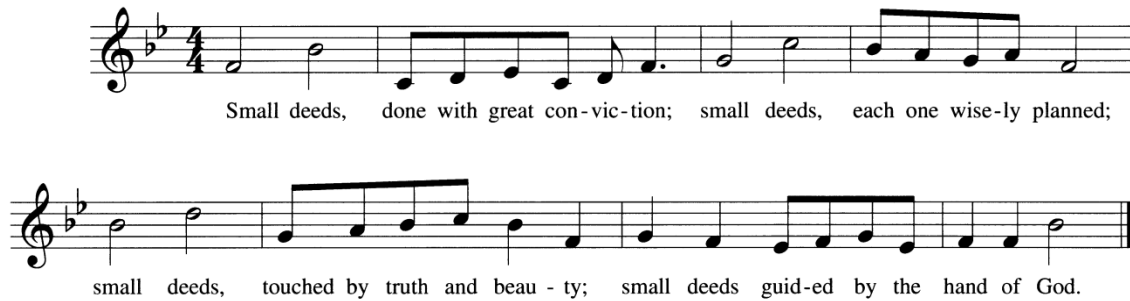
Austin Carty

Gathering Song

Small Deeds

by John Horman

"Small Deeds," originally an anthem for children's choir, is based on a text by the late educator and musician, Ruth Krehbiel Jacobs, who said of the text, "You don't have to do great things, but the little things you are doing in your sphere of influence can be done with great conviction, great wisdom, great beauty, and great love."



*I may never be like Noah, and build a mighty ark,
But I can light one candle to drive away the dark. **REFRAIN**
I may never be like Moses – from Pharaoh's yoke be freed,
But I can lend a helping hand to those who are in need! **REFRAIN**
I may never be like Hannah, and give to God my son,
But I can give the gift of love to people, one by one. **REFRAIN***

Call to Worship

Alex Lockridge

+Hymn 378

We Gather Here in Grateful Praise

TRURO

+Invocation

Paul Sims

+Act of Praise

HYMN TO JOY

*Alleluia! Laud and blessing to our God, whose word is sure;
By whose grace we find redemption, in whose love we live secure.
Righteousness and rich compassion shall attend us all our days.
May God's promise to be faithful echo through our songs of praise!
Alleluia! God sustains us; matchless are the gifts we share:
Light in darkness, hope in conflict, answers to our deepest prayer.
Ours to give as we are given: arms to lift when others fall;
Images of God's great goodness, faithful servants to God's call.*

- Michael Morgan; from Psalm 111

The Word

Children's Sermon

Alex Lockridge

First Lesson

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalms 111

setting by Hal Hopson

Musical notation for Psalm 111, setting by Hal Hopson. The first line of music is in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It features a melody with eighth and quarter notes, and lyrics: "Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!". The second line of music continues the melody with lyrics: "Hal - le - lu - jah! Praise the Lord!".

Great are Your works, O Lord; those who explain them find Your delight.

*Glorious and majestic are Your deeds; Your goodness and mercy will last forever. **REFRAIN***

You sustain those who are faithful; You always remember Your covenant promises.

*You have shown Your people what Your strength can do. **REFRAIN***

You have sent redemption to Your people; You have established Your covenant forever.

*The fear of You, O Lord, is the beginning of wisdom; wise are those who live by it. **REFRAIN***

Second Lesson

Mark 4:26-29

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The gospel of our Lord

Thanks be to God

Response

by John Horman

Musical notation for the Response, by John Horman. The first line of music is in 4/4 time, with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It features a melody with eighth and quarter notes, and lyrics: "Small deeds, done with great con-vic-tion; small deeds, each one wise-ly planned;". The second line of music continues the melody with lyrics: "small deeds, touched by truth and beau - ty; small deeds guid-ed by the hand of God."

- Ruth Krehbiel Jacobs

Third Lesson

Luke 17:11-19

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The gospel of our Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon

“Seek the Welfare of the City”

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Responding

+Hymn 662

The Mission God Has Given

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

Offertory Anthem

God Has Called Us

by Robert Hobby

God has called us: and how can we but raise our voices, echoing God's praise?

God has called us: and let us answer with our lives.

God has changed us: and how can we but live as servants of the Spirit's gift?

God has changed us: and let us worship with our lives.

God has charged us: and how can we but ask for wisdom for the Christly task?

God has charged us: and let us labor with our lives.

God has called us: and how can we but raise our voices, echoing God's praise?

God has called us: and let us answer with our lives.

- Susan Palo Cherwien

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

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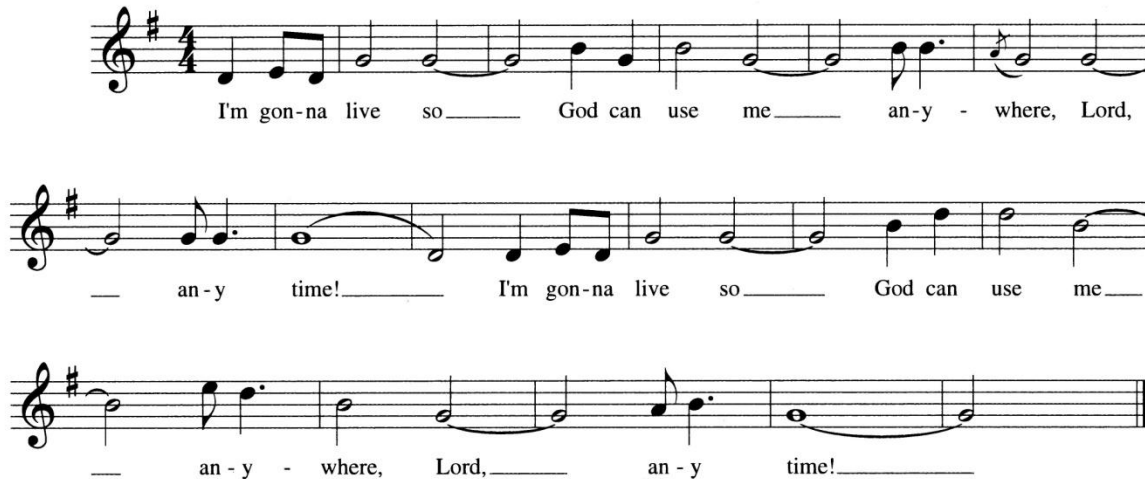
***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

Sending

+Sending Song

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

by Wendell Whalum



I'm gonna work I'm gonna pray I'm gonna sing

- African-American spiritual

+Commission and Blessing

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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

Voluntary on TRURO

setting by John Wyatt Burson

+all who are able may stand

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Gayle Majors, Organist

Donna Davis, Pianist

Alice Tremaine, soloist

Cierra Ledford and Lexi Petrey, readers

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by

Kathy Goins

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