

First Baptist Church at Worship

February 26, 2017
Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

Transfiguration of the Lord

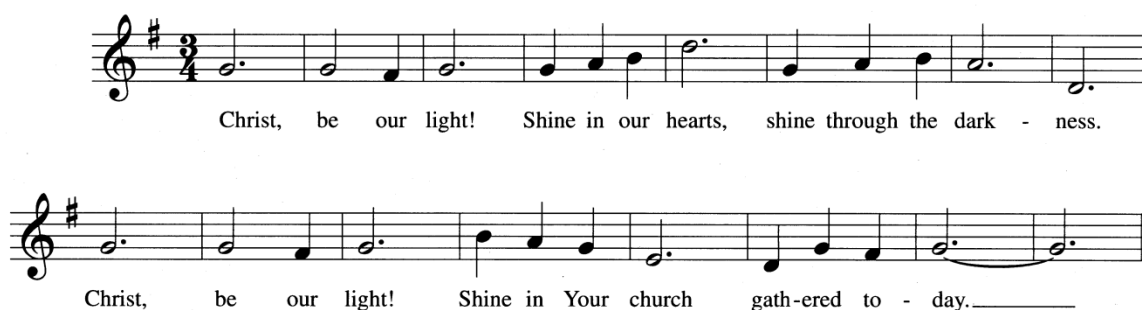
Gathering

Greeting

Austin Carty

Gathering Song

by Bernadette Farrell



Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to You.

*Make us Your own, Your holy people, light for the world to see. **REFRAIN***

Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair.

*Your word alone has power to save us. Make us Your living voice. **REFRAIN***

Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong.

*Let us be servants to one another, making Your kingdom come. **REFRAIN***

Call to Worship

Alex Lockridge

*The Lord said to Moses: Come up to the mountain;
and the glory of the Lord shone all around.*

Let us worship the Lord our God.

*Jesus led his disciples up a high mountain,
and he was transfigured, shining like the sun.*

Let us worship the Lord our God.

+Hymn 161

See Our Lord in All His Glory

CWM RHONDDA

+Opening Prayer

Paul Sims

*... that we may stand on our own without fear. **Amen.***

+Response

CWM RHONDDA

From the evils that surround us and assail the Savior's ways,

From the fears that long have bound us – free our hearts for work and praise.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days,

- Harry Emerson Fosdick, alt.

The Word

Children's Sermon

Alex Lockridge

A Reading from Hebrew Scripture: Exodus 24:12-18

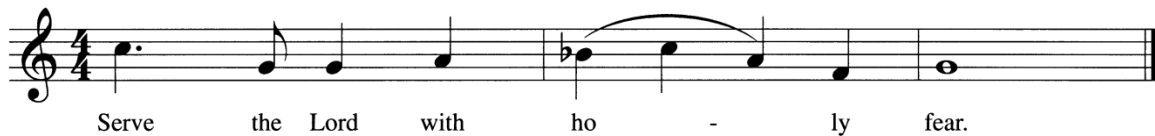
The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 2

setting by Hal Hopson

cantor, then congregation:



Why do the nations conspire a rebellion? Why do the leaders muster their troops?

The kings of the earth rise up, the princes plot together against the Lord.

Let us free ourselves from their rule, let us throw off their control. REFRAIN

The God of heaven laughs; God mocks their feeble efforts.

In a voice of anger God warns them; in a rage God strikes them with terror.

I have installed my king on the holy hill of Zion. REFRAIN

Hear the decree of the Lord: You are my son. Today I have become your father.

Ask, and I will give you all the nations for your heritage; the whole earth will be yours.

Blessed are those who put their trust in God. REFRAIN

A Reading from the Gospels: Matthew 17:1-9

Austin Carty

The Gospel of our Lord

Thanks be to God

+Hymn

Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory

BEACH SPRING

Swiftly pass the clouds of glory, heaven's voice, the dazzling light;

Moses and Elijah vanish; Christ alone commands the height!

Peter, James and John fall silent, turning from the summit's rise

Downward toward the shadowed valley where their Lord has fixed his eyes.

Glimpsed and gone the revelation, they shall gain and keep its truth,

Not by building on the mountain any shrine or sacred booth,

But by following the Savior through the valley to the cross

And by testing faith's resilience through betrayal, pain, and loss.

Lord, transfigure our perception with the purest light that shines,

And recast our life's intentions to the shape of Your designs,

Till we seek no other glory than what lies past Calvary's hill

And our living and our dying and our rising by Your will.

- Thomas Troeger

Sermon

"They Were Overcome with Fear"

Austin Carty

Responding

Prayer of Confession

Paul Sims

Assurance of Forgiveness – from I Peter 1

Christ was chosen by God before the creation of the world, and was revealed in these last days for your sake. Through him you believe in God, who raised Christ from death, giving him glory; and so, your faith and hope are fixed on God.
Thanks be to God.

+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

Ruth Bradley

Loose change received in February will support the Youth Mission Trip to Managua, Nicaragua this June.

Offertory Anthem

Christ Is the World's Light

by K. Lee Scott

*Christ is the world's Light, Christ and none other;
Born in our darkness, He became our brother –
If we have seen him, we have seen the Father: Glory to God on high!
Christ is the world's Peace, Christ and none other;
No one can serve him, and despise another.
Who else unites us, one in God the Father? Glory to God on high!
Christ is the world's Life, Christ and none other;
Sold once for silver, murdered here, our brother –
He, who redeems us, reigns with God the Father: Glory to God on high!
Give God the glory, God and none other;
Give God the glory, Spirit, Son, and Father;
Give God the glory, God with us our Brother: Glory to God on high!*
- Fred Pratt Green

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 high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***

Sending

+Commission

Austin Carty

*Go forth, unafraid, to witness to God's power and love,
for we are eyewitnesses to God's glory shining in the face of Christ.
In awe and wonder, we dare to respond. Alleluia. Amen.*

+Hymn 581

I Love to Tell the Story

HANKEY

+Blessing

Austin Carty, Alex Lockridge, & Paul Sims

*The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you;
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.
Amen.*

Organ Postlude

Wonder

setting by Gordon Young

*With Peter, James and John, how our eyes with wonder gleam;
The veil o'er Christ's true nature now parts in glory's beams.
Our hearts leap up with gladness; we fall upon our knees,
And God's voice rings from heaven, "With you I am well pleased."
- Phil Majors*

+all who are able may stand

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Gayle Majors, Organist
Ann Hacker, Pianist

*Sanctuary flowers are given in honor of
Luster Patterson
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