

First Baptist Church at Worship

March 11, 2018
Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

Gathering

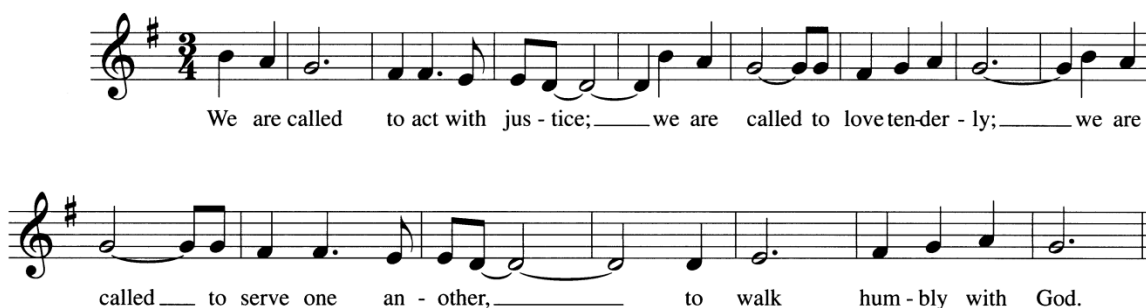
Greeting

Austin Carty

Gathering Song

Come! Live in the Light!

by David Haas



Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!

We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God. REFRAIN

Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear!

We are called to be hope for the hopeless so hatred and violence will be no more. REFRAIN

Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one!

God will reign, and we'll walk with each other as sisters and brothers united in love. REFRAIN

Call to Worship

Austin Carty

Let us worship our God with songs of joy, for God is –

light,

love,

steadfast,

eternal.

Let us follow Jesus our teacher, for Jesus is –

God's light-bearer,

God's love bringer,

God's face among us,

God's grace made alive.

Let us live by the grace of God's Spirit, for the Spirit is –

alive,

creating,

invisible, moving the visible,

shaping us to be ever more faithful.

Let us worship God.

+Hymn 6

Creator God, Creating Still

ST. ANNE

+Prayer of Confession

Paul Sims

*Creator God, we confess that we are people of ashes and dust.
We grumble and complain when You have provided all we need.
We continue to walk in darkness when You have given light to the world.
**Forgive us, God of grace.
Help us to trust in You so that we may not perish
but may have eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.***

+Response

LYONS

*Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail:
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend. Amen.*

- Robert Grant

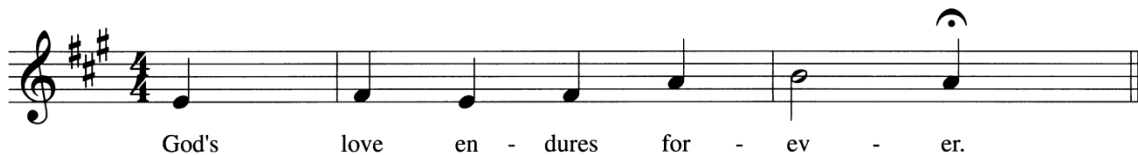
The Word

Children's Sermon

Larry Gray

Psalm 107

setting by Hal Hopson



O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good; God's steadfast love endures forever.

***Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those God redeemed
from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east
and from the west, from the north and from the south.***

*Some were fools through their sinful ways, and because of their iniquities
endured affliction; they loathed any kind of food, and they drew near to
the gates of death. Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and God saved
them from their distress; God sent out his word and healed them; God delivered
them from destruction.*

***Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,
for God's wonderful works to humankind.***

Let them offer thanksgiving, and tell of God's deeds with songs of joy. REFRAIN

A Reading from the Epistles: Ephesians 2:1-10

Paul Sims

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

The Gospel of our Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Song

The Light of the World Is Jesus

LIGHT OF THE WORLD

The whole world was lost in the darkness of sin, the Light of the world is Jesus;

Like sunshine at noonday his glory shone in, the Light of the world is Jesus.



Come to the Light, 'tis shin-ing for thee; sweet-ly the Light has dawned up-on me,



Once I was blind, but now I can see: The Light of the world is Je - sus.

No darkness have we who in Jesus abide, the Light of the world is Jesus;

We walk in the light when we follow our guide, the Light of the world is Jesus. REFRAIN

- Philip Bliss

Sermon

“And People Loved Darkness Rather than Light”

Austin Carty

Responding

+Hymn

In an Age of Twisted Values

BEACH SPRING

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.

In an age of twisted values we have lost the truth we need.

In sophisticated language we have justified our greed.

By our struggle for possessions we have robbed the poor and weak.

Hear our cry and heal our nation; Your forgiveness, Lord, we seek.

We have built discrimination on our prejudice and fear.

Hatred swiftly turns to cruelty if we hold resentments dear.

For communities divided by the walls of class and race,

Hear our cry and heal our nation; show us, Lord, Your love and grace.

We who hear Your word so often choose so rarely to obey.

Turn us from our willful wand’ring; give us truth to light our way.

In the power of Your Spirit come to cleanse us, make us new;

Hear our cry and heal our nation till our nation honors You.

- Martin Leckebusch

+Offertory Prayer

Sandi Curd

Loose change received in March will benefit The Mustard Seed Garden.

Offertory Anthem *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* by Kathleen Thomerson
*I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.
I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.
Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father.
I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus.
In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.*

Prayers of the People

Austin Carty

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.*

+Sending Song

This Little Light of Mine

setting by Nolan Williams, Jr.

+Commission and Blessing

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

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light setting by Karl Osterland

+all who are able may stand
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Gayle Majors, Organist Ann Hacker, Pianist

*The sanctuary flowers are placed in honor of
Casie McBurney
for her birthday on March 10th
by Bob & Linda McBurney*