

First Baptist Church at Worship

July 23, 2017

Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering

Greeting

Austin Carty

Introit

Surely the Lord Is in This Place

by Herbert Colvin

The Summer Choir; Donna Davis, accompanist

Surely the Lord is in this place. This is none other than the house of God.

And this is the gate of heaven. Surely the Lord is in this place.

- from Genesis 28

Call to Worship

Austin Carty & Alex Lockridge

+Hymn 319

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

+A Shared Confession

Paul Sims

In our good times and in our bad times, in our ups and in our downs:

We confess that You are with us, God.

You are in our moments of transformation, inviting us to new life.

When we are running away, when we are searching for home:

We confess that You are with us, God.

You guide us to new possibilities.

When we are feeling proud and self-satisfied, when we are wracked with guilt or shame:

We confess that You are with us, God.

You steady us on new ways.

When we are wrestling, when we are striving:

We confess that You are with us, God.

You go with us into paths of faithfulness and service.

Amen and amen!

+Act of Praise

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

O friends, in gladness let us sing eternal praises echoing: Alleluia, alleluia!

To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One: Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- John Athelstan Laurie Riley

The Word

Children's Sermon

Alex Lockridge

A Reading from Hebrew Scripture: Genesis 28:10-17

Psalm 139

NETTLETON

*You, O Lord, have searched and known me, when I rest, and when I rise;
Not a single thought I cherish is kept secret from Your eyes.
Every word my lips would murmur needs no speech to make it known.
All I do in every venture is as done to You alone.
Whither shall I flee Your spirit? From Your presence, vanish where?
Heights of heaven, darkest shadows hide me not, for You are there.
If I take the wings of morning, and in earth's far corner stand;
Even there Your love will find me, hold me fast within Your hand.
In the brilliance of Your glory, darkest night is bright as day;
Shadows flee the path before me, when Your wisdom lights my way.
You that knit my parts together, knew my life before my birth,
Sees my faults, yet trusts my promise far beyond my feeble worth.*

- Michael Morgan

A Reading from the Epistles: Romans 8:12-25

Austin Carty

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

+Hymn 619

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine

ASSURANCE

Sermon

"Surely the Lord Is in This Place"

Austin Carty

Responding

+Hymn

God of the Ages, History's Maker

BUNESSAN

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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

J. P. Winchester

Loose change received in July will benefit our church's shoebox ministry, which will be shared internationally through Samaritan's purse, and locally through Olive Branch Ministries.

Offertory Anthem

Psalm 139

by Allen Pote

The Summer Choir

*Lord, You have searched me and known me, You know everything I do.
When I rise up, when I lie down, You are with me through and through.
Before a word is on my tongue, You know what I will say, Your presence follows me day by day.
Where can I flee from Your spirit? Where can I go to run away?
If I go to heaven, or live in hell, You are there.
Search me, O God, and know me, try me and know my heart.
See if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. Amen.*

Prayers of the People

Alex Lockridge

*When we are frightened by new places, new jobs, new responsibilities,
new people, or new ideas, remind us of Your words to Jacob:*

Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go.

*When we feel trapped by problems we cannot solve and stuck with people
with whom we cannot get along, let us hear what You said to Jacob as he
ran from his angry brother:*

Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go.

*When we feel as totally alone as Jacob felt when we was alone in the desert,
when we feel abandoned by our friends, when we feel lost, help us remember Your words:*

Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go.

*When we lose hope that anything will ever be better than it is now,
when our own problems seem too big to ever be solved, when hunger and injustice
and war seem unavoidable, when it looks as though the evil always wins
and the good loses, speak quietly to us:*

Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go.

*Speak quietly to us, Lord, and give us the courage to rise up as Your children.
Make us constantly aware of Your loving, powerful presence with us.
Teach us to depend upon that power to do surprising things in Your name.
We pray, remembering Jacob, and in the name of Jesus,
who continues to teach us to pray:*

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

Alex Lockridge

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

+Sending Song

Jacob's Ladder

setting by Paul Oakley

We are climbing Jacob's ladder, ... children of the Lord.

Every round goes higher, higher, ... children of the Lord.

Sinner, do you love my Jesus, ... children of the Lord.

If you love Him, why not serve Him? ... children of the Lord.

+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

How Firm a Foundation

setting by Ed Steele

... fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,

+all who are able may stand

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Gayle Majors, Organist Donna Davis, Pianist

God of the Ages, History's Maker

1 God of the a - ges, his - to - ry's Ma - ker, plan - ning our
2 God of this mor - ning, glad - ly your chil - dren wor - ship be -
3 God of to - mor - row, strong o - ver - co - mer, prin - ces of
4 Lord of past a - ges, Lord of this mor - ning, Lord of the

path - way, hol - ding us fast, _____ sha - ping in mer - cy all that con -
fore you, trus - ting - ly bow; _____ teach us to know you al - ways a -
dark - ness own your com - mand: _____ what then can harm us? We are your
fu - ture, help us, we pray: _____ teach us to trust you, love and o -

cerns us: Fa - ther, we praise you, Lord of the past.
mong us, qui - et - ly sov - ereign— Lord of our now.
peo - le, now and for - ev - er kept by your hand.
bey you, crown you each mo - ment, Lord of to - day!

- Margaret Clarkson