

# First Baptist Church at Worship

August 20, 2017  
Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

## *Gathering*

Greeting

Austin Carty

Gathering Songs

*O Look and Wonder*

MIREN QUÉ BUENO



*How good it is when brothers dwell in peace with one another;*

*It is like precious oil when running fresh on Aaron's beard. REFRAIN*

*How good it is when sisters dwell in peace with one another,*

*fresh like the morning dew that falls on Zion's holy hill. REFRAIN*

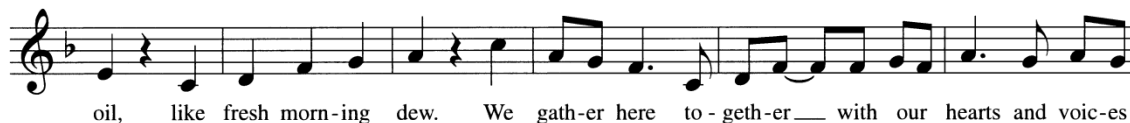
*How good it is when all earth's people dwell in peace together:*

*That is where God will pour the blessing: life forevermore. REFRAIN*

- Pablo Sosa

*How Very Good and Pleasant*

HOW VERY GOOD



- Barbara Boertje

Call to Worship

Alice Tremaine

*Come and worship God in joy! How good it is to live in unity.*

*This is the blessing of the Lord: life forevermore.*

+Hymn 310

stanzas 1, 2, and 3

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

HYMN TO JOY

+Prayer of Confession

Paul Sims

*O Lord our God, we confess that we do not reflect Your glory.*

*You invite us to live together in unity;*

***we allow family drama to drive us apart.***

*You welcome all to the table of grace;*

***we turn away strangers asking for crumbs.***

*Forgive us; restore and reorder our lives by the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,*

*so that we may be one as You are one, sharing the blessing of life forevermore,*

*to the glory of Your holy name.*

***Amen.***

+Act of Praise

HYMN TO JOY

***Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began;***

***Love divine is reigning o'er us, bringing all within its span.***

***Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;***

***Joyful music leads us sunward, in the triumph song of life.***

- Henry van Dyke

## *The Word*

Children's Sermon

Alice Tremaine

A Reading from Hebrew Scripture: Genesis 45:1-15

*The word of the Lord*

***Thanks be to God***

Psalm 133

NEW BRITAIN

***Behold the goodness of our Lord, how blest it is to be***

***A company of God's beloved, in holy unity.***

***Like precious oil upon the head, a healing for our strife,***

***It flows throughout our common bond, refreshing all of life.***

***As dew on Zion's mountaintop brings freshness to its door,***

***Our Lord commands this in our midst and brings life evermore.***

- Fred Anderson

A Reading from the Epistles: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Austin Carty

*The word of the Lord*

***Thanks be to God***

+Hymn 41

stanzas 1 through 4

*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

WELLESLEY

Sermon

"Come Closer to Me"

Austin Carty

## *Responding*

+Hymn 692

*Let Truth and Mercy Find Here*

AURELIA

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 August will benefit the Corbin Community Backpack Program.

Offertory Anthem

*The Lord Desires These Things*

by Lloyd Larson

The Summer Choir

*In what does the Lord delight? What does the Lord desire?  
In what will the Lord be pleased? What does the Lord require?  
Though I lift my hands in prayer, though I sing my praise through tears,  
If my soul is not contrite, my voice God does not hear.  
Though I offer up my gold, though I share all I possess,  
If my heart does not have love, my gifts are meaningless.  
I will not offer to the Lord that which costs me nothing.  
A yearning soul, a grateful heart, these are the gifts I bring.  
I will not offer to the Lord that which costs me nothing.  
A life of humility and grace, the Lord desires these things.*

- Pamela Martin

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.*

+Hymn 267

*Blest Be the Tie*

DENNIS

+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

*God, the Father of Your People*

setting by Harold DeCou

*God, the Father of Your people, You have called us to be one;  
Grant us grace to walk together in the joy of Christ, Your Son.  
Challenged by Your Word and Spirit, blest with gifts from heaven above;  
As one body we will serve You, and bear witness to Your love.*

- Alfred Mulder

+all who are able may stand

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Gayle Majors, Organist

Ann Hacker, Pianist

*The flowers that grace our sanctuary are given in memory of*

TAMLA CHRIS BARTON

*by her mother,*

*Orita Fletcher*