

First Baptist Church at Worship

August 6, 2017

Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

The Community Gathers before God

Introit

Come to the Water

setting by Jack Schrader

The Summer Choir

O let all who thirst, let them come to the water.

And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord:

Without money, without price. Why should you pay the price, except for the Lord?

And let all who seek, let them come to the water.

And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord:

Without money, without strife. Why should you spend your life, except for the Lord?

And let all who toil, let them come to the water.

And let all who are weary, let them come to the Lord:

All who labor without rest. How can your soul find rest, except for the Lord?

And let all the poor, let them come to the water.

Bring the ones who are laden, bring them all to the Lord:

Bring the children without might. Easy the load and light: come to the Lord.

- John Foley

Greeting and Call to Worship

Alex Lockridge

All who are thirsty, come!

God is the fountain of our lives.

All who are hungry, come!

Jesus feeds us with goodness and grace.

Rich and poor, young and old, neighbor and guest, come!

The Spirit gathers everyone around God's table.

+Hymn 303

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

HOLY MANNA

+Prayer of the Day

Paul Sims

*... by giving ourselves to Your service, and by walking before You
in holiness and righteousness all our days. Amen.*

+Act of Praise

HYFRYDOL

Worship, honor, glory, blessing, Lord, we offer unto Thee;

Young and old, Thy praise expressing, in glad homage bend the knee.

All the saints in heaven adore Thee. We would bow before Thy throne;

As thine angels serve before Thee, so on earth Thy will be done.

- Edward Osler

The Community Hears and Proclaims God's Word

Children's Sermon

Larry Gray

A Reading from Hebrew Scripture: Isaiah 55:1-5

Alex Lockridge

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

+Psalm 145

HYFRYDOL

*I will ever sing Thy praises, for all time, Thy name I'll bless;
Without peer is Thy great glory, limitless Thy righteousness.
Each new generation numbers all Thy blessings as their own;
To the earth's most far-flung regions is Thy majesty made known.
Thou art gracious, full of mercy, slow to anger, quick to love;
Saints below may glimpse Thy kingdom in the lofty skies above.
In this life, the best we savor is but common fare to Thee;
All the riches earth can harvest cannot match Thy majesty.
For the Lord is ever faithful to supply our deepest need;
Justice grows from every judgment, wholesome bread from every seed.
God is ne'er too far to hear us, never deaf to our demands;
Those who love and trust the promise rest secure within God's hand.*

- Michael Morgan

A Reading from the Gospels: Matthew 14:13-21

Paul Sims

The Gospel of our Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon

"Come to Me; Bring Them Here"

Alex Lockridge

The Community Shares in Christ's Life

Prayer of Confession

Paul Sims

*Gracious God, we confess that we are those disciples – expecting people
to fend for themselves – afraid to take responsibility for others.
We forget the blessings that we have received at others' hands
and we resist the common life to which You call us.*

*Forgive us, O God, for hearing only what we want to hear,
for underestimating Your claim upon us and Your power to change us,
for pursuing goals that serve no greater good.
Teach us to follow and obey You, that we may receive Your gifts
and share them gladly. Amen.*

+Hymn 458

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

LINSTEAD

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Alex Lockridge and Paul Sims

Breaking the Bread; Sharing the Cup

please come forward by way of a center aisle, receive a piece of bread, dip it in the cup, then partake of the bread and wine; please return to your pew by way of a window aisle and be seated.

Let Us Break Bread Together

BREAK BREAD

Let us break bread together on our knees, ...

When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,

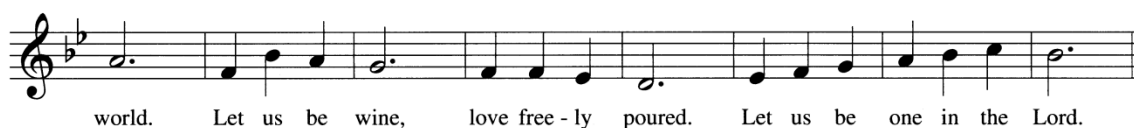
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink the cup together on our knees,

Let us praise God together on our knees,

Let Us Be Bread

by Thomas Porter



I am the bread of life, broken for all. Eat now and hunger no more. REFRAIN

You are My friends if you keep My commands, no longer servants, but friends. REFRAIN

See how My people have nothing to eat. Give them the bread that is you. REFRAIN

As God has loved me so I have loved you. Go and live on in my love. REFRAIN

+The Peace

Paul Sims

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

+Hymn 477

We Are Called to Be God's People

AUSTRIAN HYMN

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

Casie McBurney

Loose change received in August will benefit the Corbin Community Backpack Program.

Offertory Solo

Plenty Good Room

setting by Edward Boatner

Plenty good room, plenty good room, good room in my Father's kingdom,

Plenty good room, plenty good room, choose your seat and sit down.

- African-American spiritual

+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.*

The Community Departs for Ministry

+Commission and Blessing

Alex Lockridge and Paul Sims

*Go now into the world, strengthened by the gifts with which Christ has fed you.
Be generous to others, for Christ has given extravagantly.
Live by God's word, and walk in God's paths.*

*And may God's wonderful love be with you everywhere;
May Christ Jesus feed you with his body and word;
And may the Holy Spirit fill you with God's presence. Amen.*

Organ Postlude

Come and Feast, for All Are Welcome

setting by Don Hustad

*With the Spirit-blessed commission, "Go and serve this meal to all,"
Take its love and peaceful vision into every banquet hall.
Eat and drink, and in remembrance touch your souls with wine and bread.
Go and serve as nourished people, gladly feeding one and all.*

- Larry Schultz

+all who are able may stand

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Carolyn Garr, cantor

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

Leonard and Marie Leake
Felix and Mattie Pace

*by
Janet Pace*

*and
in honor of*

Patsy and Tommy Faulkner
in celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary

*by
Missy, Chad, and Caroline Sturgill
Allison, Casey, Georgia Blair, and Campbell Scott*