

First Baptist Church at Worship

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 11, 2016

Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

Gathering

Greeting

Paul Sims

Gathering Song

WELCOME TABLE

1. I'm gon-na eat at the wel-come ta - ble; I'm gon-na
eat at the wel-come ta - ble, Al-le-lu - ia. I'm gon-na eat at the wel-come
ta - ble; I'm gon-na eat at the wel-come ta - ble, Al-le-lu - ia.

2. *I'm gonna eat and drink with my Jesus,*

3. *I'm gonna join with sisters, brothers,*

4. *Here all the world will find a welcome,*

- African American spiritual

Call to Worship

Alice Tremaine

Like a woman who finds a missing coin,

God rejoices in our salvation.

Like a shepherd who finds a lost sheep.

God rejoices in bringing us home.

Let us worship God.

Alleluia!

+Hymn 337

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA

+Prayer of the Day

Paul Sims

... in the glory of Your holy realm. Amen.

+Act of Praise

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

*To God be the glory, great things he hath done;
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.*

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
And give him the glory, great things he hath done.*

- Fanny J. Crosby

+Affirmation of Faith

Alice Tremaine

Here are words you may trust, words that merit full acceptance:

Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

To all who confess their sins and resolve to lead a new life, he says,

“Your sins are forgiven.”

He also says,

“Follow me.”

*Now to the One who rules all worlds, immortal, invisible, the only God,
be honor and glory forever and ever.*

Amen.

The Baptism of Jeffery Scott Morton

Austin Carty

Response

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

*O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.*

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
And give him the glory, great things he hath done.*

The Word

Children's Sermon

Alice Tremaine

Psalms 51

setting by Carl F. Mueller

sung by the Sanctuary Choir

Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit.

Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

A Reading from the Epistles: I Timothy 1:12-17

Paul Sims

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

+Hymn 589

At Calvary

CALVARY

A Reading from the Gospels: Luke 15:1-10

Alice Tremaine

The gospel of our Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon

“In Search of the Lost Sheep”

Austin Carty

Responding

+Hymn

God's Great Love Is So Amazing

NETTLETON

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.

God's great love is so amazing! See – a shepherd with his flocks!

Ninety-nine are safely grazing; one is lost among the rocks.

That good shepherd goes and searches till he finds the one astray.

So God says to fill our churches with the ones who've lost their way.

God in love is always seeking! See – a woman with her broom!

For a single coin she's sweeping every corner of the room.

When it's found she calls each neighbor, telling friends from all around.

So God says to search and labor till God's precious ones are found.

- Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

+Offertory Prayer

Dave Huff

Loose change received in September will go to the CBF Disaster Response following the devastating flooding in southern Louisiana.

Offertory Anthem

Amazing Grace

setting by Lee Turner

text is that of hymn 587

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

+Sending Song

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

*Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
And give him the glory, great things he hath done.*

+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.*

Organ Postlude

*We Have Heard the Joyful Sound
Let the nations now rejoice: Jesus saves! Jesus saves!*

setting by Harold DeCou

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

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