

# Classic Bible Stories Retold

September 17, 2017  
Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

## Gathering

Greeting

Austin Carty

Gathering Song

by John Bell

Good-ness is strong-er than e - vil; love is strong-er than hate;  
light is strong-er than dark-ness; life is strong-er than death. Vic-tory is  
ours, vic-tory is ours through Him who loved us. Vic-tory is us.

- Desmond Tutu

Call to Worship

Alex Lockridge

*Those who know Your name put their trust in You, O Lord.*

***For You, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek You.***

*Sing praise to the Lord who dwells in Zion.*

***We will declare Your wonderful deeds among all the people.***

- from Psalm 9

+Hymn 418

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

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+Prayer of Confession

Paul Sims

*God of mercy and grace, hear our prayer as we confess to You.  
We want to be the people You intend us to be, to live as You call  
us to live, to have faith that can accomplish great things for You.  
But the reality of our lives falls short of Your hopes for us.*

***Strengthen our faith, and give us the confidence and courage  
to face whatever comes our way, knowing that You are with us always. Amen.***

+Act of Praise

FAITHFULNESS

*Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!*  
***Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed, Thy hand hath provided;  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!***

- Thomas Chisholm

## *The Word*

Children's Sermon

Alex Lockridge

A Reading from Hebrew Scripture: I Samuel 17:12-50

Alex Lockridge & Paul Sims

*The word of the Lord  
Thanks be to God*

Psalms 105:1-6

setting by Hal Hopson



Tell out the deeds of the Lord; — tell out the wonders God has wrought.

*Give thanks to the Lord; call on God's holy name;  
make known the deeds of God to all the peoples!*

***Sing to the Lord; sing praises to the Lord,  
and tell of all God's wonderful works!***

*Be glad in God's holy name;*

***let those who seek the Lord be joyful of heart! REFRAIN***

*Turn to the Lord who is your strength,  
and seek the face of God without resting.  
**Remember the wondrous works that God has done,  
the miracles and judgments spoken,  
O heirs of Abraham, who served the Lord,  
children of Jacob, the chosen ones! REFRAIN***

A Reading from the Epistles: II Peter 1:1-11

Austin Carty

*The word of the Lord*

***Thanks be to God***

+Hymn 625

*Standing on the Promises*

PROMISES

Sermon

“Five Smooth Stones”

Austin Carty

## *Responding*

+Hymn 285

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

CWM RHONDDA

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 September celebrates the work of Karen Thomas Smith and the partnership of CBF Kentucky and *L'Eglise Evangelique au Maroc* (The Evangelical Church in Morocco).

Offertory Anthem

*Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me*

by K. Lee Scott

*Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be;  
Help me now Thy grace to see, I would be like Thee;  
And, with words that help and heal, Thy life would mine reveal;  
And, with actions bold and meek, for Christ, my Savior, speak.  
Truthful Spirit, dwell with me, I would truthful be;  
Help me now Thy truth to see, I would be like Thee;  
And, with wisdom kind and clear, Thy life in mine appear;  
And, with actions lovingly speak Christ's sincerity.  
Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I would holy be;  
Show Thy mercy tenderly, make me more like Thee;  
Separate from sin, I would and cherish all things good,  
And whatever I can be give him who gave me Thee.  
Mighty Spirit, dwell with me, I would mighty be;  
Help me now Thy power to see, I would be like Thee;  
'Gainst all weapons hell can wield, be Thou my strength and shield;  
Let Thy word my weapon be, Lord, Thine the victory.*

- Thomas Lynch

A Word about Sunday School

Paul Winchester

Prayers of the People

Alex Lockridge

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 637

*Guide My Feet*

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+Commission and Blessing

Austin Carty & Alex Lockridge

*Sisters and brothers, do your best to add goodness to your faith; to your goodness add knowledge; to your knowledge add self-control; to your self-control add endurance; to your endurance add godliness; to your godliness add Christian affection; and to your Christian affection add love. And may grace and peace be yours in full measure through your knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. Amen.*

Organ Postlude

*Trumpets of Praise*

by Matt Limbaugh

+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  
Mildred and Harold Adkins  
by  
Kim and Johnny Bolton*