

# Classic Bible Stories Retold

September 24, 2017  
Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

## Gathering

Greeting

Austin Carty

Gathering Song

LONDONDERRY AIR

*I would be true, for there are those who trust me;  
I would be pure, for there are those who care;  
I would be strong, for there is much to suffer;  
I would be brave, for there is much to dare.  
I would be friend of all – the foe, the friendless;  
I would be giving, and forget the gift;  
I would be humble, for I know my weakness;  
I would look up, and laugh, and love, and lift.*

- Howard Walter

Call to Worship

Paul Sims

*Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good; God's love is eternal.  
Who can tell all the great things God has done?  
Who can praise God enough?  
Happy are those who obey God's commands,  
who always do what is right.  
Let us worship God.*

- from Psalm 106

+Hymn

*Ye Servants of God*

LYONS

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+Prayer of the Day

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*... so that we may become unobstructed channels of Your love,  
and of Your saving grace and goodness. Amen.*

+Response

NETTLETON

*O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee;  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.*

- Robert Robinson

# *The Word*

Children's Sermon

Larry Gray

A Reading from Hebrew Scripture: Daniel 6

Paul Sims

*The word of the Lord*

***Thanks be to God***

Psalm 106:1-5

setting by Hal Hopson



*Praise the Lord!*

*O give thanks, for the Lord is good; God's love endures forever.*

***Who can recount Your mighty acts, O Lord;***

***who can tell of Your praise? REFRAIN***

*Blessed are those who act justly and always do what is right.*

***Remember us, Lord, when You show favor to Your people;***

***come to us with Your saving help –***

*That we may see the prosperity of Your chosen ones:*

***Rejoice with Your people's gladness,***

***and exult with the people You have made Your own. REFRAIN***

A Reading from the Gospels: Matthew 5:38-48

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*The Gospel of our Lord*

***Thanks be to God***

+Hymn 290

*Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace*

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Sermon

“Found Blameless Before Him and Also Before You”

Austin Carty

# *Responding*

+Hymn 507

*Lord, I Want to Be a Christian* I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

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

Sherry Pace

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

*Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel*

setting by Roger Emerson

*Didn't my Lord deliver Daniel, then why not every man?  
He delivered Daniel from the lion's den, Jonah from the belly of the whale,  
And the Hebrew children from the fiery furnace, then why not every man?  
I set my foot on the Gospel ship, and the ship began to sail;  
It landed me over on Canaan's shore, and I'll never come back no more.*

- African-American spiritual

A Word about Sunday School

Alice Tremaine

Prayers of the People

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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

*I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

I'M GONNA LIVE

*I'm gonna live so God can use me, anywhere, Lord, anytime;....*

*I'm gonna work .... I'm gonna pray .... I'm gonna sing ....*

- African American spiritual

+Commission and Assurance

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*Tremble and fear before the God of Daniel:  
For Daniel's God is the living God, enduring forever.  
God's kingdom shall never be destroyed; God's dominion has no end.  
God delivers and rescues;  
God works signs and wonders in heaven and on earth;  
For God saved Daniel from the power of the lions. Amen.*

- from Daniel 6

Organ Postlude

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

setting by David Lowe

*And though this world with devils filled should threaten to undo us,  
We will not fear, for God has willed his truth to triumph through us....*

- Martin Luther

+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*  
Nancy Fletcher  
*by*  
John Fletcher

## Ye Servants of God

1. Ye ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim, And pu - blish a - broad  
2. God rul - eth on high, al - migh - ty to save; And still He is nigh,  
3. Sal - va - tion to God who sits on the throne, Let all cry a - loud  
4. Then let us a - dore and give Him His right, All glo - ry and pow'r,

His won - der - ful name; The name all vic - to - rious of Je - sus  
His pre - sence we have; The great con - gre - ga - tion His tri - umph  
and ho - nor the Son: The prai - ses of Je - sus the an - gels  
all wis - dom and might; All ho - nor and bles - sing, with an - gels

ex - tol; His king - dom is glo - rious and rules o - ver all.  
shall sing, A - scri - bing sal - va - tion to Je - sus our King.  
pro - claim, Fall down on their fa - ces and wor - ship the Lamb.  
a - bove, And thanks nev - er - ceas - ing, and in - fi - nite love.