

First Baptist Church at Worship

September 3, 2017

Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering

Greeting

Austin Carty

Gathering Song

Jamaican folk song



All you works of God, bless the Lord! All you angels, now bless the Lord;

*Come, you heavens and powers that be, praise the Lord and his majesty: **REFRAIN***

Hills and mountains, now sing God's worth, all you green things that grow on earth,

*Seas and rivers, you springs and wells, beasts and cattle, you birds and whales: **REFRAIN***

Come, humanity, sing along, sing, you people of God, a song,

*All God's servants, your Lord now bless, join you spirits and souls at rest: **REFRAIN***

- Stephen Starke

Call to Worship

Alex Lockridge

Sisters and brothers, the Spirit of the Lord is with us –

to preach good news to the poor;

to proclaim freedom for prisoners;

to give sight to the blind;

to release the oppressed;

to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.

Today, in Jesus Christ, scripture is fulfilled.

Thanks be to God!

+Hymn 332

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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+Prayer of Confession

Paul Sims

*... that we may receive all that You have declared in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.***

+Act of Praise

GOD OF GREAT AND SMALL



*God of great and God of small, God of one and God of all,
God of weak and God of strong, God to whom all things belong, **REFRAIN**
God of land and sky and sea, God of life and destiny,
God of never-ending power, yet beside us every hour, **REFRAIN**
God of silence, God of sound, God by whom the lost are found,
God of day and darkest night, God whose love turns wrong to right, **REFRAIN**
God of heaven and God of earth, God of death and God of birth,
God of now and days before, God who reigns forevermore. **REFRAIN***
- Natalie Sleeth

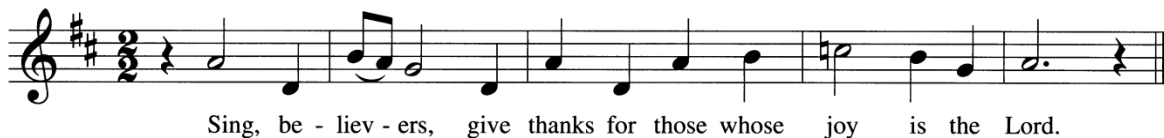
The Word

Children's Sermon

Alex Lockridge

Psalms 24

setting by Hal Hopson



*The earth belongs to the Lord, and all that we enjoy.
A strong foundation was laid, was laid within the seas. **REFRAIN**
O tell us, who shall ascend? Who shall go up to God's house?
It is those who love the Lord, who make God's will their own. **REFRAIN**
O tell us, who are these saints, these saints who praise Your name?
It is those whose hearts are clean, whose joy is in the Lord. **REFRAIN**
O come, and praise the Lord, and serve the world God made.
Whose love is ever sure, O praise God's Holy Name. **REFRAIN***

A Reading from the Epistles: Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-16

Austin Carty

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

+Hymn 272

They'll Know We Are Christians

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A Reading from the Gospels: Luke 4:14-21

Alex Lockridge

The Gospel of our Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon

Chris Sanders

“Grace, Freedom, Hope, and the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship in Kentucky”

Responding

+Hymn 249

The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound

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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

Alice Tremaine

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

We Are the People of God

by John Carter

The Summer Choir and the congregation



We are the peo-ple of God;— he has loved us and cho-sen us for his own;



we are the peo - ple of God;— he has cho - sen us to be— his own.

Filled and clothed with his Spirit, forgiving as he forgave;

Bound and blessed by his perfect love, his everlasting love. REFRAIN

The peace of Christ is in us, for peace is our calling now.

Psalms and hymns and spiritual songs we offer him with joy. REFRAIN

All we do in word and deed, we do in his holy name.

Giving thanks to God above, with glad and joyful hearts. REFRAIN

- Mary Kay Beall; from Colossians 3

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 520

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

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+Commission and Blessing

Austin Carty and Chris Sanders

*Go from this place in the spirit and power of Christ, ...
... and as you go, fulfilling Christ's mission,
the living Christ will be with you. Amen.*

Organ Postlude

In Unity We Lift Our Song

setting by David Johnson

*In unity we lift our song of grateful adoration, for brothers brave and sisters strong:
What cause for celebration. For those whose faithfulness has kept us through distress,
Who've shared with us our plight, who've held us through the night, the blessed congregation.*

- Ken Medema

+all who are able may stand

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