

First Baptist Church at Worship

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 17, 2016

Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

Gathering

Greeting

Austin Carty

Gathering Song

Come and Find the Quiet Center

BEACH SPRING

***Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead,
Find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed:
Clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes, that we can see
All the things that really matter, be at peace, and simply be.***

*Silence is a friend who claims us, cools the heat and slows the pace,
God it is who speaks and names us, knows our being, touches base,
Making space within our thinking, lifting shades to show the sun,
Raising courage when we're shrinking, finding scope for faith begun.*

***In the Spirit let us travel, open to each other's pain,
Let our loves and fears unravel, celebrate the space we gain:
There's a place for deepest dreaming, there's a time for heart to care,
In the Spirit's lively scheming there is always room to spare!***

- Shirley Erena Murray

Call to Worship

Alex Lockridge

The world calls us in so many directions, and we become confused.

In this time of worship, Lord, reorient us.

Help us to get our bearings and find again our true direction.

We are called upon to do so many good things that we find it difficult to choose.

***In this time of worship, Lord, help us to sort out
that which is a good thing from that which is the best thing.***

We receive so many conflicting messages about who we are.

***In this time of worship, Lord, remind us again that we are Your children:
created in love, sustained by grace, gifted for service.***

+Hymn 6

Creator God, Creating Still

ST. ANNE

+Prayer of the Day

Paul Sims

... through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

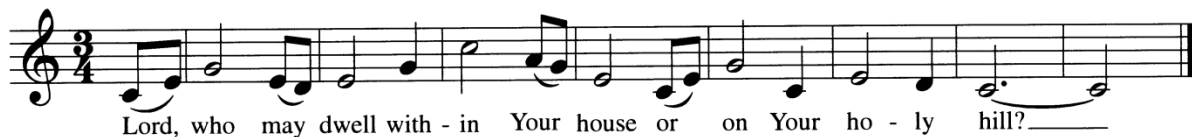
The Word

Children's Sermon

Alex Lockridge

Psalm 15

RESIGNATION



*Those who do good and speak the truth, whose lives are blameless still;
Who have no guile upon their tongues nor harm their neighbor's life,
But honor those who fear the Lord and turn away from strife. **REFRAIN**
Those who do good and speak the truth, whose lives are blameless still;
Who do no wrong, but keep their word and seek no bribe or gain.
All those who do such things shall live and safe from harm remain.*

- Christopher Webber

A Reading from Colossians

Cameron Kretzer, Casie McBurney, Lexi Petrey

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Hymn 395

Open My Eyes, that I May See

SCOTT

stanzas 1, 2, and 3

A Reading from the Gospel of Luke

Alex Lockridge

The Gospel of our Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon

"Distracted by Many Things"

Austin Carty

Responding

Prayer of Confession

Paul Sims

*Lord God, through Christ You have reconciled all things to Yourself
by making peace through the blood of the cross. Yet we confess that
we are easily distracted from the hope promised by Your gospel,
Your glory once hidden and now revealed in Christ.*

*We run to and fro, we work and worry, seeking security in wealth
and riches, and soon find ourselves depleted rather than enriched.*

Forgive us, O God, and let not Your Word go unheeded.

***Give us hearts to receive all that You say, and make us eager
to do all that You ask for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

+Hymn

Lord, Grant Us Grace to Know the Time

LAND OF REST

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.

***Lord, grant us grace to know the time of action or of prayer,
Which hour to crowd with waiting work and which with You to share.***

We seek Your Word, as Mary sought; we wait in quietness,

And yet we ask for strength to serve with Martha's faithfulness.

Your Word alone gives needed power to strengthen weary hands

And helps us see in each new day the way of Your commands.

But You have taught that love is feigned that fails a neighbor's need,

That faith we claim is false until Your word becomes our deed.

We thank You, Lord, for quiet time to cast our care on You

And for Your Word that follows us when work becomes our prayer.

- Herman Stumpf, Jr.

+Offertory Prayer

Todd Tremaine

Loose change received in July will benefit Extreme Build, a ministry of CBF Kentucky.

Offertory Anthem

Come, Thou Fount

setting by James Cram

The Summer Choir

text is that of hymn 295

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

+Sending Song

by Wendell Whalum

1. *I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime,*
2. *I'm gonna work*
3. *I'm gonna pray*
4. *I'm gonna sing*

- African-American spiritual

+Commission and Blessing

Austin Carty

Organ Postlude

setting by Julia Morgan & Robert Powell

God, Our Father, We Adore Thee
Son Eternal, we adore Thee! Lamb upon the throne on high!
Lamb of God, we bow before Thee, Thou hast brought Thy people nigh!
- George Frazer

+all who are able may stand

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Gayle Majors, Organist Ann Hacker, Pianist
Lorin Leake, soloist

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and

in honor of
Betty Wells
in celebration of her 90th birthday
by her family