

First Baptist Church at Worship

July 2, 2017

Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

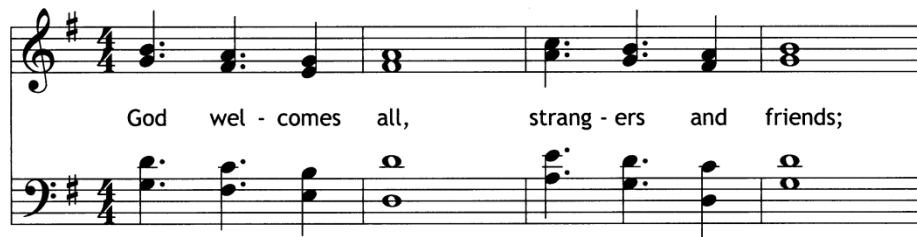
Gathering

Greeting

Austin Carty

Gathering Song

South African gathering song



- John Bell

Call to Worship

Alex Lockridge

*Welcome one another in Jesus' name,
for Christ is truly present among us.
Let us worship God.*

+Hymn 296

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

HOLY MANNA

+Prayer of the Day

Paul Sims

*... that having heard Your word, we may seek Christ's presence in all whom we meet. **Amen.***

+Act of Praise

HYMN TO JOY

*Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ, our Brother – all who live in love are Thine;
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.*

- Henry van Dyke

Act of Dedication

please see insert

at the conclusion of the dedication, children are invited to meet their Children's Church workers
at the door nearest the baptistery

The Word

A Reading from Hebrew Scripture: Jeremiah 28:5-9

Austin Carty

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 89

setting by Hal Hopson



My song forever shall record the tender mercies of the Lord;

Your faithful ways will I proclaim, and every age shall know Your name.

*Come, every voice, sing out your song. **REFRAIN***

Almighty God, Your lofty throne has justice for its cornerstone;

And shining bright before Your face are truth and love and boundless grace.

*Come, every voice, sing out your song. **REFRAIN***

- The Psalter, 1912

A Reading from the Gospels: Matthew 10:40-42

Alex Lockridge

The Gospel of our Lord

Thanks be to God

+Hymn 32

God Has Spoken by the Prophets

HYMN TO JOY

Sermon

“When the Word of that Prophet Comes True”

Austin Carty

Responding

+Hymn 48

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

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

Dan Lockridge

Loose change received in July will benefit our church's shoebox ministry, which will be shared internationally through Samaritan's purse, and locally through Olive Branch Ministries.

Offertory Anthem

I Will Joyfully Sing

by Mary McDonald

The Summer Choir

I will joyfully sing in the morning, I will joyfully sing all the day.

I'll sing praises to Thee in the morning, for the Lord is the strength of my day.

I will lift up my eyes in the morning, for the Lord will not turn me away.

I'll sing praises to Thee in the morning, for the Lord is the strength of my day.

- from Psalm 59

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

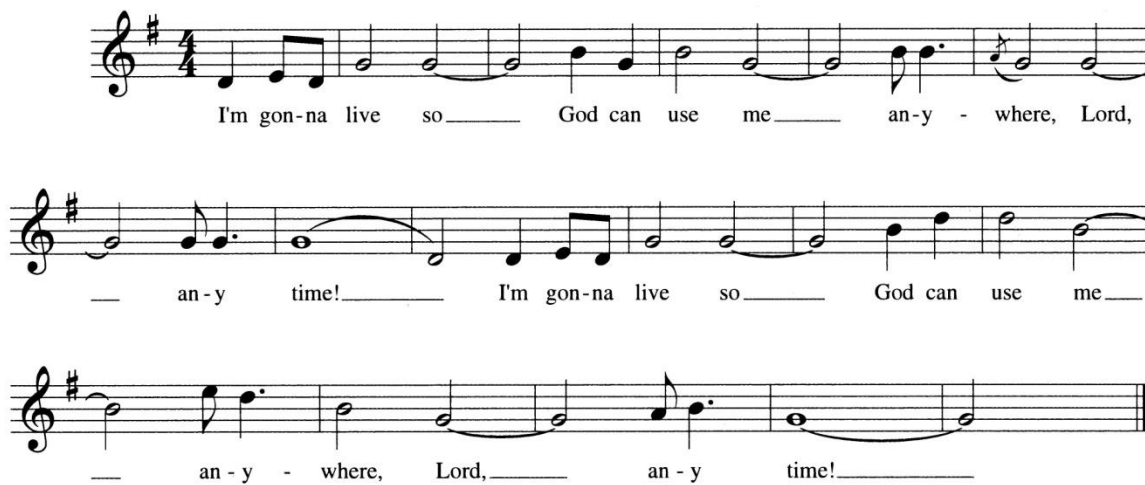
Austin Carty

*The peace of the Lord be with you.
And also with you.*

+Sending Song

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

by Wendell Whalum



I'm gonna work I'm gonna pray I'm gonna sing

- African-American spiritual

+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.
Amen.***

Organ Postlude

Celebration

by Charles Callahan

+all who are able may stand
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Gayle Majors, Organist

*The flowers that grace our sanctuary
are placed in memory of*

E.R. HOPPER, JR

by

Billie J. Poynter and family

The Dedication of Kinley Danielle Lockridge

Hymn 528

stanzas 1 and 2

Lord, for the Gift of Children

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Mighty God, by Your love we are given children through the miracle of birth. We give You thanks. May we greet each new son and daughter with joy, and may we surround them all with faith, so that they may know who You are and want to be Your disciples. Never let us neglect children, but help us to delight in them, showing them the welcome You have shown us all through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.***

Litany of Dedication

In presenting Kinley to the Lord, do you promise – in dependence upon God's grace and with the help of the church – to teach your daughter the gifts and claims of the Christian faith, and by prayer, word, and example to bring her up in the nurture, discipline and instruction of the Lord?

We do.

Brothers and sisters of the household of faith, I commend to you this family. Your love, care and example are as necessary to this covenant as their faithfulness in keeping their promise.

Will you do all in your power to make this church a true spiritual home for them, lending them the support of your prayers and your example?

With God's help we will so seek to follow Christ ourselves that Maria and Alex will be strengthened and confirmed in their resolve, and that Kinley, surrounded by steadfast love, may be nurtured in the faith and strengthened in the way that leads to life.

Prayer of Dedication

God of Grace, Perfect Parent of us all, we pray for these parents and all parents. Help Alex and Maria to know You, to love You with Your love, to teach Your truth, and to tell the story of Jesus to their daughter so that Your word may be heard.

Bless Kinley. Guard her safely through injury and illness that she may live the promises You give.

*And keep us, with all children, ready to listen and to love, even as in Jesus Christ You have loved us, Your grown-up children. For we pray in Christ's name. **Amen.***

Hymn 528

stanza 3

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