

First Baptist Church at Worship

October 18, 2020
Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Greeting and Call to Worship

Jefferson Calico

*God's mercy is deeper than we can imagine.
 God's love is stronger than we can comprehend.
God's power is more mighty,
 God's presence more endless,
God's truth more holy than any words can express.
 Thanks be to God for the boundless gift of grace.
Let us worship God.*

Hymn

Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service

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*Lord, whose love through humble service bore the weight of human need,
Who upon the cross, forsaken, offered mercy's perfect deed:
We, Your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart,
Consecrating to Your purpose every gift that You impart.
 Still Your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread;
 Still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
As, O Lord, Your deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul,
 Use the love Your Spirit kindles still to save and make us whole.
As we worship, grant us vision, till Your love's revealing light
In its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight,
Making known the needs and burdens Your compassion bids us bear,
Stirring us to tireless striving Your abundant life to share.*

- Albert F. Bayly

A Moment for Children

John Blevins

A Reading from the Epistles
from Galatians 6

Lewis Brogdon

Hymn

Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace

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*Lord, make us servants of Your peace; where there is hate, may we sow love;
Where there is hurt, may we forgive; where there is strife, may we make one.
Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is gloom, may we sow hope;
Where all is night, may we sow light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.
Jesus, our Lord, may we not seek to be consoled, but to console,
Nor look to understanding hearts, but look for hearts to understand.
May we not look for love's return, but seek to love unselfishly,
For in our giving we receive, and in forgiving are forgiven.
Dying we live, and are reborn through death's dark night to endless day.
Lord, make us servants of Your peace, to wake at last in heaven's light.*

- James Quinn; The Prayer of St. Francis

Sermon

"Doing Good in Hard Times"

Lewis Brogdon

Hymn

God of Grace and God of Glory

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*God of grace and God of glory, on Thy people pour Thy power;
Crown Thine ancient church's story, bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.
Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
Fears and doubts too long have bound us, free our hearts to work and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days,
For the living of these days.
Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
Let the search for Thy salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving Thee whom we adore,
Serving Thee whom we adore.*

- Harry Emerson Fosdick

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.*

Spiritual

Guide My Feet

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Guide my feet while I run this race, ... for I don't want to run this race in vain!
Hold my hand while I run this race, ... for I don't want to run this race in vain!
Search my heart while I run this race, ... for I don't want to run this race in vain!
Stand by me while I run this race, ... for I don't want to run this race in vain!

Benediction

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You are God's people of reconciliation and restoration.
We will not lose heart; we will not grow weary.
May the peace of Christ and the mercy of God be with you.
We go in the grace and love of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Carolyn Garr, Ed Garr, Ann Hacker, and Pat Parkey, singers

The flowers that grace our sanctuary are given in memory of
Albert and Princess McBurney
by
Linda McBurney
Willard and Darlene McBurney
Pat Waddle

Today's organ music is from a library of more than 1,000 digitized hymns, anthems, and solo-organ music that Gayle Majors recorded over the last several years. We are thankful for Gayle's life, for her 36-year tenure as Organist for First Baptist Church, and for this fine legacy that she has left for us.