

First Baptist Church at Worship

October 25, 2020
Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Greeting and Call to Worship

Paul Sims

*You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
and with all your soul, and with all your mind.*

And you shall love your neighbor as yourself.

*Drawn by love, let us come into God's presence to offer
our whole selves in Christ's service.*

Let us worship the Lord.

Hymn

We Praise You with Our Minds, O Lord

CLONMEL

***We praise You with our minds, O Lord, kept sharp to think Your thought;
Come, Holy Ghost with grace outpoured, to teach what Christ has taught.
In all our learning may we seek that wisdom from above***

Which comes to all: the brave, the meek, who ask in faith and love.

***We praise You through our bodies, Lord, kept strong to do Your will;
Your Spirit's temples, which afford a means to praise You still.***

We give ourselves, a sacrifice, to live our lives for You;

For You alone have paid the price to bring salvation true.

***We praise You in our hearts, O Lord, kept pure to know Your ways;
And raise to You a hymn to sing eternally Your praise.***

Although adoring hearts will bow as age on ages roll;

We praise You in our beings now, mind, body, heart, and soul.

- Hugh McElrath

A Reading from Hebrew Scripture

from Leviticus 19

Paul Sims

Psalm 1

setting by Hal Hopson



Hap - py are they who de - light, _____ who de - light in the law of God.

Happy indeed are they who refuse the way of evil,

Nor walk the road of sinners, nor join the mockers of God. REFRAIN

Joy shall be in the hearts of those who delight in the law of God,

For they recite the law, they speak it day and night. REFRAIN

They are like green trees that grow by clear flowing waters,

They bear their fruit in due season, their leaves fade not, they prosper. REFRAIN

A Moment for Children

Lindsay Lowe

from Matthew 22

Sermon

“Passing the Test”

Alex Lockridge

Hymn

The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound

AZMON

The church of Christ cannot be bound by walls of wood or stone.

Where charity and love are found, there can the church be known.

True faith will open up the door and step into the street.

True service will seek out the poor and ask to wash their feet.

True love will not sit idly by when justice is denied.

True mercy hears the homeless cry and welcomes them inside.

If what we have, we freely share to meet our neighbor's need,

Then we extend the Spirit's care through every selfless deed.

- Adam M. L. Tice

Prayers of the People

Paul Sims

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

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

by Wendell Whalum

The musical score is written on three staves in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are: "I'm gon-na live so God can use me an-y - where, Lord, an-y time! I'm gon-na live so God can use me an - y - where, Lord, an - y time!"

I'm gonna work.... I'm gonna pray.... I'm gonna LOVE....

Benediction

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Sisters and brothers, it is not enough to say that we love God. For, if we do love God, we will love our neighbors also – not sparingly, not grudgingly, but earnestly, joyfully, abundantly. So, move gently among the people of the earth, offering not only the gospel but your heart and your soul and your mind and your strength. Amen.

Carolyn Garr, Ed Garr, and Ann Hacker, singers

*The flowers that grace our sanctuary
are given in memory of
Curt Burgan
by
Anthony and Cheryl Holland
Connor Holland and family
Daniel, Lindsay, Jackson, Harrison, and Emerson Lowe
Kevin and Sherry Pace*