

# First Baptist Church at Worship

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 27, 2019

Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

## *Gathering*

Gathering Song

*Rain Down*

by Jaime Cortez

Rain down, rain down, rain down Your love on Your peo -

ple. Rain down, rain down, rain down Your love, God of life.\_\_\_\_\_

*Faithful and true is the word of our God. All of God's works are so worthy of trust.*

*God's mercy falls on the just and the right; full of God's love is the earth. **REFRAIN***

*God of creation, we long for Your truth; You are the water of life that we thirst.*

*Grant that Your love and Your peace touch our hearts, all of our hope lies in You. **REFRAIN***

Greeting and Call to Worship

Jefferson Calico

*Saints and sinners, let us cleanse our hearts!*

***Let us purify our minds.***

*Let us submit ourselves to the Lord,*

***and humble ourselves before our God.***

*Let us sing and pray and seek God's face and turn from our selfish ways,*

***that God might hear us, forgive our sin, and heal our wounded world.***

+Hymn 52

*O Worship the King*

LYONS

+Prayer of Confession

Paul Sims

*Cleanse us and restore us, for the sake of Jesus, our Savior. **Amen.***

+Response

*Standin' in the Need of Prayer*

setting by William F. Smith

It's me, it's me, O Lord, stand-in' in the need of prayer; \_\_\_ It's  
me, it's me, O Lord, stand - in' in the need of prayer. \_\_\_

- African American spiritual

*The Word*

Children's Sermon

Lindsay Lowe

A Reading from Hebrew Scripture: Joel 2:23-32

Jefferson Calico

*The word of the Lord*

***Thanks be to God***

Psalm 65:1-2, 9-13

setting by Jaime Cortez

Rain down, rain down, rain down Your love, God of life. \_\_\_\_\_

*Praise is due to You, O God, in Zion; and to You shall vows be performed,  
O You who answer prayer!*

***To You all flesh shall come.***

*You visit the earth and water it, You greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water;*

***You provide the people with grain, for so You have prepared it.***

*You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges,  
softening it with showers, and blessing its growth.*

***You crown the year with Your bounty;***

***Your wagon tracks overflow with richness.***

*The pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy,  
the meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain;*

***they shout and sing together for joy. REFRAIN***

A Reading from the Gospels: Luke 18:9-14

Alice Tremaine

*The word of the Lord*

***Thanks be to God***

+Hymn 471

*Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy*

ARISE

Sermon

“From VIP to VIG: God’s Extravagant Party” Alice Tremaine

## *Responding*

+Hymn 500

*Just As I Am*

WOODWORTH

stanzas 1, 4, 5, and 6

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

Gary Akins

Loose change received in October will benefit First Baptist Church’s Shoebox Ministry to children in Southeastern and Southern Kentucky, distributed through Olive Branch Ministries.

Offertory Anthem

*Amazing Grace*

setting by Lee Turner

*Amazing grace! how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!*

*I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.*

*’Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;*

*How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!*

*Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come,*

*’Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.*

*When we’ve been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,*

*We’ve no less days to sing God’s praise than when we first begun.*

- John Newton

Prayers of the People

Jefferson Calico

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 Jesus Christ be with you all.  
And also with you.*

+Hymn 350

*Blessed Be the Name*

BLESSED NAME

+Commission and Blessing

Alice Tremaine

Organ Postlude

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

setting by Anna Laura Page

+all who are able may stand

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Gayle Majors, Organist

Ann Hacker, Pianist

Carolyn Garr, soloist

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