

First Baptist Church at Worship

July 9, 2017

Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

The Community Gathers before God

Greeting

Austin Carty

Gathering Song

setting by Welile Sigobi

Come, bring your bur-dens to God; come, bring your bur-dens to God;

come, bring your bur-dens to God, for Je-sus wil nev-er say no.

- The Mooi class congregation of South Africa

Call to Worship

Alex Lockridge

Jesus says: Come to me, and I will give you rest.

*The Lord is gracious and merciful,
full of compassion, abounding in love.*

Jesus says: My yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

*The Lord supports those who are weak,
and lifts up those who are falling.*

Let us worship God.

+Hymn 295

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

stanzas 1 and 2

+Prayer of the Day

Paul Sims

*... Help us to learn from You how to be gentle and humble of heart,
that our burdens may be light. Amen.*

+Response

NETTLETON

*O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee;
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.*

- Robert Robinson

The Community Hears and Proclaims God's Word

Children's Sermon

Alex Lockridge

+Psalm 145

HOLY MANNA

*I will ever sing Thy praises, for all time, Thy name I'll bless;
Without peer is Thy great glory, limitless Thy righteousness.
Each new generation numbers all Thy blessings as their own;
To the earth's most far-flung regions is Thy majesty made known.
Thou art gracious, full of mercy, slow to anger, quick to love;
Saints below may glimpse Thy kingdom in the lofty skies above.
In this life, the best we savor is but common fare to Thee;
All the riches earth can harvest cannot match Thy majesty.
For the Lord is ever faithful to supply our deepest need;
Justice grows from every judgment, wholesome bread from every seed.
God is ne'er too far to hear us, never deaf to our demands;
Those who love and trust the promise rest secure within God's hand.*

- Michael Morgan

A Reading from the Epistles: Romans 7:15-25a

Austin Carty

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

A Reading from the Gospels: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Alex Lockridge

The Gospel of our Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon

"Listen. Hear. See. Come."

Austin Carty

The Community Shares in Christ's Life

Hymn 577

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

KINGSFOLD

Invitation to the Table

Austin Carty and Alex Lockridge

Breaking the Bread; Sharing the Cup

Come, Bring Your Burdens to God

setting by Welile Sigobi

please see Gathering Song

Softly and Tenderly

THOMPSON

Come home, — come home, — ye who are wea-ry, come home; —

ear - nest-ly, ten - der - ly, Je - sus is call-ing, call-ing, O sin-ner, come home!

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me;

See, on the portals he's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me. REFRAIN

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading, pleading for you and for me?

Why should we linger and heed not his mercies, mercies for you and for me? REFRAIN

Oh! for the wonderful love he has promised, promised for you and for me;

Though we have sinned he has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me. REFRAIN

- Will Thompson

+The Peace

Alex Lockridge

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

+Hymn 657

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

GERMANY

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

Sabrina Smith

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

Offertory for Pentecost 7

by Robert Hobby

*Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.
Take My yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart,
And you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light.*

- from Matthew 11

+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.*

The Community Departs for Ministry

+Hymn 640

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

SHOWALTER

+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

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

setting by Robert Hobby

+all who are able may stand

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Gayle Majors, Organist

Ann Hacker, Pianist

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