

First Baptist Church at Worship

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 25, 2016

Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

Gathering

Greeting

Alex Lockridge

Gathering Song

by David Haas

We are called to act with jus - tice; _____ we are called to love ten - der - ly; _____ we are called _____ to serve one an - other, _____ to walk hum - bly with God.

Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!

We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God. REFRAIN

Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear!

We are called to be hope for the hopeless so hatred and violence will be no more. REFRAIN

Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one!

God will reign, and we'll walk with each other as sisters and brothers united in love. REFRAIN

Call to Worship

Larry Gray

Do not put your trust in earthly riches.

Our hope is in the Lord our God.

Take hold of the gift of eternal life.

To this we are called in Jesus Christ.

Let us worship God.

+Hymn 312

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

MARION

stanzas 1, 2, 3, and 4

+Prayer of Confession

Paul Sims

*.... for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ, the blessed and only Sovereign,
the King of kings and Lord of Lords. Amen.*

+Act of Praise

MARION

***Praise God, who reigns on high, the Lord whom we adore,
The Father, Son, and Spirit blest, one God forevermore.
Rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing!***

- Edward Plumptre

The Word

Children's Sermon

Lindsay Lowe

A Reading from Hebrew Scripture: Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Paul Sims

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 146

setting by Mason Martens



*Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,
whose hope is in the Lord their God,
who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them,
who keeps God's promise forever,*

who gives justice to those who are oppressed and food to those who hunger.

***The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind;
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down. REFRAIN***

The Lord loves the righteous; the Lord cares for the stranger;

God sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

***The Lord shall reign forever,
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. REFRAIN***

A Reading from the Epistles: I Timothy 6:6-19

Alex Lockridge

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

+Hymn 285

God of Grace and God of Glory

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A Reading from the Gospels: Luke 16:19-31

Larry Gray

The gospel of our Lord

Thanks be to God

Hymn

Heaven Shall Not Wait

HEAVEN SHALL NOT WAIT

please see insert

Sermon

“Tripping Over the Roller Coaster”

Alex Lockridge

Responding

+Hymn

Help Us Accept Each Other

AURELIA

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.

*Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;
Teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace.
Be present, Lord, among us and bring us to believe
We are ourselves accepted, and meant to love and live.
Teach us, O Lord, Your lessons, as in our daily life
We struggle to be human and search for hope and faith.
Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some,
To love them as we find them, or as they may become.
Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need,
Who hunger for acceptance, for justice and for bread,
We need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on:
Renew us with Your Spirit; Lord, free us; make us one!*

- Fred Kaan

+Offertory Prayer

Sabrina Smith

Loose change received in September will benefit the CBF Disaster Response for Louisiana flood relief

Offertory Anthem

The Servant Song

setting by David Schwoebel

Donna Davis, piano; Carolyn Garr, flute

*If anyone would be first, they shall be the last of all, be the servant of all.
We are travelers on a journey, fellow pilgrims on the road;
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.
I will hold the Christ-light for you in the nighttime of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
Sister, let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.
Brother, let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.
I will weep when you are weeping, when you laugh, I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow, till we've seen this journey through.
When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony,
Born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.
If anyone would be first, they shall be the last of all, be the servant of all.*

- David Gillard

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

+Commission

Larry Gray

*In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see;
To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.*

+Hymn 159

Fairest Lord Jesus

CRUSADERS' HYMN

+Benediction

Alex Lockridge

Organ Postlude

Prelude in Classic Style

by Gordon Young

+all who are able may stand

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