

# First Baptist Church at Worship

August 16, 2009

Eleven O'Clock in the Morning

## The Community Gathers Before God

Gathering Song

David Mosely and Paul Sims

*"Gather Us In"*

by Marty Haugen

1. Here in this place new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away,  
see in this space our fears and our dreamings, brought here to you in the light of this day.
2. We are the young – our lives are a mystery, we are the old who yearn for your face,  
we have been sung throughout all of history, called to be light to the whole human race.
3. Here we will take the wine that you offer, here we will take the bread of new birth,  
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth.
4. Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light-years away,  
but here in this place the new light is shining, now is the kingdom, now is the day.



1. Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath - er us in, the  
2. Gath er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the  
3. Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion, give us to eat the  
4. Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,  
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,  
bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion  
make us your own; gath - er us in, all peop-les to-geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.  
give us the cour-age to en - ter the song.  
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.  
fire — of love in our flesh and our bone.

Greeting and Call to Worship

Paul Sims

*The Lord be with you.*

*And also with you.*

*Lift up your hearts.*

*We lift them to the Lord.*

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continued

*With joy and celebration, God welcomes us to this place.  
We open our hearts to welcome God's love.  
With joy and celebration, we welcome one another.  
We open our arms to welcome God's people.  
O taste and see that the Lord is good;  
Happy are those who take refuge in God.  
O magnify the Lord with me,  
And together let us exalt God's name.*

+ Hymn                      *"Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him"*                      IIFYRYDOL  
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+ Confession and Assurance                      Paul Sims  
*Can it be any clearer? God has created us to be family –  
sisters, brothers, neighbors, friends.  
No longer strangers, all of us are welcome in God's kingdom of love and grace.  
In Christ, we are one.  
There are no barriers; no divisions.  
We are a new people, forgiven and made whole.  
Thanks be to God.*

+ Gloria Patri                      GREATOREX  
*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, Amen.*

Preschoolers are dismissed for Extended Session

Stewardship Journey                      Joel and Kiki Myers

## The Community Hears and Proclaims God's Word

Psalm 24                      setting by Hal Hopson



Sing, be-liev - ers, Give thanks for those whose joy is the Lord.

*The earth belongs to the Lord, and all that we enjoy.  
A strong foundation was laid, was laid within the seas.*

### REFRAIN

*O tell us, who shall ascend? Who shall go up to God's house?  
It is those who love the Lord, who make God's will their own.*

### REFRAIN

*O tell us, who are these saints, these saints who praise your name?  
It is those whose hearts are clean, whose joy is in the Lord.*

### REFRAIN

*O come, and praise the Lord, and serve the world God made.  
Whose love is ever sure, O praise God's Holy Name.*

### REFRAIN

*Thanks be to God.*

Sermon

*"Friendship for All"*

James Welch

## The Community Shares In Christ's Life

Hymn

*"We Meet as Friends at Table"*

AURELIA

*We meet as friends at table, to listen, and be heard,  
United by the Spirit, attentive to the Word.  
Through prayer and conversation we tune our varied views  
To Christ, whose love has made us the bearers of good news.*

*With food and drink for sharing, the table soon is spread,  
The freedom-meal of Jesus is crowned with wine and bread,  
And all, without exception, may eat, and speak, and stay,  
For this is Christ's own table where none is turned away.*

Brian Wren, 20<sup>th</sup> century

Anthem

*"Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether"*

by Harold Friedell

The Summer Choir

*Draw us in the Spirit's tether; for when humbly, in thy name,  
Two or three are met together, thou art in the midst of them;  
Alleluia, alleluia! Touch we now thy garment's hem.  
As the faithful used to gather in the name of Christ to sup,  
Then with thanks to God the Father break the bread and bless the cup,  
Alleluia, alleluia! So knit thou our friendship up.  
All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of thee,  
That by caring, helping, giving, we may true disciples be.  
Alleluia, alleluia! We will serve thee faithfully.*

— Percy Dearmer, 20<sup>th</sup> century

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Paul Sims and Jordan Smith

Breaking the Bread; Sharing the Cup

The Communion of the People

Psalm 34 – *"Taste and See"*

by James Moore

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the first line of the hymn. The second staff contains the second line. The third staff contains the third line and ends with a double bar line.

Taste and see, taste and see the good - ness  
of the Lord. \_\_\_\_ O taste and see, taste and  
see the good ness of the Lord, \_\_\_\_ of the Lord.

*I will bless the Lord at all times. Praise shall always be on my lips;  
My soul shall glory in the Lord for God has been so good to me.*

**REFRAIN**

*Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us all praise God's name.  
I called the Lord who answered me; from all my troubles I was set free.*

**REFRAIN**

*Worship the Lord, all you people. You'll want for nothing if you ask.  
Taste and see that the Lord is good; in God we need put all our trust.*

**REFRAIN**

**The Peace**

*The peace of the Lord be with you.  
And also with you.*

Paul Sims and Jordan Smith

+ Hymn 507

*"I Then Shall Live"*

FINLANDIA

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+ Offertory Prayer

Faye Varney

*All loose change received in August will benefit Restoration House, a local residential program whose purpose is to reach out to lost and broken people. Please give as you are able.*

Organ Offertory

*Reflection on  
"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"*

arranged by Hal Hopson

+ Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Please rise as the deacons pass your pew in returning the offering to the Chancel*  
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;*  
*Praise him, all creatures here below;*  
*Praise him above, ye heavenly host;*  
*Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**The Community Departs For Ministry**

+ Commission and Blessing

Paul Sims and James Welch

Organ Postlude

*Improvisation on "Hylfrydol"*

+ Those who are able may stand

Personal Listening Devices are available for worship. Request one from an usher.

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Assisting in today's ministry of worship are:

*Paul M. Sims, Minister*  
*Sara Spahr Stubbs, Minister*  
*Timothy Belflowers, Guest Organist*  
*David Mosely, Ministry Intern*  
*Jessica Bachelder and Chuck Zulovitz, Choral Scholars*  
*Faye Varney, Deacon*

Preschool Extended Session workers for today are:  
*Christina Kale, Susan, Virginia Carter and Margaret Price*

*The Sanctuary flowers are given by R. V. and Paula Lee  
and Luke, Spencer and Emma Parris to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of Daniel Lee and Steddy Parris*

## *This Week at FBC*

### **Sunday, August 16**

**9:00 AM** Summer Choir  
**9:45 AM** Sunday School  
**10:45 AM** Preschool Extended Session  
**11:00 AM** Service of Worship

### **Monday, August 17**

**10:30 AM** Song Service at Brian Center  
**6:30 PM** TOPS  
**7:00 PM** Sunday School Council

### **Tuesday, August 18**

**9:30 AM** Craft Club

### **Wednesday, August 19**

**7:00 PM** Sunday School Organizational Meeting  
*for adult class teachers/officers*



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