

First Baptist Church at Worship

August 2, 2009

Eleven O'Clock in the Morning

Assemble in God's Name

Organ Voluntary

"Benedictus"

by Alec Rowley

Greeting and Call to Worship

John Hewett

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

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When our hearts are so heavy

it seems we cannot carry them through the day,

God will give us compassion through our friends

so that we do not bear the load alone.

When our words are so inadequate

it seems we cannot speak them,

God will give us hope

so we can break forth in songs of joy.

When we have so lost our way

that we stumble in the shadows of life,

God will give us light

so that we can find our way.

+ Hymn 34

"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"

MARION

+ Prayer of Praise and Adoration

Paul Sims

+ 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

Proclaim God's Word

Stewardship Journey

David Lowery

Psalm 131

O WALY WALY

*O Lord, my heart is not too high, nor do my eyes look far above
the things which you for me appoint, except to hope for your great love.*

*A child again in mother's arms, my soul at peace in your accord;
I fix my confidence and hope in tender mercies of the Lord.*

Michael Morgan, 20th century

A Reading from the Gospel: Matthew 6:24-34

John Hewett

*The Gospel of our Lord.
Thanks be to God.*

Anthem

“Put Peace into Each Other’s Hands” by David Schwoebel

The Summer Choir

*Put peace into each other’s hands and like a treasure hold it;
Protect it like a candle flame, with tenderness enfold it.
Put peace into each other’s hands with loving expectation;
Be gentle in your words and ways, in touch with God’s creation.
Put peace into each other’s hands, like bread we break for sharing;
Look people warmly in the eye: our life is meant for caring.
As at communion, shape your hands into a waiting cradle;
The gift of Christ receive, revere, united round the table.
Put Christ into each other’s hands, he is love’s deepest measure;
In love make peace, give peace a chance and share it like a treasure.*

– Fred Kaan, 20th century

Sermon

“A Cure for Economic Anxiety”

John Hewett

Give Thanks to God

+ Confession of Sin

Paul Sims

*You tell us not to worry, O God,
but we cannot seem to help ourselves.
With refrigerators full of food, we still make grocery lists;
with closets so full we cannot shut the doors, we run and buy new outfits;
for a simple invitation to “Follow me,” we form committees to help us decide.
**We lift our hearts to you, Tender God, so that you would fill them with
your mercy and hope. May we continue to seek your kingdom in every moment
to come, hoping and trusting in the peace and love of Jesus Christ, our Lord.***

+ Assurance of Forgiveness

*Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!*

+ The Peace

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

John Hewett

The Celebration of Communion

Breaking the Bread

"His Eye Is on the Sparrow"

setting by Luigi Zaninelli

Paul Sims

*Why should I feel discouraged, why should the shadows come,
Why should my heart be lonely, and long for heaven and home,
When Jesus is my portion? My constant friend is he:
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.
Whenever I am tempted, whenever clouds arise,
When songs give place to sighing, when hope within me dies,
I draw the closer to him, from care he sets me free;
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.
I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free,
For his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.*

— Civilla Martin, 20th century

Sharing the Cup

"In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful"

by Jacques Berthier

The musical score is written for voice and piano in 3/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are: "In the Lord I'll be ever thank-ful, in the Lord I will re-
joice! Look to God, do not be a-fraid. Lift up your
voic-es, the Lord is near, lift up your voic-es, the Lord is near." There are triplets in the vocal line of the second and third systems.

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

CONVERSE

*What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!*

*Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!*

– Joseph Scriven, 19th century

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

John Hewett

+ Hymn 609

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

SHOWALTER

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+ Offertory Prayer

Tim McBride

All loose change received in August will benefit Restoration House, a local residential program for men and women with substance abuse problems. Please give as you are able.

Organ Offertory

Meditation on arranged by Charles Callahan
“Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether”

+ 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.

Go In God’s Name

Commission and Blessing

John Hewett

Organ Postlude

“Alleluias”

by Robert Lau

+ 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:

John H. Hewett, Senior Minister

Paul M. Sims, Minister

Sara Spahr Stubbs, Minister

Timothy Bellflowers, Guest Organist

Bridget Green, Flautist

Tim McBride, Deacon

Preschool Extended Session workers for today are:

Christina Kale, Susanne Ungerer, Tania Ungerer

This Week at FBC

Sunday, August 2

8:00 AM Board of Deacons

9:00 AM Summer Choir

9:45 AM Sunday School

10:45 AM Preschool Extended Session

11:00 AM Service of Worship

6:00 PM Stockholders Dinner

Monday, August 3

10:30 AM Song Service at Brian Center

6:30 PM TOPS

Nominating Committee - Choir Room

Tuesday, August 4

9:00 AM Craft Club



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