

First Baptist Church at Worship

September 18, 2011

Ten Forty-five O'clock

Gathering

Gathering Songs

"Bless the Lord"

Kenyan Praise Song

Bless the Lord, bless the Lord, bless the Lord: there is no other God.

"God Will Take Care of You"

GOD CARES

Be not dismayed whate'er betide, God will take care of you;

Beneath his wings of love abide, God will take care of you. REFRAIN

No matter what may be the test, God will take care of you;

Lean, weary one, upon his breast, God will take care of you. REFRAIN

- Civilla Martin, 20th century

God will take care of you, through ev - ery day, o'er all the way;

he will take care of you, God will take care of you.

Greeting and Call to Worship

Gene Derryberry

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

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Give thanks to God

who spread a cloud for covering and gave fire to light the night!

Who provided food from heaven in abundance.

Seek the Lord and the strength that only God can give.

We will remember the wonderful works of God;

we will sing and praise the Lord!

- from Psalm 105

+Hymn 41

“Stand Up and Bless the Lord”

ST. MICHAEL

+Confession of Sin

Paul Sims

*Loving God, you know our weaknesses.
Fearful of the future, we forget what you have done for us in the past.
We see scarcity where you supply abundance.
We complain when conditions challenge us.
We begrudge others their success, allow envy to divide us,
and live lives that are unworthy of the Gospel.*

***Generous God, forgive us.
Help us to remember your wonderful works,
trust your gracious provisions,
seek out your presence,
and strive side-by-side with others to serve you well.***

+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.*

+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

The Word

Psalm 105

setting by Hal Hopson

May God's deeds of love and mer - cy
be our song for - ev - er - more.

*Give thanks to the Lord, call on God's name,
Make known God's deeds among the peoples.
Sing to God, sing praises to God;
Tell of all God's wonderful works.
Glory in God's holy name;
Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
Seek the Lord; seek God's strength;
Seek God's presence continually.*

*Remember the wonderful works God has done,
 God's miracles, and the judgments God has uttered. REFRAIN*
*God spread a cloud for a covering,
 And a fire to give light by night.*
*The people asked, and God brought quails;
 God gave them food from heaven in abundance.*
*God opened the rock, and water gushed out;
 It flowed through the desert like a river.*
*For God remembered the holy promise.
 God remembered the promise to Abraham.*
*God brought the people out with joy and with singing,
 That they might keep God's statutes and laws. REFRAIN*

A Reading from Hebrew Scripture: Exodus 16:2-15

Sara Spahr Stubbs

*The word of the Lord
 Thanks be to God*

Hymn

"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"

HOLY MANNA

*All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.
 Come from wilderness and wandering. Here, in truth, we will be fed.
 You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.
 Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.
 All who hunger, sing together: Jesus Christ is living bread.
 Come from loneliness and longing. Here, in peace, we have been led.
 Blest are those who from God's table live their lives in gratitude.
 Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.*

- Sylvia Dunstan, 20th century

Sermon

"Cloud Watching"

Gene Derryberry

Responding

+Hymn 634

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

CWM RHONDDA

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+Offertory Prayer

Larry Tuggle

*All loose change received in September will benefit Crisis Assistance Ministries,
 a helping agency that provides emergency assistance for Union County residents.*

Offertory

"He Never Failed Me Yet"

by Robert Ray

The Chancel Choir

A Moment for Missions

Debby McBride

Prayers of the People

Gene Derryberry

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and power and the glory, forever. Amen.

+Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

Please rise as the deacons pass your pew in returning our 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.*

Sending

+Commission

Sara Spahr Stubbs

*Depart to serve the One who relieves your thirst
and feeds your hunger with living bread.*

*Christ, the Bread of Life, sends us forth
to live by God's purposes in the world.*

+Hymn

"Lead On, O Cloud of Presence"

LANCASHIRE

Please see insert

+Benediction

Gene Derryberry

Organ Postlude

+Those who are able may stand

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Assisting in today's ministry of worship are:

D. Gene Derryberry, Intentional Interim Minister

Paul M. Sims, Associate Minister

Sara Spahr Stubbs, Associate Minister

Timothy Belflowers, Organist

Larry Tuggle, Deacon

The Chancel Choir

Sarah Bailey & Zack Morris, cantors

Jessica Bachelder, Brooke Blevins, Brandon Little,

Carlie Spainhour & Fred Starkey, soloists