

The First Baptist Church at Worship
8th Sunday After Pentecost
Communion Sunday

August 7, 2011 10:30 AM

(Please read as a preparation for worship.)

"When we are not afraid to enter into our own center and to concentrate on the stirrings of our own soul, we come to know that being alive means being loved. This experience tells us that we can only love because we are born out of love, that we can only give because our life is a gift, and that we can only make others free because we are set free by Him whose heart is greater than ours."

~Henri Nouwen

The Gathering

THE PRELUDE

Gregory Land, Organist
Debbie Lindley, Pianist

(We gather for personal and corporate reflection and prayer.)

He's Everything to Me Ralph Carmichael
Pass It On Kurt Kaiser
If My People Will Pray Jimmy Owens
The New 23rd Carmichael

In Praise to the Lord

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Jim Earnest

I will bless the LORD at all times.
God's praise shall continually be in my mouth.
My soul makes its boast in the LORD;
let the humble hear and be glad.
O magnify the LORD with me,
and let us exalt God's name together.

*LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#319 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*
LOBE DEN HERREN

*Paraphrasing Psalm 103 Joachim Neander wrote this hymn in 1680.
Translated by Catherine Winkworth in 1863, this hymn has become one
of the most beloved hymns of praise in our hymn repertoire.*

*OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Jim Earnest

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

#495 *Step by Step*
STEP BY STEP

O God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You.
O God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You.
I will seek You in the morning
and I will learn to walk in Your ways;
and step by step You'll lead me,
and I will follow You all of my days.

*WELCOME & PASSING OF PEACE

Rev. Jason Alspaugh

*(Please register your attendance by filling out a yellow card from the
pew rack and placing it in the offering bag this morning.)*

We are invited to greet our nearest neighbors, extend our hand,
and greet one another in the name of Christ.

(Please be seated.)

AN ORDER OF FAREWELL TO THE HATCH FAMILY

Dr. Rodney Kennedy

Pastor: The church is a family, united by the common recognition of Jesus Christ as our Savior, we are all brothers and sisters. And, for a time, First Regular Baptist Church is our home. Like every human family, our church family is formed and reformed over time: as members are born, as they die, as members are adopted into our family, and as they leave our congregation for a new home, in a different place.

For a time, Derek, Sarah, Philip, and Simon have lived with us. We have shared each other's joys and sorrows, we have lightened each other's heavy loads. Together we have laughed and cried, together we have worshiped and praised God, together we have lived. They have made lasting contributions to the life of our congregation and their presence and leadership will be missed. We commend them to a new place of service and are proud that we have been part of their journey of faith.

Congregation: We feel sorrow in your leaving, yet we rejoice with you in anticipation of this new phase of your life. We will miss your love and support, yet we know you will add much to the lives of those who will be your new church family, as you have added much to our lives.

Congregation and Pastor: We will pray for you and for the whole family of God.

PRAYER

O God, you are the strength and the supporter of your people. We humbly place in your hands Derek, Sarah, Philip, and Simon who are about to leave us. Keep and preserve them, O Lord, in all health and safety, both of body and soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pastor: Go in the peace of Christ. Our prayers go with you. Amen.

Reading & Proclaiming God's Word

THE RESPONSIVE PSALTER

Alex Mikesell, leader

Psalm 77:11-20

I will call to mind the deeds of the Lord;
I will remember your wonders of old.

I will meditate on all your work,
and muse on your mighty deeds.

Your way, O God, is holy.
What god is so great as our God?

You are the God who works wonders;
you have displayed your might among the peoples.

With your strong arm you redeemed your people,
the descendants of Jacob and Joseph.

When the waters saw you, O God, when the waters saw you,
they were afraid;

the very deep trembled.

The clouds poured out water;
the skies thundered; your arrows flashed on every side.

The crash of your thunder was in the whirlwind;
your lightnings lit up the world; the earth trembled and shook.

Your way was through the sea, your path, through the mighty waters;
yet your footprints were unseen.

You led your people like a flock
by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

*THE GOSPEL LESSON

Jason Hentschel

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord according to Matthew.

People: Praise be to you, O Christ.

Matthew 14:22-33: Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Glory be to you, O Lord.

*FELLOWSHIP HYMN

#482 *Here I Am, Lord*
HERE I AM, LORD

Daniel Schutte was born in Wisconsin in 1947. A former Jesuit, he is well known as a contemporary hymn writer and Catholic liturgist. Our fellowship hymn, written in 1981, is his best known. The words remind us that, as Christians, we are all missionaries.

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Amy Radachi

(Children in preK-grade 4 will be led downstairs for Sunday School. Younger Children preK-K will go to Room #4 and older children grades 1-4 will go to Room #3B. Parents should pick up their children after worship service.)

CALL TO PRAYER

#652 *Make Me a Servant*
SERVANT

Make me a servant, humble and meek;
Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.
And may the prayer of my heart always be:
make me a servant, make me a servant,
make me a servant today.

PASTORAL PRAYER Dr. Rodney Kennedy
 MUSICAL OFFERING Brad Pipenger
Suite from the Victorian Kitchen Garden Paul Reade
 THE SERMON Rev. Jason Alspaugh
“Lord, Save Us!”

The Response of God’s People

THE OFFERTORY Greg Land & Debbie Lindley
Benediction John Ness Beck

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE #670 v.1 *Take My Gifts...*
 MADILL
**Take my gifts and let me love You,
 God who first of all loved me,
 gave me light and food and shelter,
 Gave me life and set me free.
 Now because Your love has touched me,
 I have love to give away, now the bread of love is rising,
 loaves of love to multiply.**

*OFFERTORY PRAYER Alex Mikesell

Celebration of Holy Communion
 (Celebrants: Dr. Kennedy and Rev. Marcus)

INVITATION Rev. C. Roland Marcus

CALL TO CONFESSION Rev. Marcus
 If we say we have no sin,
 we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
 If we confess our sins,
 God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins
 and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
 In humility and faith, let us confess our sin to God.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION
**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you
 in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,
 and by what we have left undone.
 We have not loved you with our whole heart;
 we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves;
 we have not loved ourselves.
 We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
 For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
 have mercy on us and forgive us;
 that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
 to the glory of your name. Amen.**

WORDS OF PARDON
 Pastor: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING Dr. Kennedy
 THE LORD’S PRAYER *(Debts & Debtors)*
 BREAKING THE BREAD Dr. Kennedy
 #464 *Take the Bread, Children, Take the Bread*
 Congregation

SHARING THE CUP Rev. Marcus
Take the Name of Jesus with You W. Howard Doane
 Greg Land & Debbie Lindley

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING Rev. Marcus

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP
*(Persons wishing to join First Baptist Church are invited to come forward
 while the organist plays the first verse of the recessional hymn. You may
 join First Baptist Church by confession of faith, transfer of letter, or
 statement of faith. The pastor will greet you as you come forward this
 morning.)*

*RECESSIONAL HYMN #475 *Only Trust Him*
 STOCKTON
*Methodist pastor and hymn writer John Stockton wrote this hymn in
 1869. His original chorus was “Come to Jesus.” Ira Sankey, D. L. Moody’s
 crusade song leader, changed the chorus to “Only Trust Him.” As we go
 into the world let us embrace our trust in God.*

*BLESSING AND DISMISSAL Rev. Jason Alspaugh

*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION #523 *God Be With You*
 GOD BE WITH YOU
**God be with you till we meet again!
 By His counsels guide, uphold you,
 with His sheep securely fold you;
 God be with you till we meet again!
 God be with you till we meet again!
 Neath His wings securely hide you,
 daily manna still provide you;
 God be with you till we meet again!**

*POSTLUDE Greg Land & Debbie Lindley
Come, Praise the Lord with Me! John W. Peterson



*The flowers today are given in honor and celebration
 of Kylie Thorn and Chris Stanley’s wedding
 that took place on Saturday, August 6, 2011.*

(Please see insert for announcements.)

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“Christ Walking on the Water” by Sergio Julius von Klever

Our Mission Statement:
*To celebrate God’s love as a community of believers
 in Jesus Christ through worship, education,
 fellowship, and outreach to others.*

Dr. Rodney Wallace Kennedy, *Lead Pastor*
 Rev. Jason Alspaugh, *Associate Pastor Children & Youth*
 Rev. C. Roland Marcus, *Associate Pastor*
 Rev. James Earnest, *Assistant Pastor of Visitation*
 Ryan Gade, *Pastor Intern*
 Ray Landis, *Music Director*
 Gregory Land, *Organist*
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