

The First Baptist Church at Worship
Ascension & 7TH Sunday of Easter
Communion Sunday

June 2, 2019 10:00 AM

The Gathering

The Congregation is invited to meditate and contemplate during the Prelude.

THE PRELUDE R. Alan Kimbrough, Organist

Andante in C Samuel Sebastian Wesley

A Medley of Ascension Hymns
"Prayer of Christ ascending toward His Father"
"O sacrum convivium" ("O sacred banquet")
Olivier Messiaen

In Praise to the Lord

*ACOLYTES BRING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE SANCTUARY
TO LIGHT THE CANDLES*

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

A three-fold ringing of three signifies the presence of the triune God:
Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit.

CHORAL INTROIT *Blessed Assurance* (REFRAIN ONLY)
Phoebe Palmer Knapp

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

*CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Jason Alspaugh

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #2 *Come, Thou Almighty King*
ITALIAN HYMN

In his first letter to Timothy, the apostle Paul warns him that the Christian life is a constant war against evil. He commands Timothy to "Fight the good fight of the faith." A few verses later, Paul describes the one for whose sake we fight: "he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen."

*OPENING PRAYER Rev. Alspaugh

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (SEE INSERT) *Alpha and Omega*
ERASMUS MUTANBIRA

**You are Alpha and Omega! We worship You, our Lord;
You are worthy to be praised! (repeat)
We give You all the glory! We worship You, our Lord!
You are worthy to be praised! (repeat)**

*WELCOME & PASSING THE PEACE Rev. Dr. Kent Berghuis

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

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

(Please be seated.)

MOMENT FOR MISSION Ted Greenwood
Chair of Mission Board

Reading & Proclaiming God's Word

PSALTER LESSON Nancy Kerr

Psalm 97: The LORD is king! Let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad! Clouds and thick darkness are all around him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne. Fire goes before him, and consumes his adversaries on every side. His lightnings light up the world; the earth sees and trembles. The mountains melt like wax before the LORD, before the Lord of all the earth. The heavens proclaim his righteousness; and all the peoples behold his glory. All worshipers of images are put to shame, those who make their boast in worthless idols; all gods bow down before him. Zion hears and is glad, and the towns of Judah rejoice, because of your judgments, O God. For you, O LORD, are most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods. The LORD loves those who hate evil; he guards the lives of his faithful; he rescues them from the hand of the wicked. Light dawns for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart. Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name!

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
People: Thanks be to God!

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Nancy Kerr

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21: "See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

"It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let everyone who hears say, "Come." And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
People: Thanks be to God!

*GOSPEL LESSON Rev. David Coggins

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord according to John.
People: Praise be to you, O Christ.

John 17:20-26: "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

"Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

Leader: For the Word of God in scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us.

People: Thanks be to God.

*FELLOWSHIP HYMN #282 *Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken*
AUSTRIAN HYMN

The opening line of this hymn quotes Psalm 87:3 "Glorious things of you are spoken, O city of God." The theme of these stanzas is the universal church and its story. The text begins with a vision of the new city of God in the first two stanzas, and then looks back to the early journey of the Israelites, with references in the third stanza to cloud, fire, and manna. We are reminded through this of the long history God has with His people, and of the wonderful future awaiting those who are, through grace, members of God's family.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Rev. Alspaugh

(Following the message, children in preK-5 grades will be led downstairs for Sunday School. PreK-1 graders will be in Rm. #4. Grades 2-5 will be in Rm. #3B. Parents are asked to pick up their children after worship.)

CALL TO PRAYER #472 (REFRAIN ONLY) *Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus*
LEMMEL

**Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in His wonderful face,
and the things of earth will grow strangely dim
in the light of His glory and grace.**

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Coggins

ANTHEM Chancel Choir

Praise Ye Jehovah Glenn Jones

Praise ye Jehovah, the almighty. Praise him for His mighty acts; the creator of all things: The moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained. All sheep

and oxen and beasts of the field. And God created man, in his own image. Praise him for his excellent greatness. Holy is the Lord, the great Jehovah almighty. Praise ye Jehovah, thou are worthy to receive glory, and honor, and power; Praise Ye Jehovah, the great I am. Sovereign, God, the Lord of hosts. Worthy of our worship, and greatly to be praised. How majestic is thy name. Thy name is Jehovah; thy name is Alpha, and Omega. Thy name is wonderful, counselor, the mighty God, everlasting father! The prince of peace, the lily of the valley, bright and morning star! Thou art my God! My Lord and Savior; thou art my Rock! My sword! My shield! The Way, The Truth! And the Life! Hallelujah, a Balm in Gilead! Thy name is Jehovah, the almighty. Amen.

THE SERMON Rev. Dr. Berghuis

“Alpha and Omega”

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

(Celebrants: Rev. Coggins & Rev. Berghuis)

PREPARATION TIME

INVITATION TO THE TABLE Rev. Coggins

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING Rev. Coggins

SHARING THE BREAD Rev. Coggins

His Name Is Wonderful (SEE INSERT) Audrey Mieir
Chancel Choir & Congregation

SHARING THE CUP Rev. Dr. Berghuis

#459 *Come, Share the Lord* (vs. 1) DIVERNON
Chancel Choir & Congregation

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING and THE LORD’S PRAYER (Debts and Debtors) Rev. Dr. Berghuis

The Response of God’s People

THE OFFERTORY Rev. Dr. Kent Berghuis

I Am Michael W. Smith

*I am the root of David, the bright and morning star;
I am the lion of Judah. I am.*

*I am Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End.
the first and the last, I am.*

*I am faithful and true. I am the Word of God.
I am the Lamb. I am.*

*I am the resurrection, and He that lives;
I am alive forever. Amen, Amen.*

*I am the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.
I am holy, holy, Lord God Almighty,
which was and is and is to come.
I am the Lord. I Am. I Am!*

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE #706 *Praise God...*
OLD 100TH

**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.**

*OFFERTORY PRAYER Nancy Kerr

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP Rev. Dr. Berghuis

(Persons wishing to make known a decision to follow Christ as Lord or 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 transfer of letter, statement of faith, or baptism. The pastor will greet you as you come forward this morning.)

ACOLYTES ENTER ON LAST VERSE OF HYMN

*HYMN OF RESPONSE #159 *Fairest Lord Jesus*
CRUSADERS’ HYMN (ST. ELIZABETH)

This hymn expounds on the theme of the beauty of Christ and the Creation in an overflowing expression of praise, similar to King David’s statement: “One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord ...”

ACOLYTES EXTINGUISH THE LIGHT AND LEAD THE PASTORS OUT,
SYMBOLICALLY CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING WITH DISMISSAL Rev. Dr. Berghuis

*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION #515 *May the Love of the Lord*
SOON TI

**May the love of the Lord rest upon your soul.
May God’s love dwell in you throughout every day.
May God’s countenance shine upon you
and be gracious to you.
May God’s Spirit be upon you as you leave this place.**

*POSTLUDE R. Alan Kimbrough

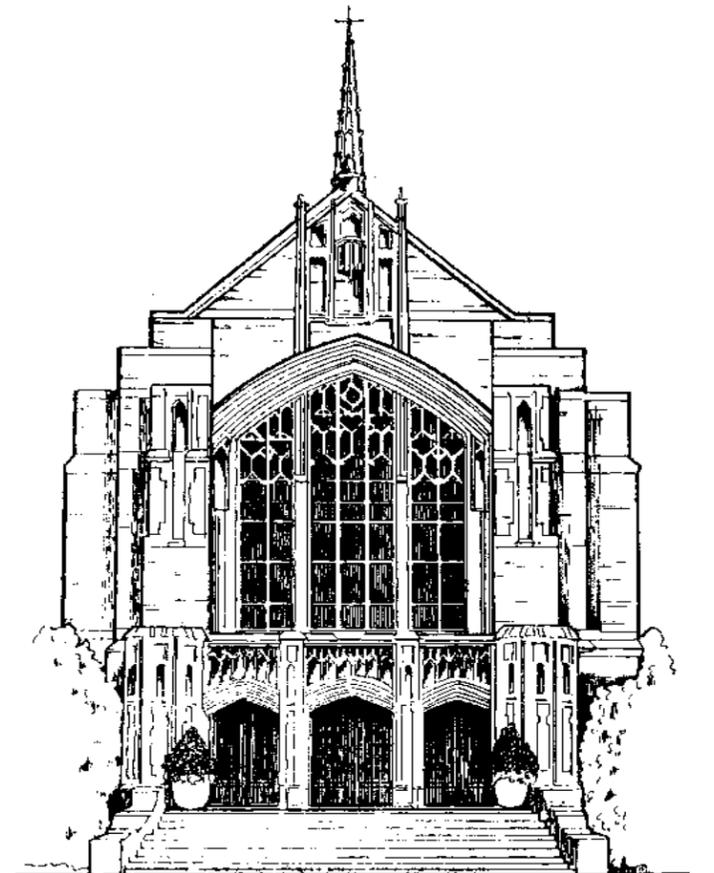
Choral Song Samuel Sebastian Wesley



Prayer for the Armed Forces

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace, strengthen them in their trials and temptations, give them courage to face the perils which beset them, and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

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