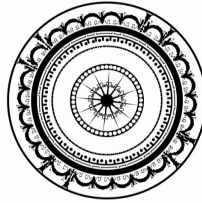


First Baptist Church on Fifth



The Worship of God

August 13, 2017

10:30 am

Invitation to Worship Emily Hull McGee

Prelude: *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship* HOLY MANNA
Jack Shearin, Piano

Call to Worship Amy McClure

Leader: We give thanks to you, O God,
for mercy that reaches out,
for patience that awaits our returning,
for your love that is ever ready to welcome sinners.

**People: We praise you that in Jesus Christ
you came to us with forgiveness,
and that, by your Holy Spirit,
you move us to repent and receive your love.**

Leader: We will give thanks to you, O God, with our whole hearts;
We will tell of your wonderful deeds.

**People: We will exult in you with great joy,
and to sing praise to you, O Most High!**

*Hymn 310: *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* HYMN TO JOY

*Passing of the Peace Amy McClure

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Scripture Lesson: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 (Pew Bible, NT, p.139) David Williamson

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Confession Emily Hull McGee

(Please read in unison.)

**Reconciling Love,
we have wandered far from you and have strayed from your ways.
You know well those things that have created distance:
We have failed to love our neighbors — both friend and stranger,
even as you welcomed us with the embrace of a father.
We have fostered divisions,
even as you have entrusted us with the work of reconciliation.
We have set limits on our willingness to forgive,
even as your forgiveness has been boundless.
O Lord, do not count our trespasses against us,
but reconcile us to yourself and to one another.
Let new life flourish within us
that we might do your great work of reconciliation
in this un-reconciled world. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness Emily Hull McGee

Leader: God made Him to be sin who knew no sin,
so that in Jesus we might become the righteousness of God.
Celebrate this Good News:

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Response: Forgiven B. Red

For - giv - en, _____ I've been for - giv - en; _____
 God has looked be - yond my sin, _____ saved me from what I might have been, _____
 gave me a new life with-in, _____ I am for - giv - en by His grace.

Anthem: *God Is My Shepherd* K. Pryor and D. Nolan

Sanctuary Choir

God is my shepherd. I am His lamb. God is my keeper. I'm in His hand. My every tear He understands. God is my shepherd. I am His lamb. All we like sheep have gone astray, each of us turns to our own way. God is a shepherd who guards His own, giving His life to bring us home. God is my shepherd. I am His lamb. God is my keeper. I'm in His hand. My every tear He understands. God is my shepherd. I am His lamb.

Prayers for the People John Thornton

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 trespasses
 as we forgive those who trespass against us.
 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
 For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

Scripture Lesson: Luke 15:11-32 (Pew Bible, NT, p.60)..... Dee Britt

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Hymn: *O God, How We Have Wandered* NYLAND

1. O God, how we have wan - dered and hid - den from your face; _____
 2. And now at length dis - cern - ing the e - vil that we do, _____
 3. O God of all the liv - ing, both ban - ished and re - stored,
 in fool - ish - ness have squan - dered your leg - a - cy of grace. _____
 by faith we are re - turn - ing with hope and trust in you. _____
 com - pas - sion - ate, for - giv - ing, our peace and hope as - sured.
 But how in ex - ile dwell - ing, we turn with fear and shame, _____
 In haste you come to meet us, and home re - joic - ing bring, _____
 Grant now that our tran - gress - ing, our faith - less - ness may cease.
 as dis - tant but com - pell - ing, you call us each by name.
 in glad - ness there to greet us with calf and robe and ring.
 Stretch out your hand in bless - ing, in par - don, and in peace.

Sermon: "Practicing Our Faith: Forgiveness" Emily Hull McGee

*Hymn of Response 694: *Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive* MORNING SONG

All are invited to respond to God now in quiet or public ways. Our church welcomes you to share a new desire to follow in the way of Jesus or to join our congregation as a member. As we sing, please come to the front of the sanctuary and share your commitment with one of our ministers.

*Offertory Prayer Dee Britt

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *All Earth Rejoice with a Gladsome Voice* Vivaldi/Hopson

Sanctuary Choir

All the earth rejoice with a gladsome voice; now sing we alleluia, Praise the Lord. Rejoice and sing. Sing alleluia, sing, O praise the Lord. Sound the trumpet; sound the harp. Praise the Lord. All the earth rejoice with a gladsome voice; now sing we alleluia, Praise the Lord. Rejoice and sing.

Opportunities for Ministry John Thornton

*Doxology OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Benediction Emily Hull McGee

Postlude: *Trumpet Tune* D. German

Jacob Hill, Organ

**Those who are able will please stand.*

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FLOWERS

The flowers today celebrate the 90th Birthday of Jack Shearin and are given with love by his family.

The flower calendar has many openings this year. If you would like to provide flowers to remember a loved one, please call Ralph Messick at 723-2564 or Betty Hampton at 768-4293 to reserve a date.

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