



First Baptist Church

JEFFERSON CITY TENNESSEE



THE WORSHIP OF GOD Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 29, 2024

10:45am

Welcome/Opportunities for Service/Invocation

Chad Hartsock

Prelude

This Little Light of Mine

Loes

Call of Approach

Chad Hartsock

Something awakened us this morning—perhaps the day's dawning, the sound of the alarm, the smell of brewing coffee, or the voice of a child.

And now we gather with awakened spirits to worship with others the Creator of this day.

Something moved us this morning—we left behind a sufficiency of sleep or a restless night, we engaged in feeding and dressing, we left our homes for here.

And now we gather in this place to worship the Christ who moves among us and to follow the Spirit which leads us into deeds of love.

May ours be a faith that is both awake and moving as we worship our God.**

*Hymn of Praise 31

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

MIT FEUDEN ZART

(Children meet your leader at the front of the sanctuary for Bible Study)

Scripture Reading

Psalm 19:7-12, 14

Clark Measels

The law of the Lord is perfect,
reviving the soul;
the decrees of the Lord are sure,
making wise the simple;
the precepts of the Lord are right,
rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear,
enlightening the eyes;
the fear of the Lord is pure,
enduring forever;
the ordinances of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey
and drippings of the honeycomb.

Moreover, by them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.

But who can detect one's own errors?
Clear me from hidden faults.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable to you,
O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Offertory Prayer

Cyndi Harrell

Offertory

I Need Thee Every Hour

arr. Wilson

*Response of Thanksgiving

Doxology

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O hear your people as we trace
Your mercy and your boundless grace;
Receive our praise that's never done,
O God, O Christ, O Spirit, One!

Scripture Reading

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

Karen Smith

So the king and Haman went in to feast with Queen
Esther. On the second day, as they were drinking wine,
the king again said to Esther, "What is your petition,

Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled.” Then Queen Esther answered, “If I have won your favor, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me—that is my petition—and the lives of my people—that is my request. For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace, but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king.” Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, “Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?” Esther said, “A foe and an enemy, this wicked Haman!” Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen.

Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, “Look, the very pole that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman’s house, fifty cubits high.” And the king said, “Hang him on that.” So they hung Haman on the pole that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

***Hymn of Prayer 290**

Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace

O WALY, WALY

Prayer of Confession

Major Treadway and People

God of salvation,

You have not left us alone in times of distress,

but have drawn near to comfort us,

bound up our wounds,

brought light into our darkness

and made our way safe.

Yet we have turned away from you,

looking to other sources for prosperity,

to other teachers for wisdom,

and to other healers for wholeness.

Rather than keeping our hearts and eyes

firmly fixed upon you,

we have set our gaze and fastened our grasp

on things of this world.

We have claimed to be your followers,

but have lost sight and hold of you.

In mercy, forgive us.

By your Spirit, draw us again near to yourself,
that our hearts would be rekindled
to trust and proclaim the good news
of how kind you are to your children,
how merciful you are to the wayward,
and how strong you are to the weak,
and how responsive you are
to all who call upon you;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. ***

Musical Offering

Be the Light of Christ

Cameron

Worship Ensemble

What will you give to the Savior?
To the One who gave all,
Will you go in His name to spread the light of truth?
To the corners of the world, He has asked you to go,
Will you go in His name?

Be the Light of Christ to the people of the world.
Be the Light of Christ, spread the word among God's people.

Will you give help to the needy?
Will you clothe and give them food?
Will you give in His name, as He has given to you?
Every gift is from above, and it comes to us from God.
Will you give in His name?

Be the Light of Christ to the people of the world.
Be the Light of Christ, spread the Word among God's people.

Sermon

Power and Privilege

Major Treadway

Time of Reflection and of Response

I Am Thine, O Lord

arr. Smith

***Hymn of Service and Departing 649**

Christ, You Call Us All to Service

IN BABILONE

***Benediction**

Major Treadway

*If you can do so, please stand for this portion of the worship service.

THE COMING WEEK AT FBC

Sunday, September 29

5:00pm Youth Gathering/214

Monday, September 30

6:00pm Cub Scouts/Fellowship Hall

7:00pm Boy Scouts/Fellowship Hall

8:00pm Upper Room Ladies Bible Study/Zoom

Tuesday, October 1

10:00am Tuesday's Neighbors/Parlor

1:00pm Staff Meeting/Office

Wednesday, October 2

9:30am Community Bible Study/301

5:00pm Wednesday Night Supper (Lasagna)/Fellowship Hall

5:00pm Youth Gathering/214

6:00pm Common Prayer & Bible Study/Music Ste

6:00pm Music Makers/Room 218

6:45pm Worship Ensemble Rehearsal/Music Ste

Thursday, October 3

8:30am Men's Breakfast/Bojangles

Friday, October 4—Church Office Closed

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CHURCH STAFF

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