

***NEW TESTAMENT READING**

Acts 6:1-7

In those days when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenistic Jews among them complained against the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food. So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, “It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables. Brothers and sisters, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word.”

This proposal pleased the whole group. They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit; also Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas from Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these men to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

So the word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and a large number of priests became obedient to the faith.

SERMON

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It Would Not Be Right!

HYMN OF COMMITMENT NO. 649

TRUST IN JESUS

Christ, You Call Us All to Service

**Christ, You call us all to service,
call us all who follow You;
plant in us a deep commitment
all Your work and will to do.
Fire a passion for Your justice,
in us kindle love of peace;
help us heal the brokenhearted,
to the captive bring release.**

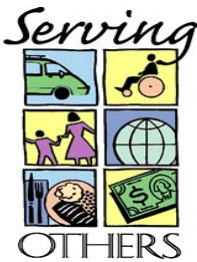
**Teach us how to work together,
brothers, sisters, side by side;
equal partners in the struggle,
in the cause of truth allied.
To each one some gift is given,
man or woman, young or old;
help us use each skill and talent
Your great purpose to unfold.**

**Let us be a servant people,
reconciling, ending strife;
seeking ways more just of sharing
and of ord’ring human life.
Fill us with a glowing vision
of this world as it should be;
send us forth to change that vision
into blest reality.**

***BENEDICTION**

**Stand as you are able. | CCLI #1036515*

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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost | Deacon Installation and Ordination

TEN FIFTY-FIVE O’CLOCK

September 27, 2020

WELCOME AND CALL TO REVERENCE

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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*In humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own
interests but each of you to the interests of the others.
~Philippians 2:3b-4*

CHIMING OF THE HOUR AND PRELUDE

Fantasia on “Salvation”

arr. David Paxton

***CALL TO WORSHIP (from Romans 12:1-3)**

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I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your
bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—

This is our true and proper worship.

Do not conform to the pattern of this world,

But let us be transformed by the renewing of our minds.

Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—His good,
pleasing, and perfect will.

**Let us not think of ourselves more highly than we ought, but
rather think of ourselves with sober judgment, in accordance
with the faith God has distributed to each of us. Let us pray.**

***INVOCATION**

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Father, help us to serve others with a joyful heart, never keeping score, always giving, never expecting to receive. Help us to understand the needs of others, never criticizing, never demeaning, never scolding, never condemning. Help us to serve others as you serve, with gentleness, compassion, and tenderness. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 269

LANCASHIRE

We All Are One in Mission

To greatly reduce the transmission of the virus, we ask that you refrain from singing aloud on all music. Sing in your head, pay close attention to the text, and listen to what God is saying to you through the poetry.

**We are all one in mission,
we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united
by Christ, the Lord of all.
A single great commission
compels us from above
to plan and work together
that all may know Christ's love.**

**We all are called for service
to witness in God's name.
Our ministries are different,
our purpose is the same:
to touch the lives of others
by God's surprising grace
so ev'ry land and nation
may feel God's warm embrace.**

**We all behold one vision,
a stark reality:
the steward of salvation
was nailed upon a tree.
Yet resurrected Justice
gives rise that we may share
free reconciliation
and hope amid despair.**

**Now let us be united
and let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel
for God's redeeming word.
We all are one in mission,
we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united
by Christ, the Lord of all.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Mrs. Tart

SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

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Allyson Phillips and Bill Sawyer

We trust Allyson and Bill are called by God to the ministry of deacon in this church. We believe that they, along with Mac, David, Gloria, Andrew, Dawn, and Bob, are committed to ministering to others in Christ's name.

They will seek to provide an upright example by their lives—their words, attitudes, and behaviors—that these will point others to Christ. We affirm you are committed to upholding the fellowship of The First Baptist Church, doing all you can to support, affirm, and undergird its ministry through your presence, your possessions, and your witness. These are our friends who, we believe, will be our servant models. May we stand in a moment of silent commitment to affirm these new deacons. We are not sufficient in and of ourselves. Our strength comes from God. We affirm you today and promise to pray for you as you serve God as our deacons.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Thrailkill

HYMN OF PREPARATION NO. 482

HERE I AM, LORD

Here I Am, Lord

**I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard My people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear My light to them?
Whom shall I send?**

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.**

**I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne My people's pain.
I have wept for love of them,
they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak My word to them.
Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord...**

**I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them, My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give My life to them. Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord...**