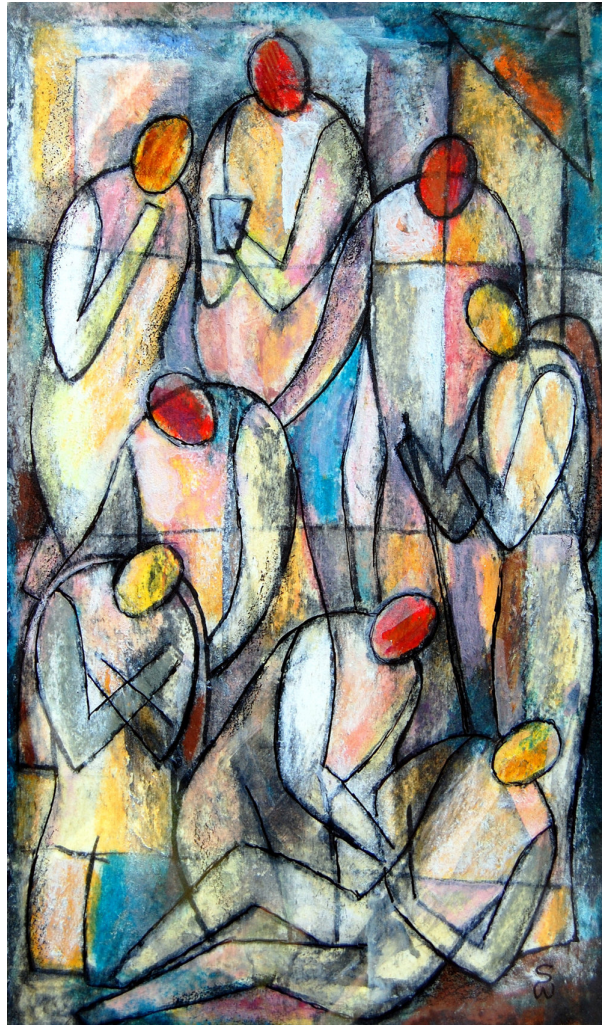




First Baptist Church
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SERVICE OF WORSHIP
The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
August 21, 2022
Sanctuary, 11:00 a.m.



For the Least of These, by Sochi Watanabe, 2004.

GATHERING

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

Voluntary on THAXTED

Albert L. Travis

GREETING

Laura Addis

INVOCATION

Today we lift our hearts to you in one voice as we pray,
We are known by you, gracious God, better than we know ourselves. You have given us life and you have renewed our spirits. You have carried us to the heights and you have dwelled with us in life's depths. You are our hope and our trust. Touch us here, for you are far beyond our reach. Dwell with us here to lift our aspirations and inspire confidence among us; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*HYMN OF PRAISE 319

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 103:1-8

Amy Stertz

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits-
who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
The Lord works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.
He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.
The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Tommy Bratton

*SHARING PEACE

*HYMN OF FAITH 264

Where Charity and Love Prevail

RESIGNATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 58:9b-14

Clark and Eleanor Austin

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON	"What is the Sabbath For?"	Mack Dennis
ANTHEM	<i>Covenant of Thy Steadfast Love</i>	Robert J. Powell
CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER		
Prayer of Consecration		(See Insert)
Sharing the Gifts of Grace		
The Lord's Prayer		
INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP		
*HYMN OF RESPONSE 467	<i>We Are One In Christ</i>	THAXTED
OFFERTORY SENTENCES		
OFFERTORY	<i>Prelude on LOBE DEN HERREN</i>	Johann Gottfried Walther
*DOXOLOGY 707	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	OLD HUNDREDTH
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION		Kirstin Austin
OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONTINUED RESPONSE		
BENEDICTION		
CHORAL BENEDICTION	<i>Invocation</i>	Kevin Norbury

*Those who are able please stand.

We welcome all guests worshipping with us today. Learning experiences for preschool children and infants are offered during the worship hour in the children's building. Large print bulletins and hymns and enhanced hearing aids are available for use in this service. An usher can assist you with these and any other needs you may have.

The season of Ordinary Time refers to the Sundays of the year that fall outside the periods of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter. The word Ordinary refers to the ordinal numbers of each Sunday as we count the weeks between the Church's seasons. Ordinary time can be understood in terms of the living out of the Christian faith and the meaning of Christ's resurrection in our day-to-day life. The color green represents the life and growth of the church and its ministry.

This week's cover art is *For the Least of These*, by Sochi Watanabe, 2004. This stencil falls within the katazome art tradition. Compelled by the beauty of dyed fabric, Japanese painter Sochi Watanabe perpetuates this ancient art through prints hanging in homes, churches, and galleries around the world. "Genuine faith should naturally be deeply rooted in the world of beauty, and profound faith will inevitably assume the form of profound beauty." - Watanabe artway.eu/

Leaders in worship include Clark and Eleanor Austin, Lay Readers, and Kirstin Austin, Deacon of the Week.

MINISTRY LEADERS

Mrs. Laura Addis

Mr. Tate Addis

Rev. Brett Baddorf

Dr. Tommy Bratton

Rev. Leah Brown

Dr. Casey Callahan

Dr. Joshua Cheney

Dr. Mack Dennis

Rev. Amy Stertz

Ministry Associate, Students

Organist

Ministry Associate, Children

Coordinating Pastor

Associate Pastor, Pastoral Care

Associate Pastor, Mission and Students

Interim Music Minister

Pastor

Associate Pastor, Christian Formation and Children

