

The Worship of God

Vestavia Hills Baptist Church

July 16, 2017

**Please stand if you are able.*

Chiming of the Hour

Beth McGinnis

(Please turn off your cell phone and silently prepare for worship.)

Prelude

“Holy, Holy, Holy”
Arr. Marilyn Ham

Beth McGinnis

Welcome to Worship

Dennis Anderson

Call to Worship

Milburn Price

One: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory.” (Isaiah 6:3, NIV)

All: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come.” (Revelation 4:8b, NIV)

***Hymn of Praise No. 1**

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

NICAEA

Ordinance of Baptism for Isabel Gray Jaquess

Rev. Delos Sharpton
Grandfather of Isabel

Psalm Reading

Psalm 23
(O.T. p. 390 in pew Bible)

Major Speights

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Luke 15:11-24
(N.T. p.60 in pew Bible)

LaRue Speights

One: This is the gospel of Jesus Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Confession and Lord's Prayer

Dennis Anderson

All: Gracious God, even though we desire to follow you faithfully, we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen
Silent confession

One: As forgiven sinners, let us pray as he taught us.

All: 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

*Hymn No. 41 "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" WELLESLEY

Offertory Prayer Hal David

Offertory "In Heavenly Love Abiding" Beth McGinnis
Arr. James Pethel

*Presentation of the Offering "Doxology" OLD HUNDREDTH

Please stand to sing.

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.

Kindergartners may go to room 210 in the Children's Building for Worship Care.

Anthem: "Love Is of God" Sanctuary Choir
Ed Harris

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God. And he who loves is born of God and he knows God; but he who does not love does not know God.

In this the love of God was made manifest among us: God sent His only Son to the world so we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and He sent His Son to die for our sins.

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God. If God so loved us,
then we, too, should love, for in loving one another we know the love
of God. Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God.

(based upon 1 John 4:7-11)

Sermon	“The Plainest and Simplest Thing in the World” 1 John 4:7-21	Dr. Fisher Humphreys
*Hymn of Response No. 361	“My Jesus, I Love Thee”	GORDON
*Benediction		Dennis Anderson
Postlude	“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” Arr. Donald Hustad	Beth McGinnis

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given in memory of Dr. James Al Nelson by the Nelson family.

The flowers on the credenzas were prepared by Sarah Moreland.

What's Next?

Combined Adult Bible Study in July. Our adult classes on Sunday mornings are invited to meet together in the Fellowship Hall again this year during July. Continental breakfast begins at 8:45. Keith and Sharon Putt are teaching on **“The Book of Ezekiel: Finding God in the Midst of Tragedy”** from our Smyth & Helwys Formations curriculum.

July 23 The Valley of Dry Bones

July 30 The River of Life

Ladies

Women’s Bible study kickoff:
Sunday, Aug. 27!

The Women’s Bible Study Committee has scheduled this fall’s kick-off event for Sunday, Aug. 27th at 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Sign-up form is on the website now.

Upcoming Bible studies are:

• Jen Wilkin, *Sermon on the Mount*, Fall 2017 (week of Sept 10 – week of Nov. 5)

• Beth Moore, *Entrusted*, Spring 2018

Special Reminder

There are no Fellowship Suppers or Prayer Breakfast during the month of July.

SAVE THE DATE

Fall Trip to Abingdon, Virginia

September 28-30

Join us for a couple of full days in Abingdon, Virginia, home of the Barter Theatre. We will be enjoying three plays, tour the Barter Theatre and have time to explore Abingdon and do a little shopping and sightseeing. The plays we will enjoy are “Sherlock Holmes and the American Problem”, “Clementine” and “The Music Man”. The cost is \$385 for double occupancy and \$495 for single. The cost includes hotel, bus, all meals and the entrance fee for the plays. Email Martha@vhbc.com to reserve your space.

Important Dates for Children

Tuesday, July 18, 9:00 a.m. All around Town with Miss Nancy for 6th Graders

Thursday, July 27, 9:00 a.m. All Around Town with Miss Nancy for 5th Graders

Sunday, Aug. 6, 10:00 a.m.,
Backpack Blessing in morning worship

Sunday, Aug. 13, **Promotion Day** in Sunday School at 8:45 with **Bible presentation to Kindergartners** in Worship, 10:00; **PS, Children’s Ministry Family & Teacher Lunch** 11:15

Wednesday, Aug. 16, **Children’s Music & Missions** groups begin

Worship Care Teachers for Today

Babies	Robin Cameron, Melissa McMurray
Ones	Alexa Brooks, Jennifer Carter
Preschool 2-3	Todd & Rachel Jordan
Preschool 4	Tommy & Erin Yeager
Kindergarten	John & Virginia Wood
Preschool Desk	Katherine Worley
Children’s Desk	Carol Smith

Holy, Holy, Holy

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1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! all the saints a - dore Thee,
 3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark-ness hide Thee,
 4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee;
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the eye of sin - ful man Thy glo - ry may not see;
 All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth and sky and sea;

ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim : fall - ing down be - fore Thee,
 on - ly Thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side Thee,
 ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in power, in love, and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

41 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment line on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

1. There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy, like the wide-ness of the sea;
 2. There is wel-come for the sin-ner, and more grac-es for the good;
 3. But we make His love too nar-row by false lim-its of our own;
 4. For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sure of the mind;
 5. If our love were but more sim-ple, we could take Him at His word;

there's a kind-ness in His jus-tice, which is more than lib-er-ty.
 there is mer-cy with the Sav-ior; there is heal-ing in His blood.
 and we mag-ni-fy His strict-ness with a zeal He will not own.
 and the heart of the E-ter-nal is most won-der-ful-ly kind.
 and our lives would be more lov-ing in the like-ness of our Lord.

WORDS: Frederick W. Faber, 1854
 MUSIC: Lizzie S. Tourjee, 1877

WELLESLEY
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My Jesus, I Love Thee

1. My Je - sus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine;
 2. I love Thee be - cause Thou hast first lov - ed me,
 3. In man - sions of glo - ry and end - less de - light,

for Thee, all the fol - lies of sin I re - sign;
 and pur - chased my par - don on Cal - va - ry's tree;
 I'll ev - er a - dore Thee in heav - en so bright;

my gra - cious Re - deem - er, my Sav - ior art Thou;
 I love Thee for wear - ing the thorns on Thy brow;
 and sing - ing Thy prais - es, be - fore Thee I'll bow;

if ev - er I loved Thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now.
 if ev - er I loved Thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now.
 if ev - er I loved Thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now.