

The Worship of God

Vestavia Hills Baptist Church

September 10, 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 "Prelude on 'Coronation'" Beth McGinnis
Jason Payne

Welcome to Worship Mike McBrayer

Call to Worship Mike McBrayer

One: Encourage one another to build up each other.

All: **Live in Peace with each other.**

One: You have heard it said, "You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy."

All: **But I say to you, "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you."**

One: For God makes the sun rise on the evil and on the good,
and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous.

***Hymn No. 698** "For the Healing of the Nation"
CWM Rhonda

Old Testament Reading Genesis 4: 8-16, 23-24 Luke McBrayer
(OT p.3 in pew Bible)

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

New Testament Reading 2 Corinthians 5: 16-21 Sara Grace Cameron
(NT p. 139 in pew Bible)

One: This is the gospel of Jesus Christ.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Call to Mission Mike McBrayer

Prayer Norfleete Day

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. 694 "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"
MORNING SONG

Offertory Prayer Carolyn Slappey

Offertory "If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee"
Arr. Emma Lou Diemer Beth McGinnis

*Presentation of the Offering "Doxology"
OLD HUNDREDTH

Please stand, face the cross, and sing as the ushers pass your pew:

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.

Pastoral Prayer Gary Furr

Anthem "The Last Words of David"
Randall Thompson Sanctuary Choir

He that ruleth over man must be just,
Ruling in the fear of God.
And he shall be like the light of the morning
When the sun riseth even a morning without clouds
as the tender grass springing out of the earth
by clear shining after rain. Alleluia, Amen

Sermon "What to Offer a Broken World"
Matthew 18:15-22 Gary Furr

*Hymn No. 272 "They'll Know We Are Christians"
ST. BRENDAN'S

Benediction Gary Furr

Postlude "God of Grace"
Paul Manz Beth McGinnis

The flowers today were arranged by Emily Armstrong, Elise Pittman and Libby Pittman.

Shillong Letter Exchange

Today we are highlighting the ministry of former member Awon Shanglai, who now serves in Shillong, India. As a part of the 2017 Unified Missions Offering, we are collecting an offering for Awon and the students to whom she ministers.

Awon is a trainer for Project Light, an ESL program utilizing a Christian curriculum. She also opens her home to provide housing and support to students from surrounding rural villages who are in the city of Shillong for education. Awon currently hosts 16 high school and college-aged students, supporting them in their studies as well as in their Christian discipleship.

Several of the students living with Awon are unable to cover their living expenses. As a part of our Unified Missions Offering, we are collecting funds to cover the expenses for those students lacking financial resources. We are also providing funds to equip a study room at Awon's home with desks and books.

In addition to the financial support, we have been invited to get to know the students through a letter writing exchange. Sunday School classes, RA and GA classes, or other groups who wish to participate will be paired up with a student. Over the course of this school year, groups will exchange three or four letters. Stop by the information table in the foyer to sign your group up for the Shillong Letter Exchange.

What's Next?

Provide Houston Flood Relief through VHBC

VHBC ministers in the wake of Hurricane Harvey

Our Missions Committee has identified two trustworthy organizations to which we will be sending immediate support through our Disaster Relief Fund. The **Houston Food Bank** has a history of providing disaster relief. The loss of food supplies has put many families in crisis. The Food Bank is a part of a network of partner agencies that can ensure food is getting to those who need it most. The **Texas Diaper Bank** will be meeting a critical need for countless families without the supplies needed to care for their infants.

You can donate money, payable to VHBC, through the church financial office or in the Disaster Relief Fund collection box in the church's foyer. You may designate to either organization named above, or make a general contribution. Undesignated contributions will be directed to the Houston Food Bank. Contact the church office for information. **Because of your wonderful generosity, our collection totals \$13,533 as of Friday morning.**

Today

Deacon Orientation
4:00 p.m. - Fireside Room

Deacons Meeting
5:00 p.m. - Adult Seminar Room

We Care Meeting

Tomorrow, 10:00 a.m.
Fireside Room

Mom's Brunch

Saturday, October 7, 9:30-11:00 a.m.
Children's Activity Room

A wonderful meal compliments of Nancy Akins and an uplifting message from Vickie Furr. *This is an occasion you won't want to miss!* RSVP with Nancy Akins for brunch & child care.

SEASON OF PRAYER FOR GLOBAL MISSIONS

Tuesday, September 12
11:30 a.m. in the Chapel

We begin our fall Season of Prayer for Global Missions. Dates are the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays: Sept. 12 and 26; Oct. 10 and 24; Nov. 14 and 28; and Dec. 12. Learn and pray with us at 11:30 a.m. in the Chapel, and bring your lunch for a time of fellowship afterward. Coffee, tea and water are provided.

Worship Care Teachers for Today

Babies
Ones

Preschool 2
Preschool 3-4
Kindergarten
Preschool Desk
Children's Desk

Sharon Hartzog, Jane Helms
Kevin Jaquess, Judy Schlegel
Ann Bush, Adam Pouncey
Todd & Rachel Jordan
Emily Farmer, Melissa Pouncey
Bob Lochamy
Janice Fulks

For the Healing of the Nations

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1. For the heal - ing of the na - tions, Lord, we pray with
 2. Lead us for - ward in - to free - dom; from de - spair Your
 3. All that kills a - bun - dant liv - ing, let it from the
 4. You, Cre - a - tor, God, have writ - ten Your great name on

one ac - cord; for a just and e - qual shar - ing
 world re - lease, that, re - deemed from war and ha - tred,
 earth be banned; pride of sta - tus, race, or school - ing,
 hu - man - kind; for our grow - ing in Your like - ness

of the things that earth af - fords; to a life of love in ac - tion
 all may come and go in peace. Show us how through care and good - ness
 dog - mas that ob - scure Your plan. In our com - mon quest for jus - tice
 bring the life of Christ to mind, that by our re - sponse and ser - vice

help us rise and pledge our word, help us rise and pledge our word.
 fear will die and hope in - crease, fear will die and hope in - crease.
 may we hal - low life's brief span, may we hal - low life's brief span.
 earth its des - ti - ny may find, earth its des - ti - ny may find.

WORDS: Fred Kaan, 1965

MUSIC: John Hughes, 1907

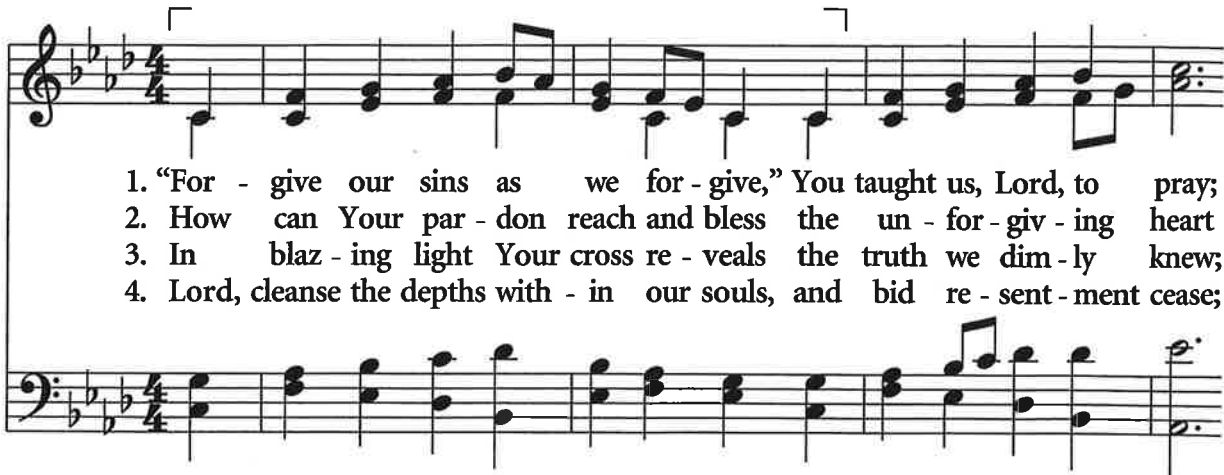
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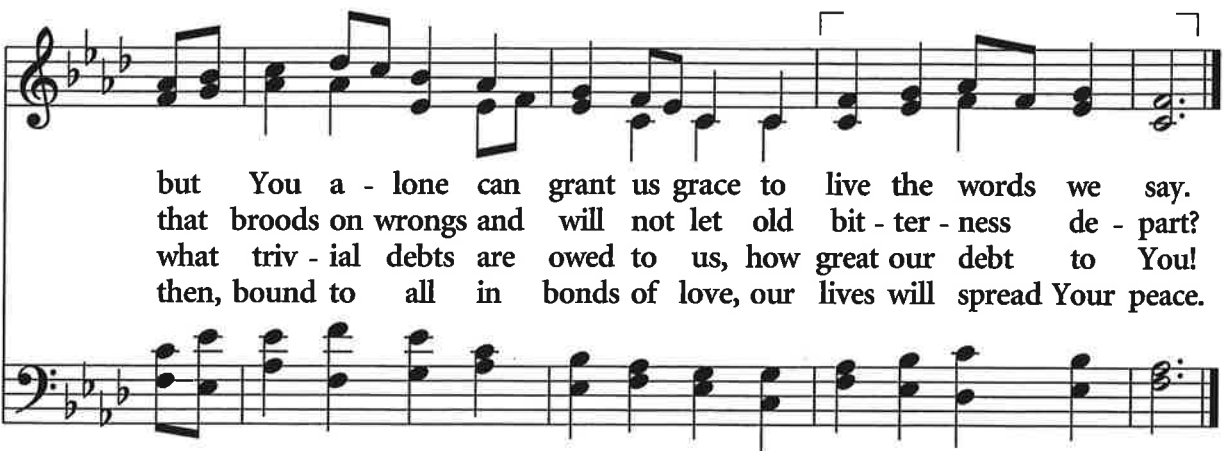
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Higher key, No. 161

694 Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive



1. "For - give our sins as we for - give," You taught us, Lord, to pray;
2. How can Your par - don reach and bless the un - for - giv - ing heart
3. In blaz - ing light Your cross re - veals the truth we dim - ly knew;
4. Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls, and bid re - sent - ment cease;



but You a - lone can grant us grace to live the words we say.
that broods on wrongs and will not let old bit - ter - ness de - part?
what triv - ial debts are owed to us, how great our debt to You!
then, bound to all in bonds of love, our lives will spread Your peace.

WORDS: Rosamond E. Herklots, 1966 (Matt. 6:12)

MORNING SONG

MUSIC: Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second*, 1813; harm. Donald Murphy, 2008

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Unison

1. We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord.
 2. We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand.
 3. We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side.
 4. All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come.

We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord.
 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand.
 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side.
 And all praise to Christ Je - sus, His on - ly Son.

And we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored.
 And to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land.
 And we'll guard each one's dig - ni - ty and save each one's pride.
 And all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one.

And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our

love. Yes, they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love.