

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF GENERAL TIME
JULY 2, 2017**

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting Time

Prelude **“America, The Beautiful”** **Jason King**

***Call to Worship:** *The Greatness and Goodness of God*

Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage.

The Lord looks down from heaven; he sees all humankind.
From where he sits enthroned he watches all the inhabitants of the earth –

He who fashions the hearts of them all, and observes all their deeds.

A king is not saved by his great army; a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.

The war horse is a vain hope for victory, and by its great might it cannot save.

Truly the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love, to deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.

Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and shield.
Psalm 33:12-20 (New Revised Standard Version)

***Song of Praise** **“My Country, ‘Tis of Thee”** **731**

***Invocational Prayer**

Song of Faith **“Battle Hymn of the Republic”** **730**

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

A Reading from the Old Testament **Genesis 28:20-22**

A Reading from the Apostles **Romans 6:12-23**

***Responsorial** **“America the Beautiful”** **727**

Community and Congregational Prayer – 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and glory, forever.

Invitation to the Offering & Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

Children’s Message (2nd Grade and younger to Junior Church)

***Scripture and Prayer of Illumination** **Genesis 28:20-21**

Message: **“Real Religion for Tough Times”**
Pastor Douglas Beyer

***Altar Call and Invitation to Faith and Fellowship**

“How Great Thou Art” **The Beyer Family**

THE SERVICE OF THE TABLE OF THE LORD

Invitation to the Lord’s Table – West Side Baptist Church practices *open communion*. This memorial meal is offered to all persons who profess faith in Jesus Christ and have been baptized. You do not need to be a member of this church to partake of the bread and cup. Please hold each gift until everyone is served, then we will feast together.

†Servers Prepare for the Table of the Lord

Communion Song **“Let Us Break Bread Together”** **699**

The Lord’s Supper – Breaking of Bread & Passing of the Cup

The Collection for the Saints and the Needy **Agape Fund**

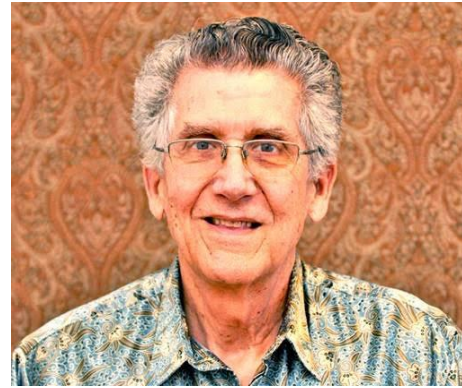
RESPONDING TO THE HOLY SPIRIT IN FAITH & SERVICE

***Altar Call of Invitation to Faith and Fellowship** – If the Spirit of God is moving you to receive God’s forgiving love in Jesus, calling you to follow Christ in the waters of baptism, or encouraging you to join this Christian Church, please come forward during this song.

***Song** **“Blest Be The Tie”** **393**

***Spoken Benediction**

***Postlude** **Fanfare on Mine Eyes Have seen the Glory,**
Matthew McConnell
*Please stand if able



THE AGAPE FUND COLLECTION – West Side Baptist Church receives a benevolence offering for the poor and needy the first Sunday of each month after the Lord’s Supper. These funds are generously shared with persons in the church and neighborhood who have financial need. Please see the Pastor, Church Office, or the Moderator to complete an Application for Assistance.

THE LORD’S SUPPER – West Side Baptist Church celebrates the Lord’s Supper (Holy Communion) on the first Sunday of each month. We practice “open communion.” This means we recognize the Table of the Lord does not belong to any church but solely to Jesus Christ. Therefore, any baptized Christian is welcome to receive the bread and the cup in this Christian church.

MISSION: The vision of West Side Baptist Church shall be that we commit ourselves to continual personal growth, reaching out to win and nurture others in the love of Jesus Christ



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