

# SECOND SUNDAY OF GENERAL TIME

## FATHER'S DAY

### June 18, 2017

#### WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

**In Preparation for Worship** – Jesus Christ's final words to the Apostle and Early Church were centered on missions, evangelism, and Christian education (Matthew 28:16-20). General Time (twenty-three weeks) is the long liturgical season when Christians focus on the spiritual and numerical growth of God's people.

#### Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting Time

**Prelude** "Thy Word" arr. Michael W. Smith

**\*Call to Worship:** *Giving Thanks to God our Helper*

Leader: What shall I return to the Lord for all his goodness to me?

**People:** I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

Psalm 116:12-14 (New International Version)

**\*Song of Praise** "The God of Abraham Praise" 16

**\*Invocational Prayer**

**Song of Faith** "Faith of Our Fathers" 530

#### THE SERVICE OF THE WORD OF THE LORD

**A Reading from the Old Testament** Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7

**A Reading from the Apostles** Romans 5:1-8

**\*Responsorial** "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" 734

**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.

**Mission Moment** *One Great Hour of Sharing Video*

**Invitation to the Offering & Prayer of Dedication**

**Offertory** "Angel's Song" arr. by Iouri Grichetchkine

**Children's Message** (2<sup>nd</sup> Grade and younger to Junior Church)

**\*Scripture and Prayer of Illumination** Matthew 9:35-10:23

**Message:** "The Harvest is Bigger than You Can Imagine"  
The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister

#### RESPONDING 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** "The Summons" 350

**\*Closing Prayer in Unison:**

For us you were born,

For us you healed, preached, taught, and died.

For us you rose again.

For us you sit at the Father's right hand and intercede.

All of this for us, even when we cannot understand it.

And so the word of Scripture is fulfilled:

we love because God first loved us.

—Scottish Book of Common Prayer,  
adapted from the French Reformed liturgy

**\*Spoken Benediction**

**\*Postlude** "Rejoice the Lord is King" Arr. by John Barr

\*Please stand if able

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**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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