

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SEPTEMBER 3, 2017

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Gathering Music Jan Mauck

Welcome and Greeting Time Brice Smith

Prelude "Majestic Voluntary in C" Michael Canales

*Call to Worship *Centering Prayer*

Holy Lord, Great King of the Universe, you heard Israel cry under the yoke of slavery.

Hear our cry, O Great I AM

Jesus Christ, you ransomed many with your death and resurrection.

Hear our cry, Risen Son of God.

Holy Spirit, you overcome evil with good and bring righteousness out of rebellion.

Hear our cry, Spirit of the Living God, unite your church in the bonds of peace.

From "Lightening from the East," by Timothy M. Slemmons

*Song of Praise "All People that On Earth Do Dwell" 661

*Invocational Prayer

Song of Faith "Better Is One Day" WT

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.

Chancel Choir Anthem "Holy Ground" Janet Nyfeler, Dir.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

A Reading from the Old Testament Exodus 3:1-15

A Reading from the Apostles Romans 12:9-21

*Responsorial "Go Down, Moses" 618

Invitation to the Offering & Prayer of Dedication

Offertory "Scriptural Reflection: Matthew 11:28"

Fenton Groden

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

*Scripture and Prayer of Illumination Matthew 16:21-28

Message: "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone"
The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister

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 "Communion Hymn (Behold the Lamb)"

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** **“Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said”** **351**

***Spoken Benediction**

***Postlude** **“A Festal Postlude”** **by John G. Barr**

*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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For those who want to save their life
will lose it,
and those who lose their life for my sake
will find it.

Matthew 16:25, NRSV

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