

LAITY SUNDAY OCTOBER 14, 2018

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Gathering and Prelude "We're Marching to Zion"

Jan Mauck, Pianist and Coordinator of Worship

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting Time Brice Smith

*Opening Song "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" 48

*Call to Worship: *The Living Stone and a Chosen People*

Come to Jesus Christ. He is the living stone that people have rejected, but which God has chosen and highly honored.

And now you are living stones that are being used to build a spiritual house. You are also a group of holy priests, and with the help of Jesus Christ you will offer sacrifices that please God.

It is just as God says in the Scriptures, "Look! I am placing in Zion a choice and precious cornerstone. No one who has faith in that one will be disappointed."

You are followers of the Lord, and that stone is precious to you.

Each of you has been blessed with one of God's many wonderful gifts to be used in the service of others.

So, use your gift well. If you have the gift of speaking, preach God's message. If you have the gift of helping others, do it with the strength that God supplies.

Everything should be done in a way that will bring honor to God because of Jesus Christ,

Who is glorious and powerful forever. Amen.

1 Peter 2:4-8; 4:10-11 (Contemporary English Version)

*Invocational Prayer

Song of Faith "For All the Saints" stanzas 1,2, & 6 528

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 the glory, forever.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

A Reading from the Old Testament Job 23-1-9, 16-17

A Reading from the Apostles Jan Mauck Hebrews 4:12-16

*A Reading from the Gospel Mark 10:17-31

*Responsorial "Step by Step" 494

Invitation & Dedication of Our Tithes, Gifts, and Offerings

Choir Offertory Special "I Am Bound for the Kingdom"
Arranged by Lloyd Larson Janet Nyfeler, Choir Director

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

The Message "Overcoming Our Own Stumbling Blocks"
The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister

RESPONDING TO THE LORD IN FAITH AND SERVICE

***Invitation to Christian Faith and Discipleship** – 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 "We Shall Overcome" stanzas 1,2,4, & 6 512

*Spoken Benediction

*Postlude "Celebration in G Major" by Shayla L. Blake
*Please stand if able

LAITY SUNDAY – American Baptists celebrate “Laity Sunday” on the second weekend in October to celebrate the foundational doctrine: “The Priesthood of All Believers.” We believe God calls, commissions, and equips all baptized Christians to use their unique talents and spiritual gifts of ministry for the evangelization of the world and the strengthening of the Church.



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.

WORSHIP LEADERS:

- Acolytes (October)** – Lonna Hersh and Macy Greuter
- Communion Servers (October)** – Jared Cripe, Molly Morris, Ernie and Judy Longstaff.
- Scripture Reader** – Jan Mauck and Nancy Cotrill
- Technology** – Mark Calloway, Tom Mansfield, Bruno Sprengs
- Ushers (October)** – Ernie Longstaff, Don Morris, Doug Mauck, and John Swain (Head Usher)

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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