The Worship of God
Sunday, July 14, 2019

The Serenity Prayer…Peace and Growth Never Happen Without Hardship Charles Poole quotes a friend who was bearing a heavy burden: "Hard things are hard. Sometimes life is just plain hard. You can't escape it or get around it; you just have to live through it. Hard things are hard." Yet, hear the good news from Frederick Buechner: "<u>The worst thing is never the last thing</u>." The Apostle Paul declares, under great hardship even when he despaired of life, we can, "Rely on the God, who raises the dead." Have you ever considered that admitting we are "helpless" could be a pathway to peace?

Prelude *What a Beautiful Name* Celebration Orchestra

Faces & Places of First Baptist Church

Welcome Becky Tucker

Time of Greeting *How Can I Keep from Singing*

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Congregational Call to Worship *O Worship the King* CH 104

Morning Prayer Becky Tucker

Children's Sermon Becky Tucker

Songs of Our Worship *Blessed Be Your Name*
You Are My King (Amazing Love)

God's Eternal Word for Us Today Avery New
II Corinthians 1:8-11; James 1:2-4
Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Offertory Prayer Samantha Joyce

Offertory *Helpless* Sanctuary Choir
Greg Young, soloist

Message from God's Word Phil Christopher
Accepting Hardship as the Pathway to Peace

Invitation *Lord, I Need You*

Continuing Acts of Worship John Moore

Recognition of Decisions Todd Wilson

Benediction *How Can I Keep from Singing*

Postlude *What a Beautiful Name* Celebration Orchestra

Instrumentalist: Beverly Warren, piano

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