

**The Worship of God  
Sunday, July 02, 2017**

**The island of Crete is in the Mediterranean Sea about 100 miles from Greece. Today, it is a beautiful tourist destination with lovely towns and beaches. In the first century, it might have been less desirable. Paul wrote a letter of encouragement to a young pastor named Titus. The words in the first chapter of the book, “For this reason I left you in Crete,” are the beginning of a long list of instruction to a son in the ministry. We sometimes can find ourselves facing a hard job. Other times we encounter people in need of encouragement. Perhaps you have been “left in Crete” because God is using you.**

**Faces & Places of First Baptist Church**

<b>Prelude</b>	<i>God of Our Fathers</i>	Celebration Orchestra
<b>Welcome</b>		Todd Wilson
<b>Time of Greeting</b>	<i>Great Are You Lord</i>	
<b>Lighting of the Christ Candle</b>		Todd Wilson
<b>Congregational Call to Worship</b>	<i>Speak to Me Come, Thou Almighty King</i>	CH 8
<b>Morning Prayer</b>		Todd Wilson
<b>Song of Worship</b>	<i>America, the Beautiful</i>	CH 799
<b>God’s Eternal Word for Us Today</b>	<i>Titus 3:1-8</i>	Leland Harden
	<i>Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God. Congregation: Thanks be to God.</i>	
<b>Offertory Prayer</b>		Elise Pryor-Harden
<b>Offertory</b>	<i>Praise You</i>	Sanctuary Choir
<b>Message from God’s Word</b>	<i>The Drum Beat of the Gospel</i>	C. V. Blake
<b>Invitation</b>	<i>Lord, I Need You</i>	
<b>Continuing Acts of Worship</b>		Becky Tucker
<b>Recognition of Decisions</b>		Cody Favor
<b>Benediction</b>	<i>How Can I Keep from Singing</i>	
<b>Postlude</b>	<i>God of Our Fathers</i>	Celebration Orchestra

*Instrumentalists: Beverly Warren, piano Hye-Jean Choi, organ*