

The Worship of God
Sunday, November 04, 2018

Coming Home to the Generosity of God...

We become like the Father as we become generous. Henri Nouwen writes: "In the parable of the Prodigal Son, the father not only gives his departing son everything he asks, but also showers him with gifts on his return. And to his elder son he says, 'All that I have is yours.'" There is nothing the father keeps for himself. He pours himself out for his two sons. As we prepare for worship, consider how the generosity of God calls us to generosity and gratitude.

Prelude *Jesus Messiah* Celebration Orchestra

Faces & Places of First Baptist Church

Welcome C. V. Blake

Time of Greeting *Living Hope*

Lighting of the Christ Candle C. V. Blake

Call to Worship *Crown Him (Majesty)*

Morning Prayer C. V. Blake

God's First Fruit Pies

Songs of Our Worship *Jesus Loves Me* CH 185
One Thing Remains

God's Eternal Word for Us Today *Luke 15:20-32* Lauren Parker
Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Offertory Prayer Evan Parker

Offertory *Come as You Are* Sanctuary Choir
Curtis Wilson, soloist

Message from God's Word Phil Christopher
The Case of the Elder Brother: "All I have is yours."

Invitation *Come Just As You Are* CH 481

Continuing Acts of Worship Mike Greenfield

Recognition of Decisions C. V. Blake

Benediction *Crown Him (Majesty)*

Postlude *Jesus Messiah* Celebration Orchestra

Instrumentalist: Sherry Frush, piano