

The Worship of God
Sunday, September 10, 2017

Forgiveness...the Ultimate Miracle

Gandhi said: "If we live by an 'eye for an eye' all of us will eventually be blind. The only way out is forgiveness." The weak and self-centered can never forgive. It takes heart and courage to forgive. Forgiveness is for those growing in grace and in the words of the Apostle Paul, "have given up childish ways."

Prelude *Mighty Fortress* Celebration Orchestra

Faces & Places of First Baptist Church

Welcome Meredith Stone

Time of Greeting *Great Are You Lord*

Lighting of the Christ Candle Meredith Stone
*We light this candle to remember Christ is present, no matter what we face,
and He is the source of forgiveness.*

Morning Prayer Meredith Stone

Congregational Call to Worship

*You're Worthy of My Praise
We Have Come to Join in Worship* CH 207
The children will join Becky Tucker on the steps during the final verse.

Children's Sermon Becky Tucker

First Grade Bible Presentation Matt Preston

Message in Song Ewan Wilson & Joel Murray

Song of Worship *At The Cross (Love Ran Red)*

God's Eternal Word for Us Today *Matthew 18:21-35* Marci Cole
*Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Congregation: Thanks be to God.*

Offertory Prayer Charlotte Darby

Offertory *Jesus Saves* Sanctuary Choir

Message from God's Word Phil Christopher
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Invitation *With All My Heart* CH 662
I Offer My Life CH 663

Continuing Acts of Worship Mike Greenfield

Recognition of Decisions C. V. Blake

Benediction *You're Worthy of My Praise*

Postlude *Mighty Fortress* Celebration Orchestra

Instrumentalist: Beverly Warren, piano Hye-Jean Choi, organ