

# Parables of Jesus

## *The Sixth Sunday of Easter*

**May 26, 2019**

**10:30 a.m.**

**Welcome to Worship**

Justin Safley

*We ring our church bell three times to call us into the worship of God,  
our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.*

**Prelude**

*Give Me Jesus*

arr. Carolyn Hamlin

**Meditation of Preparation**

Jesus was short on sermons, long on conversations; short on answers, long on questions; short on abstraction and propositions, long on stories and parables; short on telling you what to think, long on challenging you to think for yourself.

*~Brian D. McLaren*

**Invocation**

Suzanne Hooie

Worship does not happen apart from life. It stands at the very heart of life. It speaks of forgiveness, without which we cannot keep relationships. It speaks of support, without which we cannot reach fulfillment. It speaks of healing, without which life becomes constant agony. To have no need of these is to have no need of life. May we celebrate life together through our worship.

## Call to Worship

### **The kingdom of God is here—and coming.**

A mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.

### **The kingdom of God is here—and coming.**

Yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all was leavened.

### **The kingdom of God is here—and coming.**

Treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then joyfully sells all he has and buys the field.

### **The kingdom of God is here—and coming.**

A merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one of great value, sells all of his possessions and buys the pearl.

### **The kingdom of God is here—and coming.**

Let all who have ears—hear.

### **\*A Hymn of Praise No. 2**

*Come, Thou Almighty King*

ITALIAN HYMN

### **Scripture Reading**

Psalm 66:1-4

Kristina Callaway

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Message in Song**

*In Every Land Begin the Song*  
Summer Choir

Joseph Martin

In every land begin the song, let alleluias fill the air.  
Sing praise to Whom all praise belongs, a song of joy declare.

*God's love all love excelling, God's love is ever sure. God's love is never failing,  
Love transcending, never ending, every land begin the song.*

In every church begin the song, let alleluias fill the air.  
Sing praise to God with voices strong, your song of joy declare.

In every heart begin the song. Let alleluias fill the air.  
Sing out the truth and right the wrong; God's wondrous love declare.

### **\*A Hymn of Praise No. 26**

*God of Creation, All-Powerful*

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*During the last stanza of this hymn, children are invited to  
come forward for the Children's Sermon.*

### **Children's Sermon**

Jonathan Barlow

### **Message in Song**

*The Lord's Prayer*  
Tommy Deal

Albert Hay Malotte

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name.  
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil:

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever, Amen.

### ***Come Thou Almighty King***

Originally entitled "A Hymn to the Trinity," this anonymous hymn devotes one stanza each to God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; and concludes with a trinitarian doxology. God the Father is the Almighty King, the Ancient of Days, or Eternal One (Daniel 7:9). God the Son is the Incarnate Word (John 14:26). God the Spirit is the Holy Comforter (John 1:1-18), the Spirit of power (Acts 1:8). Each member of the Trinity is petitioned as one who empowers our worship: Father, help us to praise; Jesus, attend our prayer; Spirit, descend on us, bear Your sacred witness, rule in every heart, and never depart from us. Come, let us "ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name" (Psalm 29:2).

### ***God of Creation, All-Powerful***

Few things are as universally awe-inspiring as God's creation. The more we learn of the complexity of nature, the more the Christian sees all of creation as an encompassing call to worship. From the infinitesimal to the astronomical, every nature hike, scientific discovery, and glance into the night sky acquaints us with the "Lord of the universe rich with surprise."

Surely a great surprise is to find that the God, who created curvaceous killer whales and gave motion to molecules, hears us when we call. If there is any doubt that this is the case, Margaret Clarkson reminds us in this hymn of God's faithfulness to respond to the needs and cry of humanity throughout the ages.

Clarkson invites us not just to worship what God has done for our ancestors, but also to trust that God meets us this day ready to transform us in our pain. For this we shall sing, "Now and forever Your name be adored!"

***I Surrender All***  
 Judson VanDeVenter was by vocation an art teacher when he was challenged during an evangelistic meeting to commit his life totally to Christian service. For five years he vacillated between his two interests. He later recalled, "I had struggled between developing my talents in the field of art and going into full-time evangelistic work. At last the pivotal hour of my life came, and I surrendered all." The hymn was written as he remembered that point in time when he committed all his time and energy to active Christian service.

**The Sermon**                      **Hidden Treasures and Expensive Pearls**                      Jonathan Barlow  
**Matthew 13:44-46 (Pew Bible page 795)**

**\*A Hymn of Response No. 499**                      *I Surrender All*                      SURRENDER

**Offertory Prayer**                      Scott Andersen

**Offertory**                      *You Are My All in All*                      arr. Douglas Wagner

**\*Presentation to God**                      *Doxology*                      OLD HUNDREDTH  
 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
 Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
 Praise Him, above ye heavenly host;  
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**\*Benediction**                      Jonathan Barlow

**\*Postlude**                      *Glorious Is Thy Name*                      arr. Anna Laura Page

*\*Congregation please stand as able.*

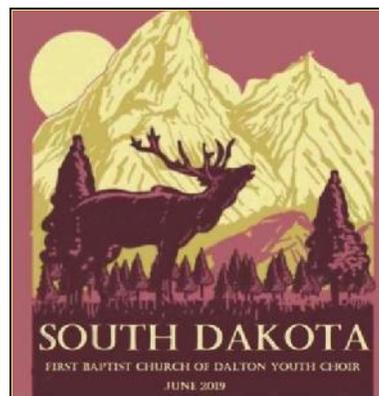
**INSTRUMENTALISTS**

Patti Cannon                      Sandra Blackwell  
 Piano                      Organ

*Our prayer partners in worship today are Jim Bennett and Jonathan Rackley.*

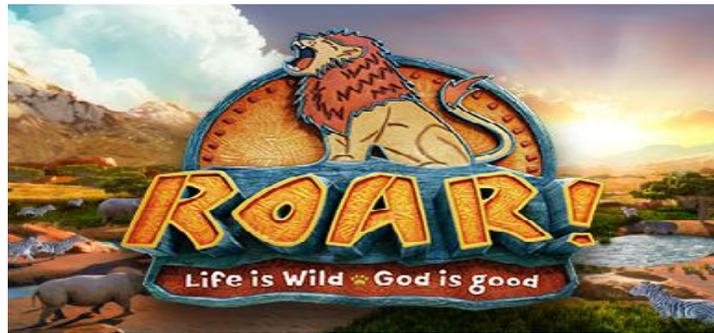
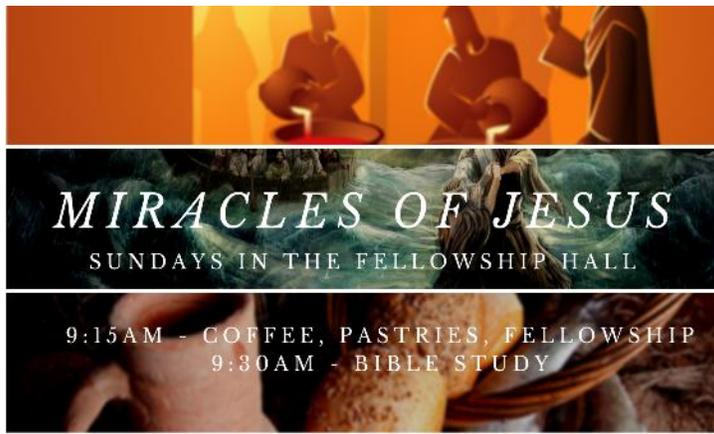
*The bell ringer in worship today is Avaya Warmack.*

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given in memory of Dr. Derrell Roberts  
 by Leta Faye Roberts and the girls.*



**Please pray for our  
 Youth Choir Mission Trip  
 June 1-8**

We will commission the  
 Youth Choir Mission trip at the  
 Sneak Preview Concert in the  
 Sanctuary on Wednesday,  
 May 29, at 6:00 p.m.



**Save the Date**  
 Vacation Bible School  
 July 15-18 9am-12pm  
 Visit our website to register online.

## Serving Beyond Opportunities in June

**Book Blast:** FBCD is a sponsor for this event celebrating and encouraging literacy on June 1, at Burr Park. Volunteers are needed for the Strolling Thunder Walk at 1:30 and the Community Book Blast from 2:30-4:30.

**Beechland Bookworms:** FBCD will be hosting story time for children at Beechland during DPS Summer Free Lunch Program. We will meet each Monday from 11:30-1:00 at the Beechland Roundhouse to have story time and give books to the children in the community. The dates are June 2, 10, 17, and 24. This is a great activity to include your children and grandchildren.

**Women's Enrichment Center:** We are hosting a diaper and wipe drive for this center that provides emotional help and parenting resources to those in need. Please bring diapers in any size and/or wipes to the collection box at the Missions Kiosk during the month of June.

**Compassion House Family Fun Fest:** June 1 and 2 at Cherokee Farms. Volunteers are needed for this event for foster/healing families as they enjoy lots of fun activities, camping, and concerts. You may volunteer for part of either day.

**Soul Food:** Join us around the table for a meal on June 4 and 18 from 4:30-6:30.

*If you are interested in serving in one of the opportunities listed above, please contact Suzanne Hooie at 706-271-6585.*

<i>This Week</i> at First Baptist	<b>Monday, May 27</b> Church Offices Closed 8:00 a.m. Youth Whitewater Event	<b>Friday, May 31</b> 7:30 p.m. Arabic Congregation/Chapel
	<b>Tuesday, May 28</b> 6:00 p.m. New Horizons/**FH	<b>Saturday, June 1</b> 4:30 p.m. Youth Mission Trip to South Dakota Departs
<b>Sunday, May 26</b> 9:15 a.m. Churchwide Gathering 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship/Sanctuary 5:00 p.m. South Dakota Choir Rehearsal/*MS	<b>Wednesday, May 29</b> 6:00 p.m. South Dakota Mission Trip Preview Concert/Sanctuary	*Music Suite ** Fellowship Hall
	<b>Thursday, May 30</b> 7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast/Oakwood 9:00 a.m. Choir Perfect Attendance Mayfield Trip	

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