

First Baptist Church at Worship

January 10, 2021
Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

The Baptism of the Lord

Call to Worship

Alex Lockridge

*In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth,
the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep,
while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said,*

“Let there be light”

*and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated
the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness Night.
And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.*

- from Genesis 1

Hymn

God of Dawn, Each Day's Renewal

HYFRYDOL

*God of dawn, each day's renewal brings the world into Your light.
As Your sun defeats the shadows, drives away the darkest night:
We would greet this new beginning as Your call to start again,
Lead us on with hope and courage, make Your will and purpose plain.
Christ, You walked the world as we do, knew its human pain and loss.
As Your love broke through the barriers, by Your death upon the cross;
We would speak Your gospel message, though two thousand years have gone.
Help us now translate its meaning in the present world of wrong.
Holy Spirit, inspiration, light and truth and root of prayer,
As Your challenge moves us forward taking us we know not where:
We will follow Your direction, though the way may not be clear.
Shape us, change us, recreate us, so the future holds no fear.*

- Marjorie Dobson

A Moment for Children

Jefferson Calico

from Mark 1

Hymn

When Jesus Was Baptized by John

KINGSFOLD

*When Jesus was baptized by John, the sky was torn apart.
The Spirit, like a dove, came down and fell upon his heart.
As he rose from that desert spring, a voice from heaven cried:
“You are my Son, beloved One, my Chosen One, my pride.”*

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*Thus, Jesus heard his call from God and, gifted with God's grace,
Began to spread the light of love in every darkened place.
He healed the sick, the blind, the lame; the broken, contrite heart.
He called for justice for the poor and all those set apart.
Like Jesus, we have been baptized, accepted as God's own,
And in that holy ordinance our mission was made known.
The Risen Christ lives on in us, his body here on earth,
And we are instruments of grace to give God's light new birth.*

- Mary Nelson Keithan, alt.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles
from Acts 19

Paul Sims

Sermon

"Let There Be Light"

Alex Lockridge

Response

This Little Light of Mine

setting by Moses Hogan

Paul Sims

*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
All through the night, I'm gonna let it shine.
My God gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine.*

- African American spiritual

Prayers of the People

Alex Lockridge

The Lord's Prayer

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the
kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

Response

HYFRYDOL

*Praise to God, who spoke creation, giving life to time and space.
Praise to Christ, whose living presence showed the world Your human face.
Praise the Spirit, daily witness to Your ever-loving way.
Take us now and reawake us, challenge us to use this day. Amen.*

- Marjorie Dobson

Benediction

Alex Lockridge

*May God bless you with the presence of the creating Spirit,
Who wraps you with light, scattering your night with day!
And may God bless you with the presence of the sustaining Spirit,
Who fills your hearts with love, bringing sunrise to troubled night.
Let there be morning. Let there be light! Amen.*

The flowers that grace our sanctuary are given in loving memory of
E. R. Hopper, Jr.
in commemoration of his January 6 birthday
by
Billie Hopper Poynter and family

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"God of Dawn, Each Day's Renewal," Marjorie Dobson.
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