

First Baptist Church at Worship

January 17, 2021
Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

The Second Sunday after Epiphany

Greeting and Call to Worship

Alex Lockridge

Having known us from the very beginning, God shapes us still, saying:

“Come and see. Follow Me.”

God calls us ever deeper into the mystery of faith, saying:

“Come and see. Follow Me.”

God seeks our service, with the gifts that we have to give, saying:

“Come and see. Follow Me.”

God uses our ordinary gifts and our everyday lives, saying:

“Come and see. Follow Me.”

Hymn

Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

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Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim, and publish abroad his wonderful name.

The name all victorious of Jesus extol; his kingdom is glorious and rules over all.

God ruleth on high, almighty to save, and still he is nigh, his presence we have;

The great congregation his triumph shall sing, ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.

“Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!” let all cry aloud and honor the Son;

The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim, fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore and give him his right, all glory and power, all wisdom and might;

All honor and blessing with angels above, and thanks never ceasing and infinite love.

- Charles Wesley

A Moment for Children

Alice Tremaine

from I Samuel 3

Psalm 139

setting by Allen Pote

sung by members of The Sanctuary Choir; Donna Davis, accompanist

Lord, You have searched me and known me, You know everything I do.

When I rise up, when I lie down, You are with me through and through.

Before a word is on my tongue, You know what I will say,

Your presence follows me day by day.

Where can I flee from Your spirit? Where can I go to run away?

If I go to heaven, or live in hell, You are there.

Search me, O God, and know me, try me and know my heart.

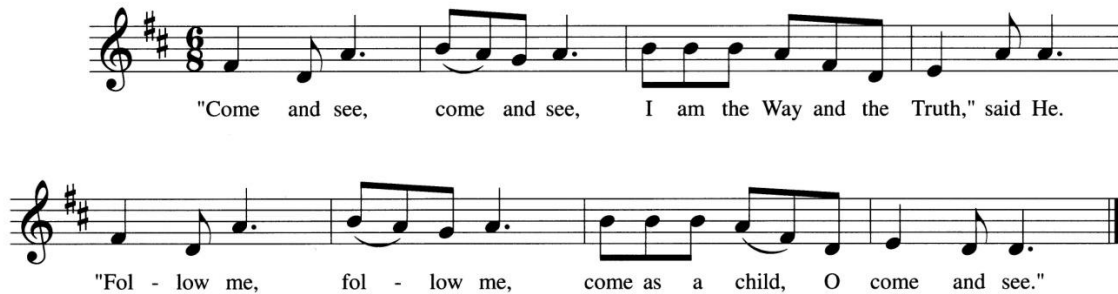
See if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. Amen.

A Reading from the Gospels
John 1:43-51

Paul Sims

Response

by Marilyn Houser Hamm



"Come and see, come and see, I am the Way and the Truth," said He.
"Fol - low me, fol - low me, come as a child, O come and see."

Sermon

"Come and See"

Alex Lockridge

Hymn

The Love of Jesus Calls Us

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*The love of Jesus calls us our joyous praise to sing;
Our deeply felt thanksgivings we now together bring,
For all God's many blessings, unasked yet still received,
And for the generations who faithfully believed.
The love of Jesus calls us to go where he would go,
To challenge all that limits, to change, to learn, to grow,
To know that Christ has freed us, that prisons are no more;
For those who seek the kingdom, Christ opens every door.
The love of Jesus calls us in swiftly changing days,
To be God's co-creators in new and wondrous ways;
That God with men and women may so transform the earth,
That love and peace and justice may give God's kingdom birth.*

- Herbert O'Driscoll

Prayers of the People

Alice Tremaine

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.*

Spiritual

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

by Wendell Whalum

The musical notation is written on a single treble clef staff in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of three lines of music. The lyrics are: "I'm gon-na live so _____ God can use me _____ an-y - where, Lord, _____ an-y time! _____ I'm gon-na live so _____ God can use me _____ an - y - where, Lord, _____ an - y time! _____".

I'm gonna work.... I'm gonna pray.... I'm gonna sing....

Benediction

Alex Lockridge

Here we are, Lord.

Like the young Samuel ministering in the temple, we are ready to serve.

Like Jesus' first disciples, we are ready to follow.

Here we are, Lord. We have heard Your call.

*Now, with the presence of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit,
may we carry God's call into the world. Amen.*