

# First Baptist Church at Worship

January 31, 2021  
Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

## The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

### Greeting and Call to Worship

Alex Lockridge

*Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,  
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.*

***Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.***

*Full of honor and majesty is God's work; God's righteousness endures forever.*

***God sent redemption to his people; God's covenant is forever.***

*The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, giving all a good understanding.*

***God's praise endures forever.***

- from Psalm 111

### Hymn

#### *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

NETTLETON

***Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;***

***Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise:***

***Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;***

***Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of Thy redeeming love.***

***Here I raise mine Ebenezer; hither by Thy help I'm come;***

***And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home:***

***Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;***

***He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.***

***O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!***

***Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee:***

***Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;***

***Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.***

- Robert Robinson

### A Moment for Children

Alice Tremaine

from I Corinthians 8

Hymn

*I Would Be True*

LONDONDERRY AIR

*I would be true, for there are those who trust me;  
I would be pure, for there are those who care;  
I would be strong, for there is much to suffer;  
I would be brave, for there is much to dare.  
I would be friend to all – the foe, the friendless;  
I would be giving, and forget the gift;  
I would be humble, for I know my weakness;  
I would look up, and laugh, and love, and lift.*

- Howard A. Walter

A Reading from the Gospels

Paul Sims

Mark 1:21-28

Hymn

*Silence! Frenzied, Unclean Spirit*

BEACH SPRING

*“Silence! Frenzied, unclean spirit,” cried God’s healing, Holy One.  
“Cease your ranting! Flesh can’t bear it. Flee as night before the sun.”  
At Christ’s voice the demon trembled, from its victim madly rushed,  
While the crowd that was assembled stood in wonder, stunned, and hushed.  
Lord, the demons still are thriving in the gray cells of the mind:  
Tyrant voices, shrill and driving, twisted thoughts that grip and bind,  
Doubts that stir the heart to panic, fears distorting reason’s sight,  
Guilt that makes our loving frantic, dreams that cloud the soul with fright.  
Silence, Lord, the unclean spirit, in our mind and in our heart.  
Speak Your word that when we hear it all our demons shall depart.  
Clear our thoughts and calm our feeling; still the fractured, warring soul.  
By the power of Your healing make us faithful, true, and whole.*

- Thomas H. Troeger

Sermon

“Gospel Authority”

Alex Lockridge

Hymn

*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

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*O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer’s praise,  
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace.  
My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of Thy name.  
He speaks, and listening to his voice, new life the dead receive;  
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.  
To God all glory, praise, and love be ever, ever given  
By saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.*

- Charles Wesley

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.*

Hymn

*Blessed Be the Name*

BLESSED NAME

*O for a thousand tongues to sing, **blessed be the name of the Lord!***

*The glories of my God and King, **blessed be the name of the Lord!***

*Jesus, the name that calms my fears, **blessed be the name of the Lord!***

*'Tis music in the sinner's ears, **blessed be the name of the Lord!***

*He breaks the power of canceled sin, **blessed be the name of the Lord!***

*His blood can make the foulest clean, **blessed be the name of the Lord!***

*I never shall forget that day, **blessed be the name of the Lord!***

*When Jesus washed my sins away, **blessed be the name of the Lord!***

- Charles Wesley; Ralph E. Hudson

Benediction

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