

First Baptist Church at Worship

October 11, 2020

Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Greeting and Call to Worship

Alex Lockridge

Who can tell of God's wonderful workings in our world?

Those who know they have been blessed beyond their wildest imaginations.

Who can sing God's praises to everyone they meet?

Those who have not forgotten the joy of God's never-ending love in their lives.

Who can rejoice in God's presence, this day, and all the days to come?

Those who seek to grow in faith; those who seek to share their gifts with God's people.

- based on Philippians 4:1-9

Hymn

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

MARION

Rejoice, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks and sing!

Your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks and sing!

With voices full and strong as ocean's surging praise,

Send forth the sturdy hymns of old, the psalms of ancient days.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks and sing!

Yes, on through life's long path, still chanting as ye go,

From youth to age, by night and day, in gladness and in woe.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks and sing!

At last the march shall end; the wearied ones shall rest;

The pilgrims find their home at last, Jerusalem the blest.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks and sing!

- Edward Plumptre

A Moment for Children

Jefferson Calico

from Exodus 32

Psalm 106

setting by Hal Hopson



O Lord, still guide us on our way; be our hope and stay.

Remember us, Lord; show Your favor to Your people and deliver us.

Let us rejoice in being Your chosen people, heirs of Your covenant.

Like our ancestors, we have sinned, we have sinned against You!

*Like our ancestors in Egypt, we did not understand Your marvelous deeds. **REFRAIN***

*Our ancestors made a calf at Horeb; they bowed down and worshipped it.
They exchanged You, O God, for a grass-eating idol.
They forgot the God who had saved them –
You, their God, who had done great things! REFRAIN*
*Our ancestors did not remember the abundance of Your steadfast love.
They forgot Your amazing deeds at the Red Sea.
You would have destroyed them had it not been for Moses,
Who stood alone before You, turning back Your wrath. REFRAIN*

A Reading from the Gospels
from Matthew 22

Paul Sims

Sermon

“Dress Your Best”

Alex Lockridge

Hymn

The Kingdom of God Is Justice and Joy

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*The kingdom of God is justice and joy;
For Jesus restores what sin would destroy.
God’s power and glory in Jesus we know,
And here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.
The kingdom of God is mercy and grace;
The captives are freed, the sinners find place.
The outcasts are welcomed God’s banquet to share,
And hope is awakened in place of despair.
The kingdom of God is challenge and choice;
Believe the good news, repent and rejoice!
His love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross,
Our crisis of judgment for gain or for loss.
God’s kingdom is come, the gift and the goal;
In Jesus begun, in heaven made whole.
The heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call,
And all things cry “Glory!” to God All-in-all.*

- Bryn Austin Rees

Prayers of the People

Jefferson Calico

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

They'll Know We Are Christians

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*We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord.
We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord.
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored. REFRAIN
 We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand.
 We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand.
 And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land. REFRAIN
We will work with each other; we will work side by side.
We will work with each other; we will work side by side.
And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride. REFRAIN
 All praise to the Father, from whom all things come.
 And all praise to Christ Jesus, his only Son.
 And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one. REFRAIN
REFRAIN And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.
 Yes, they'll know we are Christian by our love.*

- Peter Scholtes

Benediction

Alex Lockridge

*You are children of God.
 We will rejoice always; we will pray continually.
You are disciples of Christ.
 We are called to be caught in acts of stewardship.
You are heirs of the Spirit.
 We will keep on doing the things we have learned
 and received and heard and seen. Amen.*

- based on Philippians 4:1-9

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