

First Baptist Church at Worship

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

The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering

Organ Voluntary

*Fairest Lord Jesus**

setting by Dale Wood

Greeting and Call to Worship

Alex Lockridge

*The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.*

And also with you.

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We gather to worship God,
**who stretched the heavens like a tent
and set the earth on its foundations.**

We gather to worship God,
**who rides the winds like a chariot
and wears light as a garment.**

We gather to worship God,
**who suffered for the sake of our lives
and offers us life abundant.**

Hymn 52

O Worship the King

*LYONS

Prayer of Confession

Paul Sims

Act of Praise

GOD OF GREAT AND SMALL

during the singing of the Act of Praise, children are invited to the chancel for the Children's Moment



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, praise be to Your name.

God of great and God of small, God of one and God of all,

God of weak and God of strong, God to whom all things belong, REFRAIN

God of land and sky and sea, God of life and destiny,

God of never-ending power, yet beside me every hour, REFRAIN

God of silence, God of sound, God by whom the lost are found,

God of day and darkest night, God whose love turns wrong to right, REFRAIN

God of heaven and God of earth, God of death and God of birth,

God of now and days before, God who reigns forevermore. REFRAIN

- Natalie Sleeth

Proclaiming

A Moment for Children

Jeremiah Banks

A Reading from Hebrew Scripture

Alex Lockridge

Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind: “Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me. Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy? Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb?— when I made the clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band, and prescribed bounds for it, and set bars and doors, and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stopped?’”

- Job 38:1-11

Psalm 104

by Hal Hopson

O Lord, send down Your Spir - it, and make us new a - gain.

Lord, how great You are! How beautiful the world You made.

The moon and stars on high, the flowers and the hills,

O God, You made them all, they still are in Your hand. REFRAIN

Lord, we bless Your name, Your glory shout forevermore.

You feed us by Your hand, You guide us by Your love,

I'll sing my whole life long, and You will be my song. REFRAIN

A Reading from the Gospels

Paul Sims

Mark 10:35-45

Gospel Song

“Are Ye Able,” Said the Master

BEACON HILL

"Lord, we are a - ble," our spir - its are Thine, Re - mold them,
make us like Thee, di - vine: Thy guid - ing ra-diance a - bove us shall
be a bea - con to God, to faith and loy - al - ty.

“Are ye able,” said the Master, “to be crucified with me?”

“Yea,” the sturdy dreamers answered, “to the death we follow Thee.” REFRAIN

“Are ye able?” still the Master whispers down eternity,

And today’s disciples answer, now, as then in Galilee, REFRAIN

- Earl Marlatt

Sermon

“When God Speaks”

Alex Lockridge

Responding

Hymn

God of Dawn, Each Day's Renewal

*HYFRYDOL

If you desire to become a follower of Christ or if you wish to present yourself for membership today, please come to the front of the sanctuary during the hymn and a minister will receive you. You are welcome here.

*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 still speak Your gospel message, though two thousand years have gone.
Help us now translate its meaning in this 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.*

*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.*

- Marjorie Dobson

Prayers of the People

Jeremiah Banks

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.*

Sending

Hymn 323

How Great Thou Art

*OSTORE GUD

Commission and Blessing

Alex Lockridge

*Go from this place, strengthened in your inner being.
Be established in faith, so that everyone you meet
may be touched by God's love, as you serve one another
in the humility and grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.*

Organ Postlude

Voluntary on LYONS

by Neil Harmon

Carolyn Garr, cantor

*The flowers that grace our sanctuary are given in memory of
my sisters, brothers, and nephew*

Princess Vermillion McBurney, Mary Nancy V. Messer,
U.S. Vermillion, Jr., Jack Vermillion, Dick Vermillion,
C.D. Vermillion, and Bobby Lee McBurney

by

Barbara Vermillion Adkins

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