

# First Baptist Church at Worship

October 3, 2021

Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

## Gathering

Organ Voluntary      *If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee*      by Robert Powell

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 as the people of God.*

***We have come from east and west  
and north and south to worship God together.***

*We gather as the people of God.*

***We are young and old,  
we are women and men, boys and girls,  
and we are here to worship God together.***

*We gather as the people of God.*

***In our diversity we gather,  
in our unity we worship and are one.***

*Together let us worship God, for God is here!*

Hymn 298      *God Is Here!*      \*ABBOT'S LEIGH

Prayer of Confession      Paul Sims

Response      CHILDREN

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

***Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world.  
Every color, every race, all are covered by his grace;  
Jesus loves the little children of the world.***

- C H. Woolston; alt.

# Proclaiming

A Moment for Children

Jeremiah Banks

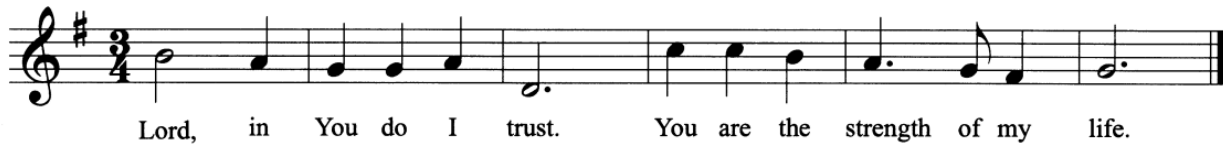
A Reading from Hebrew Scripture

Alex Lockridge

Job 1:1; 2:1-10

Psalm 26

setting by Hal H. Hopson



*You are my judge, O Lord, my God, for I have walked among the just;  
With constant faith, I shall not fall, for always You have been my trust. **REFRAIN**  
Test me, O Lord, before Your sight; my heart's deep secrets now reveal;  
And for the wrongs which mar my cause, to Your great mercy, I appeal. **REFRAIN**  
I flee from empty boasts of pride, and shun the dismal haunts of woe;  
Their evil threats, my path would spurn; Your truth, my light, where'er I go. **REFRAIN***  
- Michael Morgan, alt.

A Reading from the Gospels

Paul Sims

Mark 10:2-16

Hymn

*Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness*

\*NETTLETON

*Praise the One who breaks the darkness with a liberating light;  
Praise the One who frees the prisoners, turning blindness into sight.  
Praise the One who preached the Gospel, healing every dread disease,  
Calming storms, and feeding thousands with the very Bread of peace.  
Praise the One who blessed the children with a strong, yet gentle, word;  
Praise the One who drove out demons with the piercing, two-edged sword.  
Praise the One who brings cool water to the desert's burning sand;  
From this well comes living water, quenching thirst in every land.  
Let us praise the Word Incarnate, Christ, who suffered in our place.  
Jesus died and rose victorious that we all may know God's grace.  
Let us sing for joy and gladness, seeing what our God has done;  
Let us praise the true Redeemer, praise the One who makes us one.*

- Rusty Edwards

Sermon

"Unorthodox Orthopraxy"

Alex Lockridge

# Responding

Hymn

*I Come with Joy*

\*LAND OF REST

*I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved and free,  
The life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me.  
I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,  
The new community of love in Christ's communion bread.  
As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud division ends.  
The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends.  
Together met, together bound by all that God has done,  
We'll go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us one.*

- Brian Wren

The Celebration of Communion

Alex Lockridge and Paul Sims

# Sending

Hymn

*When the Lord Redeems the Very Least*

I'LL FLY AWAY

*When the Lord redeems the very least, we will rejoice.  
When the hungry gather for the feast, we will rejoice.  
We will rejoice with gladness. We will rejoice.  
All our days we'll sing to God in praise. We will rejoice.  
When the Lord restores the sick and weak, we will rejoice.  
When the earth is given to the meek, we will rejoice.  
We will rejoice with gladness. We will rejoice.  
All our days we'll sing to God in praise. We will rejoice.  
When the Lord revives the world from death, we will rejoice.  
When the word of God fills every breath, we will rejoice.  
We will rejoice with gladness. We will rejoice.  
All our days we'll sing to God in praise. We will rejoice.*

- Sylvia Dunstan

Commission and Blessing

Alex Lockridge and Jeremiah Banks

*Go now and welcome the signs of God's kingdom,  
Walk boldly in God's strength,  
and live in the joyous simplicity of children.  
And may God rescue you and be gracious to you.  
May Christ Jesus welcome you as his brothers and sisters.  
and may the Holy Spirit give you the courage and strength to live with integrity. Amen.*

Organ Postlude

*In Christ, There Is No East or West*

setting by Dale Wood

Carolyn Garr, cantor

*The flowers that grace our sanctuary are given in memory of*  
*Mom and Dad,*  
**Lydia and Hubert Wells**  
*by their family*

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