

First Baptist Church at Worship

October 4, 2020

Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Greeting and Call to Worship

Alex Lockridge

Brothers and sisters, the whole law is summed up in a single commandment:

“You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

So let us live by God’s Spirit of love.

***The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness,
generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.***

Let us worship God.

- from Galatians 5

Hymn

The Church’s One Foundation

AURELIA

The church’s one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;

She is his new creation, by Spirit and the word;

From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride,

With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Though with a scornful wonder we see her sore oppressed,

By schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed;

Yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up, “How long?”

And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

Elect from every nation, yet one o’er all the earth,

Her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;

One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,

And to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

- Samuel Stone

A Reading from Hebrew Scripture

Alex Lockridge

from Isaiah 5

Psalm 80

setting by Hal Hopson

God of love, come and help us, Lord, hear our prayer.

O Shepherd, hear and lead Your flock, as lambs, we crave Your care;

What strength from You can earth afford, what mercies can compare? REFRAIN

Our selfish prayers deserve Your wrath, our pride, a sudden burst;

We have but stones to serve as bread, and tears to quell our thirst. REFRAIN

Restore to us a saving faith, the radiance of Your face

To lighten, to reveal the gift of Your redeeming grace. REFRAIN

- Michael Morgan

A Reading from the Gospels
from Matthew 21

Paul Sims

Sermon

“Wild Grapes”

Alex Lockridge

Hymn

Mighty God Who Called Creation

BEACH SPRING

*Mighty God who called creation from the unformed womb of space,
Newborn worlds of gleaming glory, fresh with hope and ripe with grace:
Speak again with pow'r and promise when the storms of fear increase;
To our chaos and confusion let Your light and truth bring peace.*

*As we worship may Your Spirit breathe through us the pow'r of prayer,
Words of life for daily living, strength to do and faith to dare.
Come, enflame us with Your Spirit, like the church at Pentecost:
Help us bear the light of blessing to the least, the last, the lost.*

*Rooted in the love of Jesus, nourished by his flesh and blood,
May we prove a fruitful vineyard joined in mutual servanthood.
Work through us, O risen Savior, to reap peace from fields of strife;
Bring our barren wastes to blossom; lead us out of death to life.*

*Keep us faithful, joyful, loving, filled with hope through grief and pain,
Knowing that the One who made us has redeemed and will sustain:
Triune God, of boundless glory, yet in human form made known,
Raise us up to be a people called by love to be Your own.*

- Carl P. Daw, Jr.

Invitation to the Table

Alex Lockridge & Paul Sims

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(the Invitation to the Table continues)

*... Give us strength to serve You faithfully until the promised day
of resurrection, when with the redeemed of all the ages we will
feast with You at Your table in glory. Amen.*

The Communion of the People

The Peace

Paul Sims

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Spiritual

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

I'M GONNA LIVE

I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna work

I'm gonna pray

I'm gonna sing

Benediction

Alex Lockridge

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Let us live by the Spirit.

- from Galatians 5

Carolyn Garr, Ed Garr, Ann Hacker, and Pat Parkey – singers

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