

First Baptist Church at Worship

November 8, 2020
Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

Greeting and Call to Worship

Alex Lockridge

*Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
Righteousness and peace will kiss.*

Surely God's salvation is at hand for those who fear God.

*Faithfulness will spring up from the ground;
Righteousness will look down from the sky.*

Surely God's salvation is at hand for those who fear God.

*The Lord will provide what is good;
Righteousness will go before God and make a path for God's steps.*

Surely God's salvation is at hand for those who fear God.

Let us worship God.

- from Psalm 85

Hymn

How Great Thou Art

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***Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!***

- Stuart K. Hine

A Reading from Hebrew Scripture
from Amos 5

Paul Sims

Hymn

Let Justice Flow Like Streams

ST. THOMAS

***Let justice flow like streams of sparkling water pure,
Enabling growth, refreshing life, abundant, cleansing, sure.***

***Let righteousness roll on as others' cares we heed,
An ever-flowing stream of faith translated into deed.***

***So may God's plumb line straight, define our measure true,
And justice, right, and peace pervade this world our whole life through.***

- Jane Parker Huber

A Moment for Children
from Matthew 25

Alice Tremaine

Hymn

View the Present through the Promise

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*View the present through the promise, Christ will come again.
Trust despite the deepening darkness, Christ will come again.
Lift the world above its grieving through your watching and believing
In the hope past hope's conceiving: Christ will come again.
Probe the present with the promise, Christ will come again.
Let your daily actions witness, Christ will come again.
Let your loving and your giving and your justice and forgiving
Be a sign to all the living: Christ will come again.
Match the present to the promise, Christ will come again.
Make this hope your guiding premise, Christ will come again.
Pattern all your calculating and the world you are creating
To the advent you are waiting: Christ will come again.*

- Thomas H. Troeger

Sermon

"Let Justice Roll Down"

Alex Lockridge

Response

Bring Forth the Kingdom

by Marty Haugen

Bring forth the King-dom of mer - cy, bring forth the King-dom of peace;
bring forth the King-dom of jus - tice, bring forth the Cit - y of God!

You are a seed of the Word, O people: bring forth the Kingdom of God!

Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice grow in the Kingdom of God! REFRAIN

We are a blest and a pilgrim people: bound for the Kingdom of God!

Love our journey and love our homeland: Love is the Kingdom of God! REFRAIN

Prayers of the People

Alex Lockridge

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

Let Truth and Mercy Find Here

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*Let truth and mercy find here a joyful meeting place.
And here let peace and justice be joined in warm embrace.
And in this congregation let strangers now be friends,
To do the gospel's bidding 'til wars on earth shall end.
Let truth's bright flame be blazing in all the darkest hours,
Confronting schemes of darkness, exposing evil powers.
Let mercy's gentle manner, so willing to forgive,
Fill warring hearts with longing 'til in truth's light we live.
So now let peace and justice be never far apart,
But flowing like a river for every thirsty heart.
These two shall be united, a mighty moving stream,
Upon whose banks we gather to work and pray and dream.*

- Ken Medema

Benediction

Alex Lockridge

*Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss.
Faithfulness will spring up from the ground; righteousness will look down from the sky.
In Christ, God's salvation is at hand, and righteousness has come. Amen.*

Carolyn Garr, soloist