

First Baptist Church at Worship

February 7, 2021

Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Greeting and Call to Worship

Alex Lockridge

*Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.
God does not faint or grow weary; God's understanding is unsearchable.
God gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless.
Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted;
But those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,
They shall mount up with wings like eagles,
They shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.*

- from Isaiah 40

Hymn

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;
Praise him in glad adoration.
Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
Granted in what he ordaineth?
Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
If with his love he befriend thee.
Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him.
Let the Amen sound from his people again,
Gladly forever adore him.*

- Joachim Neander

A Reading from the Letters to the Churches
I Corinthians 9:16-23

Paul Sims

Hymn *Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace*

O WALY, WALY

*Lord, make us servants of Your peace; where there is hate, may we sow love;
Where there is hurt, may we forgive; where there is strife, may we make one.
Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is gloom, may we sow hope;
Where all is night, may we sow light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.
Jesus, our Lord, may we not seek to be consoled, but to console,
Nor look to understanding hearts, but look for hearts to understand.
May we not look for love's return, but seek to love unselfishly,
For in our giving we receive, and in forgiving are forgiven.
Dying we live, and are reborn through death's dark night to endless day,
Lord, make us servants of Your peace, to wake at last in heaven's light.*

- Prayer of St. Francis; James Quinn

A Moment for Children
from Mark 1:29-39

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Sermon "Losing Yourself"

Alex Lockridge

Hymn *Come Away from Rush and Hurry*

BEACH SPRING

*Come away from rush and hurry to the stillness of God's peace;
From our vain ambition's worry, come to Christ to find release.
Come away from noise and clamor, life's demands and frenzied pace;
Come to join the people gathered here to seek and find God's grace.
In the pastures of God's goodness we lie down to rest our soul.
From the waters of God's mercy we drink deeply, are made whole.
At the table of God's presence all the saints are richly fed.
With the oil of God's anointing into service we are led.
Come, then, children, with your burdens – life's confusions, fears, and pain.
Leave them at the cross of Jesus; take instead his kingdom's reign.
Bring your thirsts, for he will quench them – he alone will satisfy.
All our longings find attainment when to self we gladly die.*

- Marva J. Dawn

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

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 Prayer of Thanksgiving continues)

*As we come to your table, bless us, and these gifts of bread and wine, that in them –
and in us, your saving power may be proclaimed until you come again. Amen.*

The Communion of the People

Spiritual

Guide My Feet

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Guide my feet while I run this race, ... for I don't want to run this race in vain.

Hold my hand while I run this race, ... for I don't want to run this race in vain.

Stand by me while I run this race, ... for I don't want to run this race in vain.

Search my heart while I run this race, ... for I don't want to run this race in vain.

Benediction

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*As you have come into Christ's presence,
go forth to heal, to bless, and to serve.*

*Go forth in the power of the Spirit,
live in the grace of God,
and lose yourself in the love of Jesus. Amen.*