

First Baptist Church at Worship

May 17, 2020

Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Greeting and Call to Worship

Jefferson Calico

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

“If you love me, you will keep My commandments.

“And I will ask the Father, and he will give you

another Advocate, to be with you forever – even the Spirit of Truth.”

Let us worship God.

Hymn

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down,

Fix in us Thy humble dwelling; all Thy faithful mercies crown.

Jesus, Thou art all compassion; pure, unbounded love Thou art;

Visit us with Thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast;

Let us all in Thee inherit; let us find the promised rest.

Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;

End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all Thy life receive;

Suddenly return, and never, never-more Thy temples leave.

Thee we would be always blessing, serve Thee as Thy hosts above,

Pray, and praise Thee without ceasing, glory in Thy perfect love.

- Charles Wesley

Opening Prayer

Alice Tremaine

Psalm 66:16-20

Jefferson Calico & Alice Tremaine

Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will declare what God has done for my soul.

I cried unto God with my mouth and extolled God with my tongue.

If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me:

But truly God has heard me; God has attended to the voice of my prayer.

Blessed be God, who has not turned away my prayer, nor his mercy from me.

Response

FINLANDIA

*I then shall live as one who's been forgiven;
I'll walk with joy to know my debts are paid.
I know my name is clear before my Father;
I am his child, and I am not afraid.
So greatly pardoned, I'll forgive another;
The law of love I gladly will obey.*

*I then shall live as one who's learned compassion;
I've been so loved that I'll risk loving too.
I know how fear builds walls instead of bridges;
I dare to see another's point of view.
And when relationships demand commitment,
Then I'll be there to care and follow through.*

*Your kingdom come around and through and in me,
Your power and glory, let them shine through me;
Your hallowed name, O may I bear with honor,
And may Your living kingdom come in me.
The Bread of Life, O may I share with honor,
And may You feed a hungry world through me.*

- Gloria Gaither

The Easter Gospel: John 14:15-21

Alice Tremaine

The Gospel of our Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon

“Love, Spirit, Truth”

Jefferson Calico

Anthem

If Ye Love Me

by Philip Wilby

Carolyn Garr & Paul Sims

*If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father,
and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever;
E'en the Spirit of Truth. And ye know him, for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.
I will not leave you comfortless. I will come to you.*

- from John 14

Prayers of the People

Alice Tremaine

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

I Love to Tell the Story

HANKEY

*I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love:
I love to tell the story because I know 'tis true;
It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do. REFRAIN
I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat
What seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet:
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
The message of salvation from God's own holy word. REFRAIN
I love to tell the story; for those who know it best
Seem hungering and thirsting to hear it, like the rest:
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
'Twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long. REFRAIN
REFRAIN I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.*

- Katherine Hankey

Benediction

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Gayle Majors, Organist