

First Baptist Church at Worship

July 11, 2021

Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Organ Voluntary

Chorale Prelude on LOBE DEN HERREN

by Larry Visser

III. Trio Chorale

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 worship God with song and with dance,
singing God's praise and shouting for joy.*

*We worship God with silence and with sighs,
grieving for loss and longing for comfort.*

*We worship God with prayers and with hands,
praying for healing and working for peace.*

*Let us create a Sabbath space
and worship the God who gives life.*

Hymn 319

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

Confession and Forgiveness

Paul Sims

*In the community of Christ's church and in the presence of all God's people,
I confess to God that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed.*

*I have not loved God, cared for God's world,
or respected God's people as I should.*

I own my responsibility and pray for God's pardon.

***May God forgive you, Christ befriend you,
and the Spirit renew and change your life.***

Amen.

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Act of Praise

Kenyan worship song

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



My sisters, My brothers, You children, You deacons, Together,

A Moment for Children

Nick Hibbard

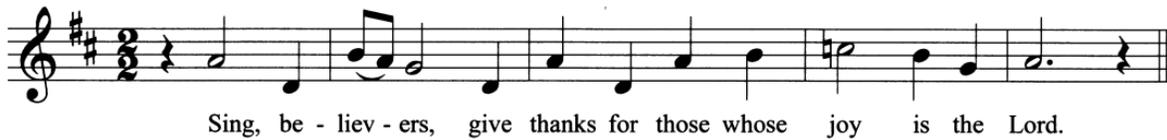
A Reading from Hebrew Scripture

Jeremiah Banks

II Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19

Psalm 24

setting by Hal H. Hopson



*The earth belongs to the Lord, and all that we enjoy.
 A strong foundation was laid, was laid within the seas. **REFRAIN**
 O tell us, who shall ascend? Who shall go up to God's house?
 It is those who love the Lord, who make God's will their own. **REFRAIN**
 O tell us, who are these saints, these saints who praise Your name?
 It is those whose hearts are clean, whose joy is in the Lord. **REFRAIN**
 O come, and praise the Lord, and serve the world God made.
 Whose love is ever sure, O praise God's Holy Name. **REFRAIN***

A Reading from the Letters to the Churches

Alex Lockridge

Ephesians 1:3-14

Hymn 619

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine

ASSURANCE

stanzas 1 and 2

Sermon

"Growing Young: Empathy"

Alex Lockridge

Hymn

Lord, When I Came into This Life

LAND OF REST

If you desire to become a follower of Christ or if you wish to present yourself for membership today, please come to the front of the sanctuary during the hymn and a minister will receive you. You are welcome here.

*Lord, when I came into this life You called me by my name;
 Today I come, commit myself, responding to Your claim.
 Within the circle of the faith, as member of Your cast,
 I take my place with all the saints of future, present, past.*

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*In all the tensions of my life, between my faith and doubt,
Let Your great Spirit give me hope, sustain me, lead me out.
So help me in my unbelief and let my life be true:
Feet firmly planted on the earth, my sights set high on You.*

- Fred Kaan

Recognition and Gratitude

Alex Lockridge

honoring Lauren Rose, Debbie Tipton, Lynn Tipton, and Pat Waddle

Litany of Thanksgiving

Paul Sims

*Today, O God, we give You thanks for our teachers and for their commitment
to this church, to our children, and to You.*

O God, You have been faithful to Your people from generation to generation.

Help us all to be faithful to You as we share Your love with those who will follow.

*We give thanks for Lauren, for Debbie, for Lynn, and for Pat, who have led our children
to faith by singing songs and telling Bible stories, by welcoming them and accepting them,
by praying for them, and by showing them how to follow Jesus.*

O God, You have been faithful to Your people from generation to generation.

Help us all to be faithful to You as we share Your love with those who will follow.

*We ask, O God, that You bless Lynn and Pat, Lauren and Debbie, so that they may continue
to be a blessing to this church, to our children, and to You. Amen.*

Sending Song

Kenyan worship song

Bless the Lord, bless the Lord, bless the Lord: there is no other God.

Commission and Blessing

Alex Lockridge

*Go from this place with clean hands and pure hearts
to proclaim the love and mercy of God.*

Blessed be the God of our Lord Jesus Christ,

Who blesses us, chooses us, and adopts us as children.

Blessed be the God of our Lord Jesus Christ,

Who forgives our sins and lavishes grace upon us. Amen.

Organ Postlude

Chorale Prelude on LOBE DEN HERREN

by Larry Visser

IV. In Organo pleno

The flowers that grace our sanctuary are given in memory of
Pauline Burgan
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and
Curt Burgan
by
Malcolm and Sharon Pace

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