

First Baptist Church at Worship

July 18, 2021

Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Organ Voluntary

Variations on AUSTRIA

by David Lasky

I. Chorale IV. In Fugal Style

*We are called to be God's people, showing by our lives his grace,
One in heart and one in spirit, sign of hope for every race.
Let us show how he has changed us and remade us as his own;
Let us share our life together as we shall around his throne.*

- Thomas A. Jackson

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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*From near and far we gather;
the house of God is our home.
Here we are no longer strangers;
in the body of Christ we are one.*

Hymn 357

O Praise the Gracious Power

MARION

stanzas 1, 2, 3, and 4

Prayer of Confession

Paul Sims

Assurance of Forgiveness

*Sisters and brothers, remember that at one time you were without Christ,
being aliens and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope
and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who were
once far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.*

***So then, we are no longer strangers and aliens, but we are
citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,
built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets,
with Christ Jesus as the cornerstone. In him, we are built together
spiritually into a dwelling place for God.***

- from Ephesians 2

The Peace

Alex Lockridge

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Act of Praise

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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

May God forever be our peace; may hymns of glory never cease: Alleluia, alleluia!

Let all the faithful people come; sing praise to God, the Three-in-One:

Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- David Gambrell

A Moment for Children

Jeremiah Banks

A Reading from Hebrew Scripture

Paul Sims

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Psalm 23

RESIGNATION

My Shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is his name;

In pastures fresh he makes me feed beside the living stream.

He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake his ways;

And leads me, for his mercy’s sake, in paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death, Thy presence is my stay;

One word of Thy supporting breath drives all my fears away.

Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread;

My cup, with blessings overflows, Thine oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;

O may Thy house be my abode, and all my work be praise.

There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come;

No more a stranger, nor a guest, but like a child at home.

- Isaac Watts

A Reading from the Gospels

Nick Hibbard

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Hymn 540

We Cannot Measure How You Heal

YE BANKS AND BRAES

Sermon

“Growing Young: The Message of Jesus”

Alex Lockridge

Hymn

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

NETTLETON

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.

Praise the One who breaks the darkness with a liberating light.

Praise the One who frees the prisoners, turning blindness into sight.

***Praise the One who preached the gospel, healing every dread disease,
Calming storms and feeding thousands with the very bread of peace.***

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*Praise the One who blessed the children with a strong yet gentle word.
Praise the One who drove out demons with a piercing two-edged sword.
Praise the One who brings cool water to the desert's burning sand.
From this well comes living water quenching thirst in every land.
Praise the one true Love Incarnate: Christ, who suffered in our place.
Jesus died and rose victorious that we all may know God's grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness, seeing what our God has done.
Praise the one redeeming glory; praise the One who makes us one.*

- Rusty Edwards

Recognition and Gratitude
honoring Teresa Lawson

Alex Lockridge

Litany of Thanksgiving

Paul Sims

*Today, O God, we give You thanks for Teresa Lawson and for her 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 Teresa, who has made our nursery a nurturing environment
for our babies and toddlers, as she showed them love and welcome and care.*

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 Teresa, so that she may continue to be a blessing
to this church, to our children, and to You. Amen.*

Hymn 349

To God Be the Glory

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Commission and Blessing

Alex Lockridge

Go out, remembering all that God has done for you.

*Break down the walls of hostility,
proclaim peace, and have compassion for all.*

May God be with you wherever you go;

May Christ Jesus heal you and replenish you;

and may the Holy Spirit encircle you and give you strength. Amen.

Organ Postlude

Voluntary on LASST UNS ERFREUEN

by John Wyatt Burson

Carolyn Garr, soloist

*The flowers that grace our sanctuary are given in memory of
Carl and Evelyn Brasher*

by

Kent, Donna, and family

Stan, Patti, and family

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