

First Baptist Church at Worship

July 19, 2020

Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Greeting and Call to Worship

Alex Lockridge

*Our faithful God cares for us with compassion
and firmness, urging us to grow in love.*

***Through Christ, may we hear more deeply
the call to be rooted in God's way.***

Let us worship God.

Hymn

Restore in Us, O God

ST. MICHAEL

***Restore in us, O God, the splendor of Your love;
Renew Your image in our hearts, and all our sins remove.
O Spirit, wake in us the wonder of Your power;
From fruitless fear unfurl our lives like springtime bud and flower.
Bring us, O Christ, to share the fullness of Your joy;
Baptize us in the risen life that death cannot destroy.
Three-personed God, fulfill the promise of Your grace,
That we, when all our searching ends, may see You face to face.***

- Carl P. Daw, Jr.

A Reading from the Letters to the Churches

Paul Sims

from Romans 8

Response

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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

A Reading from the Gospels
from Matthew 13

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Response

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

*We ourselves are God's own field, fruit unto his praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown unto joy or sorrow grown;
First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear;
Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.
For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his harvest home;
From his field shall purge away all that doth offend that day;
Give his angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast;
But the fruitful ears to store in his keeping evermore.*

- Henry Alford

Sermon

"Working in the Garden"

Alex Lockridge

Response

Christ the Way of Life Possess Me

by K. Lee Scott

Carolyn Garr and Paul Sims

*Christ, the Way of Life, possess me, lift my heart to love and praise;
Guide and keep, sustain and bless me all my days.
Well of life, forever flowing, make my barren soul and bear
Like a watered garden growing fresh and fair.
May the Tree of Life in splendor from its leafy boughs impart
Grace divine and healing tender, strength of heart.
Path of life before me shining, let me come when earth is past,
Sorrow, self and sin resigning, home at last.*

- Timothy Dudley-Smith

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

They'll Know We Are Christians

ST. BRENDAN'S

*We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord.
We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord.
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

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*We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand.
We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand.
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.
 We will work with each other; we will work side by side.
 We will work with each other; we will work side by side.
 And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride.
 And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.
 Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.
All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
And all praise to Christ Jesus, his only Son.
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one.
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

- Peter Scholtes

Benediction

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Gayle Majors, Organist

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