

First Baptist Church at Worship

July 25, 2021

Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Organ Voluntary

In Christ There Is No East or West

setting by Dale Wood

In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find;

His service is the golden cord close-binding humankind.

- John Oxenham

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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Come, let us worship!

We come from our ordinary lives into this community of faith.

Come, let us share who we are!

*We come with the stories of our lives, the stories of our faith,
the stories of how God has worked in our lives.*

Come, let us give thanks!

*We come with our abundance, giving thanks to God,
ready to share what we have.*

Come, let us praise God!

*We come with open hearts and open minds,
prepared to meet God as we worship.*

Hymn 467

We Are One in Christ

*THAXTED

Confession and Assurance

Paul Sims

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Act of Praise

LINSTEAD

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



Raise your voices high, praise and magnify, all you works of God bless the Lord!

All you works of God, bless the Lord! All you angels, now bless the Lord;

Come, you heavens and powers that be, praise the Lord and his majesty: REFRAIN

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*Hills and mountains, now sing God's worth, all you green things that grow on earth,
Seas and rivers, you springs and wells, beasts and cattle, you birds and whales: REFRAIN
Come, humanity, sing along, sing, you people of God, a song,
All God's servants, your Lord now bless, join you spirits and souls at rest: REFRAIN*

- Stephen Starke

A Moment for Children

Nick Hibbard

Psalm 145

HOLY MANNA

*I will ever sing Thy praises, for all time, Thy name I'll bless;
Without peer is Thy great glory, limitless Thy righteousness.
Each new generation numbers all Thy blessings as their own;
To the earth's most far-flung regions is Thy majesty made known.
Thou art gracious, full of mercy, slow to anger, quick to love;
Saints below may glimpse Thy kingdom in the lofty skies above.
In this life, the best we savor is but common fare to Thee;
All the riches earth can harvest cannot match Thy majesty.
For the Lord is ever faithful to supply our deepest need;
Justice grows from every judgment, wholesome bread from every seed.
God is ne'er too far to hear us, never deaf to our demands;
Those who love and trust the promise rest secure within God's hand.*

- Michael Morgan

A Reading from Letters to the Churches

Paul Sims

Ephesians 3:14-21

A Reading from the Gospels

Alex Lockridge

John 6:1-21

Hymn 35

Break Thou the Bread of Life

BREAD OF LIFE

stanzas 1 and 3

Sermon

"Growing Young: Warm Relationships"

Alex Lockridge

Hymn

"Where Is Bread?" the Great Crowd Murmured

HOLY MANNA

*"Where is bread?" the great crowd murmured – thousands strong, yet all in need.
"Where is bread?" Your people wondered, faced with such a crowd to feed.
Who, Lord Jesus, could have guessed it? One small boy brought food to share.
Taking what he gave, You blessed it; all were fed with much to spare.
"Where is bread?" the call is rising; millions cry who must be fed.
God, Your answer seems surprising: "You, my church, you give them bread."
Bread to fill each hungry spirit, bread for hungry stomachs, too!
Give us bread and help us share it. Richly blest, may we serve You.*

- Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

The Celebration of Communion

Alex Lockridge

Breaking the Bread

Let Us Break Bread Together

setting by Dale Wood

Sharing the Cup

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

MANNA

*There's a sweet, sweet spirit in this place,
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord.*

*There are sweet expressions on each face,
And I know that it's the presence of the Lord.*

*Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet Heavenly Dove,
Stay right here with us filling us with Your love.
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived,
When we shall leave this place.*

- Doris Akers

The Peace

Paul Sims

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

Recognition and Gratitude

Alex Lockridge

honoring Kim Croley

Litany of Thanksgiving

Paul Sims

*Today, O God, we give You thanks for Kim Croley and for her commitment to this church,
to our students, 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 Kim, who has made our church a safe place for teenagers to ask life-giving
and life-changing questions, knowing that they are accepted, appreciated, and loved.*

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

Hymn 272

They'll Know We Are Christians

ST. BRENDAN'S

Commission and Blessing

Alex Lockridge

*May God strengthen you in your inner being.
May Christ Jesus dwell in your hearts through faith,
and may the Holy Spirit plant your roots deeply
in the abundant richness of God's love. Amen.*

Organ Postlude

*Tuba Tune in D Major**

by C. S. Lang

The flowers that grace our sanctuary are given in memory of
Michelle Litteral Brock
in commemoration of her July 21st birthday
by
Anna Litteral and family

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*supplemental organ music provided by William P. Young, III