

# First Baptist Church at Worship

August 1, 2021

Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

## The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Organ Voluntary

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

by Anna Laura Page

*... Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more.*

- William Williams

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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*The bread of heaven, the food of life, awaits us here.*

***We are hungry and we long for God's abundance.***

*The promise of deep forgiveness surrounds us here.*

***We are lost and yearning to be found.***

*God waits to pour out the gifts of the Spirit.*

***We long to live the life of faith.***

*Come, let us worship God.*

Hymn

*Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart*

MARION

***Rejoice, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks and sing:***

***Your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your king.***

***Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks and sing!***

***With voice as full and strong as ocean's surging praise,***

***Send forth the sturdy hymns of old, the psalms of ancient days.***

***Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks and sing!***

***Bright youth and snow-crowned age, strong souls and spirits meek,***

***Raise high your free, exulting song, God's wondrous praises speak.***

***Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks and sing!***

***Yes, on through life's long path, still chanting as ye go,***

***From youth to age, by night and day, in gladness and in woe:***

***Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks and sing!***

***Praise God, who reigns on high, the Lord whom we adore:***

***The Father, Son, and Spirit blest, one God forevermore.***

***Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks and sing!***

- Edward H. Plumptre, alt.

## Prayer of Confession

Paul Sims

*Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed Your way.  
You show us the wrong we have done, yet we point fingers at others.  
You offer us the bread of heaven, yet we hunger for the things of earth.  
Forgive us, God of grace.*

***Speak Your truth to us in love, so that we may return to you in peace,  
and grow more and more in grace, through Jesus Christ our Lord.***

## Assurance of Forgiveness

*Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:  
**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.***

## The Peace

Alex Lockridge

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

## Act of Praise

LINSTEAD

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



*Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy;  
Bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard. **REFRAIN**  
Christ is able to make us one, at the table he sets the tone,  
Teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express. **REFRAIN**  
Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt,  
Gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) everywhere. **REFRAIN***

- Fred Kaan

## A Moment for Children

Jeremiah Banks

## Psalm 78:23-29

Alex Lockridge

*God commanded the skies above, and opened the doors of heaven;  
God rained down on them manna to eat, and gave them the grain of heaven.*

***Mortals ate the bread of angels; God sent them food in abundance.***

*God caused the east wind to blow in the heavens,  
and by his power God led out the south wind;*

***God rained flesh upon them like dust, winged birds like the sand of the seas;***  
*God let them fall within their camp, all around their dwellings.*

*And they ate and were well filled,*

***For God gave them what they craved.***

Hymn 296                      *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship*                      HOLY MANNA

A Reading from the Letters to the Churches                      Paul Sims  
Ephesians 4:1-16

A Reading from the Gospels                      Alex Lockridge  
John 6:24-35

Hymn 35                      *Break Thou the Bread of Life*                      BREAD OF LIFE  
stanzas 1 and 2

Sermon                      “Growing Young: Prioritization”                      Alex Lockridge

Hymn                      *Sing a New Church into Being*                      \*NETTLETON

*Summoned by the God who made us rich in our diversity,  
Gathered in the name of Jesus, richer still in unity:  
Let us bring the gifts that differ and, in splendid, varied ways,  
Sing a new church into being, one in faith and love and praise.  
Trust the goodness of creation; trust the Spirit strong within.  
Dare to dream the vision promised sprung from seed of what has been.  
Let us bring the gifts that differ and, in splendid, varied ways,  
Sing a new church into being, one in faith and love and praise.  
Draw together at one table all the human family;  
Shape a circle ever wider and a people ever free.  
Let us bring the gifts that differ and, in splendid, varied ways,  
Sing a new church into being, one in faith and love and praise.*

- Delores Dufner

Recognition and Gratitude                      Alex Lockridge  
honoring Kim Croley, Lisa Harrison, and Pat Parkey

Litany of Thanksgiving                      Paul Sims

*Today, O God, we give You thanks for Kim and Lisa and Pat, and for their commitment to this church, to our young people, 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 the love they show our young people – through teaching, through singing, and through mentoring – and we are grateful for their service and dedication.*

***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, Lisa, and Pat, so that they may continue to be a blessing to this church, to our young people, and to You. Amen.*

Hymn 33

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

\*CWM RHONDDA

Commission and Blessing

Alex Lockridge

*Go from this place to live lives worthy of the calling which we all share.  
In humility, gentleness, and patience, speak only what is true and loving  
and so grow into the unity that is ours in Christ.  
And may God the Creator reshape your hearts;  
May Christ Jesus, the Bread of life, sustain you always;  
and may the Holy Spirit unite you in bonds of peace. Amen.*

Organ Postlude

*Voluntary on NETTLETON*

by Gordon Young

*The flowers that grace our sanctuary are given in memory of  
Bo Pace  
in commemoration of his July 28<sup>th</sup> birthday  
by  
Janet Pace*

"God of Grace and God of Glory," arr. Anna Laura Page.

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