

First Baptist Church at Worship

August 15, 2021

Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Organ Voluntary

Nun danket alle Gott

by J. S. Bach

BWV 79

*Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;
Who, from our mother's arms, hath blest us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.*

- Martin Rinkart; tr. Catherine Winkworth

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 glory of God calls us to praise.

In God's glory, we meet the mysteries of the Holy.

The wisdom of God summons us to live with thanksgiving and truth.

In God's wisdom, we find grace for living our lives.

The love of God invites us to service.

In God's love, we are filled with strength and peace.

The peace of God calls us into abundant life.

In God's peace, we join hearts and voices to worship.

Hymn 52

O Worship the King

*LYONS

during the singing of stanza four, children are invited to the chancel for the Children's Moment

A Moment for Children

Jeremiah Banks

Psalms 111 and 112

ODE TO JOY

***Alleluia! Laud and blessing to our God, whose Word is sure;
By whose grace we find redemption, in whose love we live secure.
Righteousness and rich compassion shall attend us all our days;
May God's promise to be faithful echo through our songs of praise!
Alleluia! Holy Parent, all Your children now reclaim;
May our lives reflect Your justice, heirs to Your most sacred name.
Fill our hearts with understanding, brace our weakness by Your might;
Awesome honor, born in wisdom; Your great glory, our delight!***

- Michael Morgan

A Reading from Hebrew Scripture

J. P. Winchester

I Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14

Hymn 71

Be Thou My Vision

*SLANE

A Reading from the Gospels

Paul Sims

John 6:51-58

Sermon

“Growing Young: Unlocking Young Leadership”

Alex Lockridge

Prayer of Confession

Paul Sims

Holy Lord, You offer us the bread of heaven that provides eternal nourishment. Yet we seek a fast food diet of beliefs and practices that do not satisfy the hunger in our souls. Forgive us. Help us to rely on a feast that will last, a feast of justice, mercy, forgiveness, and love. And help us to walk away from tables of greed, comfort, convenience, and self-reliance. Invite us, again and again, to feast at Your abundant table, where there is room enough for all. Amen.

Spiritual

I'm Gonna Sit at the Welcome Table

WELCOME TABLE

The musical notation is written on three staves in a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "1. I'm gon-na sit at the wel-come ta - ble; I'm gon-na sit at the wel-come ta - ble, Al-le-lu - ia. I'm gon-na sit at the wel-come ta - ble; I'm gon-na sit at the wel-come ta - ble, Al-le-lu - ia." The melody is simple and repetitive, with a clear emphasis on the words "welcome table".

- 2. *I'm gonna join with sisters, brothers*
- 3. *I'm gonna eat and drink with my Jesus*
- 4. *Here all the world will find a welcome*

The Celebration of Communion

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 Sherry Pace and Nancy Rich

Litany of Thanksgiving

Paul Sims

Today, O God, we give You thanks for Nancy and Sherry, 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 the love they show our children – through teaching, through mission activities, and through mentoring – and we are grateful for their service and dedication.

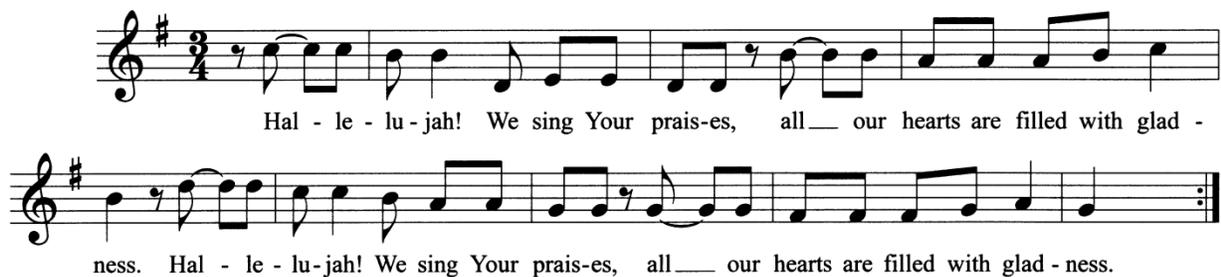
O God, You have been faithful to Your people from generation to generation.

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 Nancy and Sherry, so that they may continue to be a blessing to this church, to our young people, and to You. Amen.

Sending Song

HALELUYA! PELO TSA RONA



Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing Your prais-es, all our hearts are filled with glad -
ness. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing Your prais-es, all our hearts are filled with glad - ness.

Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread.

I am wine, I am bread: give to all who thirst and hunger. REFRAIN

Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, amid doubt,

Strong in faith, amid doubt. Tell to all the joyful gospel. REFRAIN

- South African; tr. Gracia Grindal

Commission and Blessing

Alex Lockridge

*Go out, nourished by the bread of heaven, taking care to walk in the ways of wisdom.
Discern carefully between right and wrong and understand what the will of the Lord is.
Feed on Christ and be filled with the Spirit.*

And may God give you a wise and discerning mind;

May Christ Jesus fill you with life in all its fullness;

and may the Holy Spirit overflow in you in songs of joy and praise forever. Amen.

Organ Voluntary

Postlude on LYONS

by Neil Harmon

*The flowers that grace our sanctuary are given in memory of
Mel Chandler, Sr.
in commemoration of his August 24 birthday
by
Mel, Jane, Garner, and Patton Chandler*

We are grateful to Sue Mills for baking today's communion bread.

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Today's organ music is from a library of more than 1,000 digitized hymns, anthems, and solo-organ music that Gayle Majors recorded over the last several years. We are thankful for Gayle's life, for her 36-year tenure as Organist for First Baptist Church, and for this fine legacy that she has left for us.

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