

# First Baptist Church at Worship

August 23, 2020  
Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

## The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Greeting and Call to Worship

Alex Lockridge

*Brothers and sisters, because of God's great mercy to us  
I appeal to you: Offer yourselves as a living sacrifice to God,  
dedicated to God's service, pleasing to God.*

***This is the true worship that we will offer.***

*Do not conform yourselves to the standards of this world,  
but let God transform you inwardly by a complete change of your mind.*

***Then we will be able to know the will of God –  
what is good and pleasing and perfect.***

*Let us worship God.*

- from Romans 12

Hymn

*All Creatures, Worship God Most High*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

***All creatures, worship God most high! Sound every voice in earth and sky:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!***

***Sing, brother sun, in splendor bright; sing, sister moon and stars of night:  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***

***Sing brother wind; with clouds and rain you grow the gifts of fruit and grain:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!***

***Dear sister water, useful, clear, make music for your Lord to hear:  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***

***Sing, brother fire, so mirthful, strong; drive far the shadows, join the throng:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!***

***Dear mother earth, so rich in care, praise God in colors bright and rare:  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***

***O sisters, brothers, take your part, and worship God with humble heart:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!***

***All creatures, bless the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One:  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***

- St. Francis of Assisi

A Moment for Children

Alice Tremaine

*from Exodus 2*

Spiritual

GO DOWN MOSES

*When Israel was in Egypt's land; **Let my people go.**  
 Oppressed so hard they could not stand. **Let my people go.**  
 Go down, Moses, 'way down in Egypt's land.  
 Tell old Pharoah, **Let my people go!**  
 Lord, help us all from bondage flee; **Let my people go.**  
 And let us all in Christ be free, **Let my people go.**  
 Go down, Moses, 'way down in Egypt's land.  
 Tell old Pharoah, **Let my people go!***

A Reading from the Gospels

Paul Sims

*from Matthew 16*

Sermon

“Secret Faith”

Alex Lockridge

Response

by Margaret Pleasant Douroux

Give me a clean heart so I may serve Thee. Lord, fix my heart— so that  
 I ——— may be used ——— by Thee. For I'm not wor - thy of all these bless -  
 ings. Give me a clean heart, ——— and I'll fol - low Thee. ———

*I'm not asking for the riches of the land. I'm not asking for the proud to know my name.  
 Please give me, Lord, a clean heart, that I may follow Thee.  
 Give me a clean heart and I'll follow Thee. **REFRAIN***

Prayers of the People

Alice Tremaine

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.***

Spiritual

*I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

by Wendell Whalum

The musical score is written on three staves in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "I'm gon-na live so \_\_\_\_\_ God can use me \_\_\_\_\_ an-y - where, Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ an-y time! \_\_\_\_\_ I'm gon-na live so \_\_\_\_\_ God can use me \_\_\_\_\_ an-y - where, Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ an-y time! \_\_\_\_\_".

*I'm gonna work .... I'm gonna pray .... I'm gonna sing ....*

Benediction

Alex Lockridge

Gayle Majors, Organist

Carolyn Garr, soloist

Patti Brasher, Ed Garr, Ann Hacker, and Pat Parkey, singers

"All Creatures, Worship God Most High" is a new paraphrase of Francis of Assisi's *Canticle of the Sun*, written in 1225. This hymn of praise is thought to be the oldest religious poem in the Italian language.

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*The flowers that grace our sanctuary are given in honor of*

Glennis Hensley

*for her August 30 birthday*

*by*

*Nancy, Courtney, and Patrick Haggerty*

*Bill, Tricia, Grace, and Kate Hensley*

*Cindy, Lars, and Clara Finneseth*