

First Baptist Church at Worship

August 29, 2021

Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Organ Voluntary

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

setting by Dale Wood

Greeting and Call to Worship

Alex Lockridge

With our words and in our actions,

let us praise the living God.

With our lips and in our lives,

let us glorify the Lord.

Hymn

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God, my Father, there is no shadow of turning with Thee;

Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not; as Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;

All I have needed, Thy hand hath provided; great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above

Join with all nature in manifold witness to Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;

All I have needed, Thy hand hath provided; great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;

Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;

All I have needed, Thy hand hath provided; great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

- Thomas O. Chisholm

Prayer of Confession

Paul Sims

Response

NETTLETON

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!

Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee:

Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;

Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

- Robert Robinson

A Moment for Children

Alice Tremaine

Psalm 15

setting by Hal Hopson

You pure in heart on Zi - on's hill, your joy - ful songs now raise. — In
 one ac-cord lift up your voice, sing forth your songs of praise. Sing forth your songs of praise.

*Lord, who may abide in Your temple? Who may dwell on Your holy hill?
 Those who walk in righteousness; those who speak the truth from their heart;
 those whose lips are free from malice; those who never wrong a friend;
 those who do not rejoice over another's misfortune; those who stand by an oath at any cost;
 those who are not bribed for the rights of the innocent; those who lend money to the poor without gain;
 those who despise corruption and evil; those who honor the faithful who love the Lord. **REFRAIN***

A Reading from the Epistles

Paul Sims

James 1:17-27

Spiritual

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart,

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart,

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart,

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart,

- adapt. John W. Work, Jr. & Frederick J. Work

A Reading from the Gospels

Alice Tremaine

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Sermon

"In and Out"

Alex Lockridge

Hymn

As a Chalice Cast of Gold

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*As a chalice cast of gold, burnished, bright and brimmed with wine,
 Make me, Lord, as fit to hold grace and truth and love divine.
 Let my praise and worship start with the cleansing of my heart.
 Save me from the soothing sin of the empty cultic deed
 And the pious, babbling din of the claimed but un-lived creed.
 Let my actions, Lord, express what my tongue and lips profess.
 When I bend upon my knees, clasp my hands, or bow my head,
 Let my spoken, public pleas be directly, simply said,
 Free of tangled words that mask what my soul would plainly ask.
 When I dance or chant Your praise, when I sing a psalm or hymn,
 When I preach Your loving ways, let my heart add its Amen.
 Let each cherished outward rite thus reflect Your inward light.*

- Thomas Troeger

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 Song

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

I'M GONNA LIVE

*I'm gonna live so God can use me, anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna work so God can use me, anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna pray so God can use me, anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna sing so God can use me, anywhere, Lord, anytime!*

Commission and Blessing

Alex Lockridge

*Go out, and be doers of the word.
Cleanse your hearts of all pollution,
be quick to listen and learn,
welcome the word that God implants in you,
and bring it to birth in acts of righteousness and compassion.
And may God pour grace upon you and bless you forever;
May Christ Jesus reveal to you the truth of God's ways;
and may the Holy Spirit fill your life with passion and love. Amen.*

Organ Postlude

*Prélude**

by Marc-Antoine Charpentier

The flowers that grace our sanctuary are given in honor of
Glennis Hensley
for her birthday
by
Nancy, Courtney, and Patrick Haggerty
Bill, Tricia, Grace, and Kate Hensley
Cindy, Lars, and Clara Fenneseth

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