

First Baptist Church at Worship

August 8, 2021

Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Organ Voluntary

Prelude on HOLY MANNA

by Sam Batt Owens

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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God invites us to live in the Spirit.

We open our souls to God's care.

God calls us to have loving hearts and faith-filled lives.

We open ourselves to God's gifts.

God summons us to be known by our faith.

We open our lives to God's claim.

God calls us to live out our faith.

We open our gifts to God's design for them.

God offers us every gift of grace.

***We will worship, give thanks, and live so that
we can show God's grace all around us.***

Hymn 307

All Creatures of Our God and King

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

stanzas 1, 2, 3, and 5

Confession and Forgiveness

Paul Sims

*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

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

***Now we who are of tender heart, forgiving others, take our part,
Singing praises, alleluia!
To You we lift our pain and care, receive the burdens that we bear,
Hear our praises, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.***

- St. Francis of Assisi

A Moment for Children

Jeremiah Banks

Psalm 34

setting by James E. Moore, Jr.

Taste and see, taste and see the good - ness of the
 Lord. O taste and see, taste and see the
 good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

*I will bless the Lord at all times. Praise shall always be on my lips:
 My soul shall glory in the Lord for God has been so good to me. **REFRAIN**
 Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us all praise God's name.
 Taste and see that the Lord is good; in God we need put all our trust. **REFRAIN***

A Reading from the Letters to the Churches

Alex Lockridge

Ephesians 4:25 - 5:2

Response

Spirit, Open My Heart

WILD MOUNTAIN THYME

Spir - it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of
 liv - ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing
 and in giv - ing, Spir - it, o - pen my heart.

*God, replace my stony heart with a heart that's kind and tender.
 All my coldness and fear to Your grace I now surrender. **REFRAIN**
 Write Your love upon my heart as my law, my goal, my story.
 In each thought, word, and deed, may my living bring You glory. **REFRAIN**
 May I weep with those who weep, share the joy of sister, brother.
 In the welcome of Christ, may we welcome one another. **REFRAIN***

- Ruth C. Duck

A Reading from the Gospels

Paul Sims

John 6:35, 41-51

Sermon

“Growing Young: Being Neighborly”

Alex Lockridge

Hymn 303

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

HOLY MANNA

If you desire to become a follower of Christ or if you wish to present yourself for membership today, please come to the front of the sanctuary during the hymn and a minister will receive you. You are welcome here.

Recognition and Gratitude

Alex Lockridge

honoring Lindsay and Daniel Lowe

Litany of Thanksgiving

Paul Sims

Today, O God, we give You thanks for Lindsay and Daniel, 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 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 Lindsay and Daniel, so that they may continue to be a blessing to this church, to our young people, and to You. Amen.

Hymn 680

I Then Shall Live

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Commission and Blessing

Alex Lockridge

Go out and imitate God, living in love.

Put your hope in God's Word

and let your own words be truthful and constructive.

May sin rouse your anger, but never let anger cause you to sin.

And may God always hear your voice.

May Christ Jesus raise you to new life;

and may the Holy Spirit nourish you for the life of love. Amen.

Organ Postlude

All Creatures of Our God and King

setting by John W. Burson

Carolyn Garr, soloist

*The flowers that grace our sanctuary are given in memory of
my parents
Cecil and T. P. Harris
and my husband
Damon Hodges
by
Peggy Harris Hodges*

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