

First Baptist Church at Worship

September 19, 2021
Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering

Organ Voluntary

*Allegro in C**

by Thomas Arne

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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Who will be first in the kingdom of God?

The one who is last and servant of all.

Who will be great in the realm of heaven?

The one who comes as a humble child.

Let us worship God.

Hymn 306

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

*MADRID

Prayer of Confession

Paul Sims

Response

O WALY, WALY

the congregation is invited to sing hymn 290: "*Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace*"
during the singing of the response, children are invited to the chancel for the Children's Moment

Proclaiming

A Moment for Children

Jeremiah Banks

A Reading from Hebrew Scripture

Alex Lockridge

Jeremiah 11:18-20

Psalm 1

setting by Hal. H. Hopson



Hap - py are they who de - light, ——— who de - light in the law of God.

*Happy indeed are they who refuse the way of evil,
 Nor walk the road of sinners, nor join the mockers of God. **REFRAIN**
 It is not so for all, not so with evil doers,
 They blow like chaff in the wind, they fall by the weight of the truth. **REFRAIN**
 God upholds the just, God knows the way of the righteous,
 But the evil ones shall perish, shall perish by their deeds. **REFRAIN***

A Reading from the Gospels

Paul Sims

The disciples went on from there and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest.

Jesus sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the One who sent me.”

- Mark 9:30-37

Hymn

Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way

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*Lord, help us walk Your servant way wherever love may lead
 And, bending low, forgetting self, each serve the other’s need.
 You came to earth, O Christ, as Lord, but pow’r You laid aside.
 You lived Your years in servanthood, in lowliness, You died.
 No golden scepter but a towel You place within the hands
 Of those who seek to follow You and live by Your commands.
 You bid us bend our human pride nor count ourselves above
 The lowest place, the meanest task that waits the gift of love.
 Lord, help us walk Your servant way wherever love may lead
 And, bending low, forgetting self, each serve the other’s need.*

- Herman G. Stuempfle, Jr.

Sermon

“Humility amid Hostility”

Alex Lockridge

Responding

Spiritual Song

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

I'M GONNA LIVE

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.

1. *I'm gonna live so God can use me, anywhere, Lord, anytime!*
2. *I'm gonna work so God can use me, anywhere, Lord, anytime!*
3. *I'm gonna pray so God can use me, anywhere, Lord, anytime!*
4. *I'm gonna sing so God can use me, anywhere, Lord, anytime!*

Prayers of the People

Alex Lockridge

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.

Sending

Hymn 496

Footsteps of Jesus

*FOOTSTEPS

Commission and Blessing

Alex Lockridge

*Go out, clothed in strength and humility.
Delight in the Lord's teaching, open your hands to the poor,
and let your actions arise from the love and grace of God.*

*And may God draw near to you and strengthen you;
may Christ Jesus teach you the ways of servanthood;
and may the Holy Spirit fill you with wisdom and righteousness and peace. Amen.*

Organ Postlude

Fanfare

by Jacques Lemmens

Carolyn Garr, cantor

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Mildred and Harold Adkins
by
Johnny and Kim Bolton

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