

First Baptist Church at Worship

September 20, 2020

Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Greeting and Call to Worship

Alex Lockridge

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

The Lord is good to all; God's compassion is over the earth.

All Your works shall give thanks to You, O Lord,

and all Your faithful shall bless You.

- from Psalm 145

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 Chisholm

A Moment for Children

Jefferson Calico

from Jonah 3 and 4

Psalm 145

HOLY MANNA

I will ever sing Thy praises, for all time, Thy name I'll bless;

Without peer is Thy great glory, limitless Thy righteousness.

Each new generation numbers all Thy blessings as their own;

To the earth's most far-flung regions is Thy majesty made known.

For the Lord is ever faithful to supply our deepest need;

Justice grows from every judgment, wholesome bread from every seed.

God is n'er too far to hear us, never deaf to our demands;

Those who love and trust the promise rest secure within God's hand.

- Michael Morgan

A Reading from the Gospels
from Matthew 20

Paul Sims

Sermon

“Enviably Generous”

Alex Lockridge

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 a Christian in my heart.

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

Lord, I want to be more loving

Lord, I want to be more holy

Lord, I want to be like Jesus

Prayers of the People

Jefferson Calico

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.*

Hymn

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

BEACH SPRING

God, whose giving knows no ending, from Your rich and endless store:

Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door,

Gifted by You, we turn to You, offering up ourselves in praise;

Thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, Your Son:

All at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one.

Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone;

Born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at Your throne.

Treasure, too, You have entrusted, gain through powers Your grace conferred;

Ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel word.

Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call,

Healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving You by loving all.

- Robert Edwards

Benediction

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Carolyn Garr, Ed Garr, Ann Hacker, and Pat Parkey – singers