

First Baptist Church at Worship

September 27, 2020
Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Greeting and Call to Worship

Alex Lockridge

*Good and upright is the Lord;
God instructs sinners in the way.
God leads the humble in what is right;
God teaches the humble the way.*

- from Psalm 25

Hymn

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

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*Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,
The God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.
With healing balm my soul is filled, and every faithless murmur stilled:
To God all praise and glory!
What God's almighty power has made in mercy God is keeping;
By morning glow or evening shade God's eye is never sleeping.
Within the kingdom of God's might, lo! all is just and all is right:
To God all praise and glory!
The Lord is never far away, but, through all grief distressing,
An ever-present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing;
As with a mother's tender hand God gently leads the chosen band:
To God all praise and glory!
Let all who name Christ's holy name give God all praise and glory;
Let all who know his power proclaim aloud the wondrous story.
Cast each false idol from its throne, for Christ is Lord, and Christ alone:
To God all praise and glory!*

- Johann Jacob Schütz

Prayer of Confession

Paul Sims

A Reading from Hebrew Scripture

Alex Lockridge

from Ezekiel 18

*To Thee, O Lord, I lift my soul, in Thee, O God, I trust;
 Let vanity be put to shame, and languish in the dust.
 Make me to know Thy paths, O God, and lead me in Thy way;
 To learn Thy saving truth my heart shall meditate each day.
 Be mindful of Thy mercy, Lord, Thy love from ages past;
 Forgive the weakness of my heart and bring me home at last.
 The Lord is goodness, truth, and love, God's path the saints have trod;
 And children of the covenant still walk beside their God.*

- Michael Morgan

A Moment for Children

Alice Tremaine

from Matthew 21

Sermon

“Idle Faith Is Idolatry”

Alex Lockridge

Anthem

The Lord Is a Mighty God

by Felix Mendelssohn

Carolyn Garr and Paul Sims

The Lord is a mighty God and a mighty ruler over all false idols.

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.*

Hymn

Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult

RESTORATION

*Jesus calls us o'er the tumult of our life's wild restless sea;
 Day by day his sweet voice soundeth, saying, "Christian, follow me!"
 Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store,
 From each idol that would keep us, saying, "Christian, love me more."
 In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease,
 Still he calls in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love Me more than these."
 Jesus calls us: by Your mercies, Savior, may we hear Your call,
 Give our hearts to full obedience, serve and love You best of all.*

- Cecil Alexander

Benediction

Alex Lockridge

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

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