

First Baptist Church at Worship

September 5, 2021
Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Organ Voluntary

When We Walk with the Lord

setting by David Crouse

... trust and obey, for there's no other way...

- John H. Sammis

Greeting and Call to Worship

Alex Lockridge

Be rich in faith, says the God who gives us life.

We trust in God, who is faithful to us.

Be strong in spirit, says the God who carries us through life.

We trust in God, who surrounds us with love.

Be generous to one another, says the God of abundant grace.

We trust in God, who is the giver of every gift.

Be steadfast in your lives, says the God of wisdom.

We trust in God, who endures forever.

Hymn

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,

In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,

Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,

Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,

Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;

Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above

Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small;

In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;

We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,

And wither and perish – but naught changeth Thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,

Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;

All praise we would render; O help us to see

'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!

- Walter Chalmers Smith

Prayer of Confession

Paul Sims

Act of Praise

HYFRYDOL

*Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never, nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise Thee without ceasing, glory in Thy perfect love. Amen.*

- Charles Wesley

A Moment for Children

Jefferson Calico

A Reading from Wisdom Literature

Jeremiah Banks

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

Psalm 146

HYFRYDOL

*Bless the Lord, give praise and honor unto God who lends me breath;
May my tongue God's greatness never cease to tell before my death.
And in songs of sovereign goodness, let me sing beyond the grave;
God, whose grace my life to ransom, God, whose will my soul to save.
Blest are they whose hope is vested in the God of Israel;
In the hour of deepest anguish God's provisions will not fail;
Freedom for the shackled spirit, strength and stay to those who fall;
Blessings offered without measure, righteousness enough for all.*

- Michael Morgan

A Reading from the Epistles

Paul Sims

James 2:1-10, 14-17

A Reading from the Gospels

Alex Lockridge

Mark 7:24-37

Response

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*He speaks, and listening to his voice, new life the death receive;
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice; the humble poor believe.
The name of Jesus charms our fears and bids our sorrows cease,
Sings music in the sinner's ears, brings life and health and peace.
Hear him, you deaf; you voiceless ones, your loosened tongues employ;
You blind, behold your Savior come; and leap, you lame, for joy!
To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever given
By saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.*

- Charles Wesley, alt.

Sermon "Proverbs 22:2 – A Common Life" Jeremiah Banks

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 L. Edwards

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.*

Hymn *When We Walk with the Lord* TRUST AND OBEY

*When we walk with the Lord in the light of his Word what a glory he sheds on our way!
Let us do his good will; he abides with us still, and with all who will trust and obey.
Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.
Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share, but our toil he doth richly repay;
Not a grief or a loss, not a frown or a cross, but is blest if we trust and obey.
Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.
But we never can prove the delights of his love until all on the altar we lay;
For the favor he shows and the joy he bestows are for those who will trust and obey.
Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.
Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at his feet or we'll walk by his side in the way;
What he says we will do, where he sends we will go; never fear, only trust and obey.
Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.*

- John H. Sammis

Commission and Blessing

Jeremiah Banks and Alex Lockridge

*Go now, and invest your lives in the works of faith.
Make a name for yourselves for generosity and compassion.
Fulfill God's holy law by putting love into action as eagerly for others
as you would for yourselves.*

*And may God be your defender and provider;
May Christ Jesus dispel all that disturbs or disables you;
and may the Holy Spirit make you rich in faith
and loving in actions. Amen.*

Organ Postlude

*Trumpet Tune in D**

by David N. Johnson

*The flowers that grace our sanctuary are given in memory of
Barbara Curd, Don Benton, Floyd Curd, and June Delph Curd*

by

Bryan and Sandi Curd

and

in memory of

Gayle Majors

in commemoration of her passing, September 1, 2020

by

Phil Majors

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