

First Baptist Church at Worship

September 6, 2020
Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Call to Worship

Alex Lockridge

*Owe no one anything, except to love one another;
for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.
**The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery;
You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet” –
and all other commandments – are summed up in this word:
“Love your neighbor as yourself.”
Love does no wrong to a neighbor;
therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.
Let us love our God supremely; let us love each other, too.***

- from Romans 13

Hymn

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

HOLY MANNA

*Brethren, we have met to worship and adore the Lord our God.
Will you pray with all your power while we try to preach the word?
All is vain unless the Spirit of the holy One comes down.
Brethren, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.
Sisters, will you come and help us? Moses' sister aided him.
Will you help the trembling mourners who are struggling hard with sin?
Tell them all about the Savior. Tell them that he will be found.
Sisters, pray and holy manna will be showered all around.
Let us love our God supremely; let us love each other, too.
Let us love and pray for sinners till our God makes all things new.
Then he'll call us home to heaven; at his table we'll sit down.
Christ will gird himself and serve us with sweet manna all around.*

- George Atkins

A Moment for Children

Jefferson Calico

Anthem

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light by Kathleen Thomerson

*I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.
In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.
I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.
Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father.
In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.
I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus.
In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.*

A Reading from the Gospels

Jefferson Calico

from Matthew 18

Sermon

“Cutting Ties”

Alex Lockridge

Response

*Kum ba Yah
(Come by Here)*

KUM BA YAH

*Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah! ... O Lord, kum ba yah!
Someone's cryin', Lord, kum ba yah! ... O Lord, kum ba yah!
Someone's prayin', Lord, kum ba yah! ... O Lord, kum ba yah!
Someone's singin', Lord, kum ba yah! ... O Lord, kum ba yah!*

- African American spiritual

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, When Human Bonds Are Broken

BEACH SPRING

*God, when human bonds are broken and we lack the love or skill
To restore the hope of healing, give us grace and make us still.
Through that stillness, with Your Spirit come into our world of stress,
For the sake of Christ forgiving all the failures we confess.*

*You in us are bruised and broken: hear us as we seek release
From the pain of earlier living; set us free and grant us peace.
Give us faith to be more faithful, give us hope to be more true;
Give us love to go on learning: God, encourage and renew!*

- Fred Kaan

Benediction

Alex Lockridge

*Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep.
For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first became believers; the night is far gone,
the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.*

- from Romans 13

Paul Sims, Minister of Music and Worship

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Bob Wilson, and Jan Wilson, singers

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