

First Baptist Church at Worship

August 27, 2023
Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

A Summer in Rome

Gathering

Greeting

Alex Lockridge

Piano Prelude

Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus
Ann Hacker, pianist

arr. by James Pethel

Call to Worship

Alex Lockridge

Sisters and brothers in Christ, let us present ourselves to God.

This is our spiritual act of worship.

We are many members with many different gifts.

But in Christ we are on body.

United, let us worship God.

+Hymn of Praise

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

REGENT SQUARE

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ, our head and cornerstone,

Chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the Church in one;

Holy Zion's help forever and our confidence alone.

To this temple, where we call You, come, O Lord of hosts, and stay;

Come, with all Your loving-kindness, hear Your people as they pray;

And Your fullest benediction shed within these walls today.

Grant, we pray, to all Your faithful all the gifts they ask to gain;

What they gain from You forever with the blessed to retain;

And here-after in Your glory evermore with You to reign.

Praise and honor to the Father, praise and honor to the Son;

Praise and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one:

One in might and one in glory while unending ages run!

+Prayer of the Day

Carolyn Garr

Triune God, in perfect harmony you gave life to all that is. Your desire is for all creation to know your harmony, to celebrate our diversity, and to exist together in peace. We are grateful for the gifts that define us and the Spirit who unites us. Bring unity to this world by your diverse and gifted people who stand on Christ alone. Amen.

+The Peace

Alex Lockridge

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

+Response

SOMOS UNO

We are one in Christ Jesus, all one body, all one spirit, all together.

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We share one God, one mighty Lord, one abiding faith, one binding love,

One single baptism one Holy Comforter, the Holy Spirit, uniting all.

Jefferson Calico, guitar

Proclaiming

A Reading from the Letters to the Churches

Jeremiah Banks

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. **For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.** We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

-Romans 12:1-8

A Moment for Children

Jeremiah Banks

+Hymn 386

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

ST. AGNES

A Reading from the Gospels

Bill Daniel

Matthew 16:13-20

Sermon

"Renewal Through Unity"

Alex Lockridge

Responding

+Hymn 590

The Solid Rock

SOLID ROCK

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.

+Offertory Prayer

Matt Whitaker

Loose change received in August will benefit the Corbin Community Backpack Program.

Offertory Anthem

We Are the Body of Christ

arr. by Bruce Greer

One heart, one spirit, one voice to praise You

Prayers of the People

Jeremiah Banks

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.

+Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Sending

+Hymn 637

Guide My Feet

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+Commission and Blessing

Jeremiah Banks and Alex Lockridge

*Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.
And may God, the Creator of earth and sky, be your help;
May the Son of the Living God ground you on solid rock;
And may the Holy Spirit equip you with all the gifts and graces of Christ. Amen.*

Organ Postlude

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

setting by D. Paxton

*The company of angels is praising you on high;
And we with all creation in chorus make reply.*

+all who are able may stand

leading in worship today

Rev. Jeremiah Banks
Associate Pastor of Spiritual Formation

Dr. Bill Daniel
Deacon

Donna Davis
Organist

Dr. Yukiko Fujimura
Accompanist

Carolyn Garr
Interim Music Director

Rev. Alex Lockridge
Senior Pastor

Matt Whitaker
prayer

The flowers that grace our sanctuary are given in honor of
Glennis Hensley
for her birthday
by
Nancy, Courtney, and Patrick Haggerty;
Bill, Tricia, Grace and Kate Hensley;
Cindy, Lars and Clara Finneseth

And in memory of my parents
Andy and Viola Reese
in commemoration of their wedding anniversary
by
Elizabeth Reese

Today's organ music is from a library of more than 1,000 digitized hymns, anthems, and solo-organ music that Gayle Majors recorded over the last several years. We are thankful for Gayle's life, for her 36-year tenure as Organist for First Baptist Church, and for this fine legacy that she has left for us.

*supplemental organ music by William P. Young, III