First Baptist Church at Worship

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost  
  
August 28, 2022

Ten-thirty O’clock in the Morning

*Gathering*

Organ Voluntary *Allegro in C major\** by Thomas Arne

Greeting and Call to Worship Alex Lockridge

*The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,   
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.*

***And also with you.***

+++

*Let the hearts of all who seek the Lord rejoice.*

***We will remember the wonderful works God has done and is doing.***

*With thankful hearts, may your faces be turned toward God in praise,   
and may your feet always follow in the footsteps of Jesus.*

+Hymn 341  *For the Beauty of the Earth*  \*DIXstanzas 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6

+Confession of Sin Jeremiah Banks

***Merciful God, in Jesus You show us a way that is humble and that seeks the good of others. We confess that we go our own way; we elevate ourselves and ignore the needs of others. Free us from the temptation to pursue our own pleasure only. Help us to live in harmony with all Your people, sharing one world and eating around one table, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.***

+Act of Praise *Lauda anima* by Mark Andrews   
The Summer Choir

*Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet thy tribute bring.  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing:*

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King!*

*Father-like he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows;*

*In his hands he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.*

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely yet his mercy flows.*

*Angels in the height adore him! Ye behold him face to face;*

*Saints triumphant bow before him! Gathered in from every race.*

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace. Amen.*

- Henry Lyte

*Proclaiming*

A Moment for Children Jeremiah Banks

A Reading from Hebrew Scripture Alex Lockridge

Hear the word of the Lord, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. Thus says the Lord: What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me, and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves? They did not say, “Where is the Lord who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?” I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things. But when you entered you defiled my land, and made my heritage an abomination. The priests did not say, “Where is the Lord?” Those who handle the law did not know me; the rulers transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal, and went after things that do not profit. Therefore once more I accuse you, says the Lord, and I accuse your children’s children. Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing. Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit. Be appalled, O heavens, at this, be shocked, be utterly desolate, says the Lord, for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

-Jeremiah 2:4-13

Psalm 81

*“My people did not listen to my voice; they would not submit to me.*

*So I gave them over to their stubborn hearts, to follow their own counsels.*

*O that my people would listen to me and walk in my ways!*

*“****Then I would feed you with the finest wheat,***

***and with honey from the rock I would satisfy you.”***

+Hymn 303 *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly* HOLY MANNA

A Reading from the Gospels Paul Sims

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. “When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.” He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

- Luke 14:1, 7-14

Sermon “Forgetting Our Place” Alex Lockridge

*Responding*

+Hymn 662 *The Mission God Has Given*  NYLAND

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 Nancy Rich

Loose change received in August will benefit the Corbin Community Backpack Program, which delivers   
food-filled backpacks to students in Corbin Independent schools and schools in Knox and Whitley counties.

Offertory *Footsteps of Jesus* \*FOOTSTEPS

all voices: ***Sweetly, Lord, have we heard Thee calling, “Come, follow me!”  
 And we see where Thy footprints falling, lead us to Thee.***

***Footprints of Jesus that make the pathway glow;***

***We will follow the steps of Jesus where’er they go.***

higher voices: ***Though they lead o’er the cold dark mountains, seeking his sheep,***

***Or along by Siloam’s fountains, helping the weak.***

***Footprints of Jesus that make the pathway glow;***

***We will follow the steps of Jesus where’er they go.***

lower voices: ***If they lead through the temple holy, preaching the word,***

***Or in homes of the poor and lowly, serving the Lord.***

***Footprints of Jesus that make the pathway glow;***

***We will follow the steps of Jesus where’er they go.***

all voices:  ***Then at last, when on high he sees us, our journey done,***

***We will rest where the steps of Jesus end at his throne.***

***Footprints of Jesus that make the pathway glow;***

***We will follow the steps of Jesus where’er they go.***

- Mary B. C. Slade

Remembering Our Past Kim Croley

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.***

+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*

+The Peace Jeremiah Banks

*The peace of the Lord be with you.*

***And also with you.***

+Hymn 278 *We Are Travelers on a Journey*  \*BEACH SPRING

+Commission and Blessing Alex Lockridge and Paul Sims

*Go now to walk in all God’s ways.  
Remember the wonderful works God has done and follow in Jesus’ footsteps.  
And may God be your strength,  
may Christ Jesus be for you a fountain of living water,  
and may the Holy Spirit be with you, this day and every day.* ***Amen.***

Organ Postlude *Prélude\**  by Marc-Antoine Charpentier  
from the *Te Deum*

+all who are able may stand

*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*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

Music reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-734945. All rights reserved.