

First Baptist Church at Worship

The Transfiguration of the Lord

February 19, 2023

Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

Gathering

Organ Voluntary *Chorale Improvisation on CWM RHONDDA* by Paul Manz

Greeting and Call to Worship Alex Lockridge

*The Lord reigns;
let the people tremble!
The Lord is great in Zion;
let the earth rejoice!
Let us worship at God's holy mountain;
for the Lord our God is holy.*

- from Psalm 99

+Hymn 161 *See Our Lord in All His Glory* *CWM RHONDDA

+Prayer of Confession Jeremiah Banks

God of glory, we confess that we have not sought Your face. Your light shines all around us and yet we fail to see it. Your voice calls to us from heaven and yet we fail to listen. Forgive us, and give us grace.

Let us be witnesses to Your glory; make it our mission to show the wonder of Your love until the new day dawns and the morning star rises in our hearts.

+Response HYFRYDOL

*Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all Thy grace 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

Proclaiming

A Moment for Children

Jeremiah Banks

Anthem

Christ Is the World's Light

by K. Lee Scott

*Christ is the world's Light, Christ and none other;
Born in our darkness, He became our brother –
If we have seen him, we have seen the Father: Glory to God on high!
Christ is the world's Peace, Christ and none other;
No one can serve him, and despise another.
Who else unites us, one in God the Father? Glory to God on high!
Christ is the world's Life, Christ and none other;
Sold once for silver, murdered here, our brother –
He, who redeems us, reigns with God the Father: Glory to God on high!
Give God the glory, God and none other;
Give God the glory, Spirit, Son, and Father;
Give God the glory, God with us our Brother: Glory to God on high!*

- Fred Pratt Green

Readings from Holy Scripture

Alex Lockridge and Paul Sims

- from Hebrew Scripture – Exodus 24:12-18

The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.” Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

- from the Gospels – Matthew 17:1-9

Jesus took Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

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

Paul Sims

*The peace of the Lord be with you.
And also with you.*

+Hymn 581

I Love to Tell the Story

HANKEY

+Commission and Blessing

Alex Lockridge and Paul Sims

... until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. Amen.

Organ Postlude

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

setting by M. B. Bennett

+all who are able may stand

Yukiko Fujimura, Church Accompanist

The flowers that grace our sanctuary are given in honor of

Mollie Daniel and Kevin Pace

for their birthdays

by

Mark and Jenny Daniel

Daniel, Lindsay, Jackson, Harrison, and Emerson Lowe

Sue Mills

Sherry Pace

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