

First Baptist Church at Worship

The Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 15, 2023

Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

Gathering

Prelude

Ye Servants of God
HANOVER

setting by Penny Rodriguez

Greeting and Call to Worship

Alex Lockridge

Behold the Servant of God, a Light to the nations.

Come and see the Messiah, the Lord.

Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

Come and see the Messiah, the Lord.

Hymn

Ye Servants of God

LYONS

*Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim, and publish abroad his wonderful name;
The name all victorious of Jesus extol; his kingdom is glorious and rules over all.
God ruleth on high, almighty to save, and still he is nigh, his presence we have;
The great congregation his triumph shall sing, ascribing salvation to Jesus, our King.
"Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!" Let all cry aloud and honor the Son;
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim, fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.
Then let us adore and give him his right, all glory and power, all wisdom and might;
All honor and blessing with angels above, and thanks never ceasing and infinite love.*

- Charles Wesley

Prayer of Confession

Paul Sims

Response

by Marilyn Houser Hamm



"Come and see, come and see, I am the Way and the Truth," said He.



"Fol - low me, fol - low me, come as a child, O come and see."

Proclaiming

A Moment for Children

Jeremiah Banks

A Reading from Hebrew Scripture

Alex Lockridge

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The LORD called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD, and my reward with my God." And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength—he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

- Isaiah 49:1-7

Psalm 40

setting by John Bell

I wait-ed, I wait-ed on the Lord;— I wait-ed, I wait-ed on the
Lord;— He bent down low and re - mem - bered me when He heard my prayer.

I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry.

***He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog,
and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.***

He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.

Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD.

Happy are those who make the LORD their trust,

who do not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after false gods.

***You have multiplied, O LORD my God, Your wondrous deeds
and Your thoughts toward us; none can compare with You. REFRAIN***

Sacrifice and offering You do not desire, but You have given me an open ear.

Burnt offering and sin offering You have not required.

Then I said, "Here I am; in the scroll of the book it is written of me.

I delight to do Your will, O my God; Your law is within my heart."

I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation;

see, I have not restrained my lips, as You know, O LORD.

I have not hidden Your saving help within my heart,

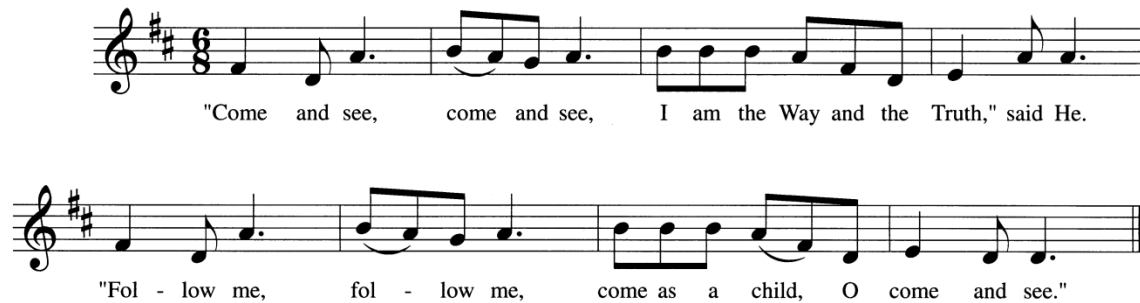
I have spoken of Your faithfulness and Your salvation. REFRAIN

A Reading from the Gospels
John 1:29-42

Jeremiah Banks and Paul Sims

Response

by Marilyn Houser Hamm



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"Fol - low me, fol - low me, come as a child, O come and see."

Sermon

"See For Yourself"

Alex Lockridge

Responding

Hymn

Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus

LEMMEL

*O soul, are you weary and troubled? No light in the darkness you see?
There's light for a look at the Savior, and life more abundant and free!
Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of his glory and grace.
His word shall not fail you – he promised; believe him and all will be well;
Then go to a world that is dying, his perfect salvation to tell!
Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of his glory and grace.*

- Helen H. Lemmel

Offertory Prayer

Nancy Rich

Offertory 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.*

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*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.*

Remembering Our Past

John Stansberry

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

Sending Song

SIYAHAMBA



We are march - ing in the light of God; we are march-ing in the light of God. ____

- South African freedom song

Commission and Blessing

Alex Lockridge

"You are my servants," God says to us.

God sends us out into the world as lights.

Sing songs of praise to the God of our salvation.

Tell of God's wondrous deeds by the way you live.

Empowered by our baptism, we will witness;

equipped by God's presence, we will serve. Amen.

Yukiko Fujimura, Church Accompanist

*The flowers that grace our worship space are given in memory of
our parents, Leonard and Mildred Motz; our brothers, Richard Motz and Dennis Motz;
our sisters, Martha Butcher, Diane Sluszinskis, and Janice Moran; and our daughter, Michelle*

by

Gary and Gwyn Motz