

First Baptist Church at Worship

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Behold, I Make All Things New

March 26, 2023

Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

Gathering

Piano Voluntary

Abide with Me

setting by Paul Johnston

... in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

- Henry F. Lyte

Greeting and Call to Worship

Alex Lockridge

Here, we gather to worship God;

here, we come to gather up hope.

Here, we wait for God to speak;

here, God waits to fill our hearts.

Here, we bring our pain and loneliness to God;

Here, we are cradled by the One who weeps with us.

Here, we encounter the One who gives life.

here, we are given the hope for which we long.

+Hymn 332

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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+Confession of Sin

Paul Sims

+Assurance of Forgiveness

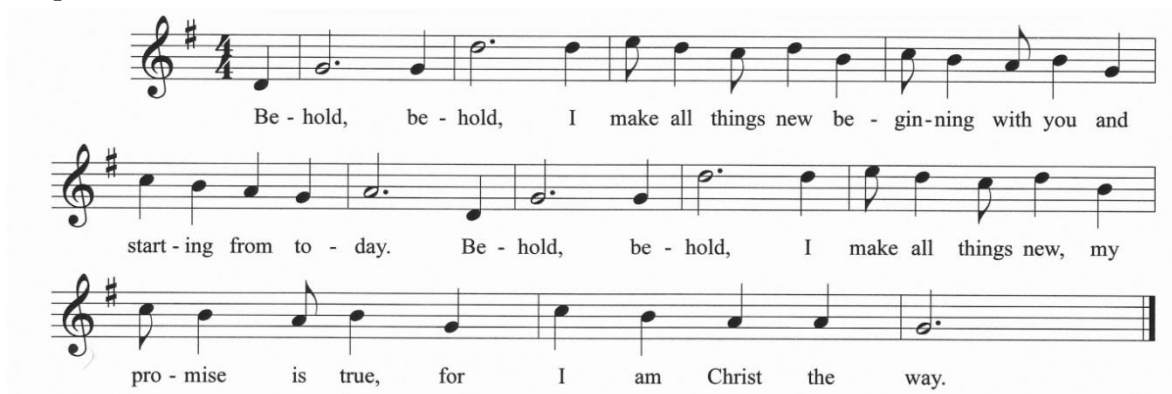
To be controlled by human nature results in death; to be controlled by the Spirit results in life and peace. If the Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from death, lives in you, then the One who raised Christ from death will also give life to your mortal bodies by the presence of that same Spirit. Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

- from Romans 8

+Response

by John Bell



Be - hold, be - hold, I make all things new be - gin-ning with you and
start - ing from to - day. Be - hold, be - hold, I make all things new, my
pro - mise is true, for I am Christ the way.

Proclaiming

A Moment for Children

Jeremiah Banks

Psalm 116

setting by Richard Smallwood

*I love the Lord, he heard my cry and pitied every groan.
Long as I live, and troubles rise, I'll hasten to his throne.
I love the Lord, he heard my cry and chased my grief away.
O let my heart no more despair while I have breath to pray.*

I love the Lord, he heard my cry and pitied every groan. Long as I live, and troubles rise, I'll hasten to his throne.

- Isaac Watts

A Reading from the Gospels

Alex Lockridge

John 11:1-45

+Hymn

Martha, Mary, Waiting, Weeping

*BEACH SPRING

*Martha, Mary, waiting, weeping, bowed beneath the weight of gloom,
Kept their watch where Laz'rus sleeping, lay within a rock sealed tomb.
Jesus, late in coming, met them, shed with them compassion's tear.
Martha, sore with sorrow, charged him, "He'd have lived had You been here!"
Jesus spoke to Martha's grieving, "Resurrection, Life, am I!
All who hear my word, believing, live with me, although they die."
Then to Laz'rus' tomb he led them, called their brother forth by name.
Living, loving, hope exceeding, freed from death, to Christ he came.
Jesus, resurrected, giving life to all You name Your own:
Help us know in hours of grieving we have not been left alone.
Come, when doubt and fear assail us; join our journey t'ward the grave.
There Your mercy will not fail us; there You speak with pow'r to save.*

- Herman G. Stuempfle, Jr.

Sermon

"New Life"

Alex Lockridge

Responding

+Hymn 210

I Know that My Redeemer Lives

*DUKE STREET

stanzas 1, 3, 4, and 5

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

Jeremiah Banks

Loose change will benefit the Southeast Kentucky Ministerial Alliance's ministry – in conjunction with the Corbin and Williamsburg police departments – to stranded travelers.

Offertory Anthem

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

by David M. Cherwien

The Sanctuary Choir

*I want Jesus to walk with me;
all along my pilgrim journey, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.
In my trials, Lord, walk with me;
when my heart is almost breaking, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.
When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
when my head is bowed in sorrow, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.*

- African-American spiritual

Remembering Our Past

Rodney Norvell

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

Paul Sims

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

+Hymn 573
stanzas 1, 3, and 4

It Is Well with My Soul

VILLE DU HAVRE

+Commission and Blessing

Alex Lockridge and Paul Sims

*Go now to live in the light of Christ,
trusting in the One who is the Resurrection and the Life.
And may God dwell in you in righteousness,
may Christ Jesus be the life in your every breath,
and may the Holy Spirit be with you, this day and every day. Amen.*

Organ Postlude

by Dietrich Buxtehude

Chorale Prelude on 'Von Gott will ich nicht lassen'

+all who are able may stand

Yukiko Fujimura, Church Accompanist
Carolyn Garr, soloist

Sandi Curd, Lisa Harrison, J. Bill Sosh, and Brandon Wood, readers

The flowers that grace our sanctuary are given in honor of

Wes and Lynn Tipton

in celebration of their anniversary

by

Seth, Sarah, Wyatt, and Ella Reeves

Wesley Tipton, II

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